



FAMILY TAKE AWAY



A lot to do

Game



Equipment: A tray of around 10 objects from around the building

Kim's game

Show all the players the tray of items.
Leave the room and remove one item from the tray, then return to the players with the tray.
Players must then guess what is missing.
When guessed return the item to the tray and repeat with a different removal of item.



Puzzle

Can you find the following words from the story;

PROMISE

LUKE

BAPTISM

JESUS

DISCIPLES

CLOUD

JERUSALEM

WORLD

HOLY SPIRIT

HEAVEN

Q U R H M M M T L H F B E Y F
 F Q Y H B S E G O Y F W S F H
 E K U L I Y S L T M A T I C H
 G K O T C C Y M A W Z Q M W S
 Y O P L S S K B P S O D O O L
 Z A O A P G T J I J U D R R S
 B U Z I B K G T E Y N R P L S
 D E R S E L P I C S I D E D R
 S I I Z G W C X B D U S K J W
 T C V H E A V E N B H S C P Y
 J V L I Q B B R Z Z T V H A T
 K Y D G O U Y F Y E I R X L I
 J W O F K D Y S G V Q T B Y D
 E C Z R Y X R P O D U Z O X J
 R E B G K E W V Z U B F A D Z



Craft

Equipment: paper cup, cotton wool, string, paper, colours, scissors, ruler, glue and tape

Ascending Jesus mobile

Put a hole, the thickness of the string, in the bottom of the paper cup.
Glue cotton wool to the outside of the cup.
Draw a picture of Jesus, no bigger than the height of the cup, and cut it out.
Cut a 25cm piece of string and tie a loop on one end.
Thread the cotton wool cup on to the string bottom first, so that Jesus can be pulled up inside it.
Tape Jesus to the end of the string, so that he can be raised into the clouds or can be lowered..
Hang the mobile up by the loop.



Story Time

Read the story on the back to find out how Jesus left earth and will return.



Discussion

What is your earliest memory?
How does it feel when someone leaves?
How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus went back to heaven?



Prayer

Lord Jesus we thank you that you came to this earth so each of us could know you. We thank you that you returned to heaven so that you could send the Holy Spirit to help us do all that you want us to do for you. Help us to wait with excitement for your return. Amen





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Jesus had a lot to do.

The first book Luke wrote about Jesus – his Gospel, his story of Jesus' life – was all about the things Jesus did when he lived among us on earth:

The things he taught his disciples.

The fact that he came back to life and proved it by appearing to his friends, time and time again, over forty days.

And the truths he revealed to them about God's kingdom.

But Jesus had more to do. A lot more.

And he knew exactly how he was going to get it done!

He told his disciples to wait in Jerusalem.

Wait for what?

The promise of God the Father. The promise that Jesus had already told them about.

The promise of a baptism; not with water, John-the-Baptist-style, but with the Holy Spirit!

Jesus had a lot more to do. But he couldn't do it all by himself.

So he took his disciples up a mountain.

And when they arrived there, the inevitable questions followed.

"Are you going to do it now?" they asked. "Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

"The timing of that sort of thing is not for your ears. Only my Father in heaven knows that. But this I can tell you:

"When the Holy Spirit falls on you, you will be filled with power. And you will tell people what you heard me say and saw me do; not just in Jerusalem, but in Judea, in Samaria, and from there to the whole world!"

Jesus had a lot more to do. So he left his disciples to do it for him, filled with the power of his Holy Spirit.

And when he had told them what they were going to do, and where they were going to go, and how they were going to do it, Jesus left!

Right there in front of them, while they watched, he was lifted up into the air and disappeared into a cloud.

If the disciples had just stood there, open-mouthed, staring into the sky, who could blame them for wondering where he had gone or whether he was coming back?

So two angels appeared to answer that unspoken question:

"This Jesus, who rose into heaven, will return again one day in the very same way."

Jesus had a lot more to do.

So down the mountain the disciples went to wait for the power to do it!

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