

"HIS STORY" PARENT GUIDE

Lesson 4.1: The Ascension

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 1:6-12

SUMMARY

After Jesus had risen from the dead, Jesus' followers naturally assumed He would make Himself a powerful earthly king on David's throne right then and there. But Jesus told them this would not be happening yet, and instead gave them a final command before He left the earth by ascending into heaven. The final command Jesus gave was for His followers to be witnesses for Him all around the world – to tell others about Him. He would provide help by sending the Holy Spirit to be with them. This command gives all Christians a mission in life. And while Jesus was ascending into heaven, two angels in the sky told His followers that Jesus would be returning again in the same way in which He left.



KEY VERSE:

*And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight.
(Acts 1:9)*

KEY THOUGHT:

In Lesson 4.1 we learned that Jesus rose into heaven and temporarily left the disciples with a mission to share the gospel with the world.

KEY WORD:

Ascension: a rising up

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is the one key thought that you learned tonight?
- Why do you think Jesus' followers were so eager for the kingdom to be restored right then and there?
- What was Jesus' final command to His followers before He left earth? What did He want them to do?
- How is Jesus' final command still important for us today?
- What do you think Jesus' followers were thinking they would miss most when Jesus was physically leaving earth?
- What does it mean to share your faith with others?
- What is the most challenging thing about sharing your faith?
- What promise did the angels give the people as they were watching Jesus ascend into heaven?
- What are some other promises that God kept from some of our previous lessons, and how do they affect how we think about the promise that Jesus will return again?
- What should you do with the lesson you learned tonight? What should we do?