



Lesson  
**38**

4s-K

# JESUS RETURNS TO HEAVEN

May 10 & 11

**JESUS IS HOPE**



## LESSON GOAL:

**Background:** After Jesus was resurrected from the dead, His body ascended up to Heaven to be with God. Jesus had conquered sin and death and His earthly ministry was over.

**Lesson Goal:** For kids to understand that because of Jesus, we have hope for our future. One day, those that believe in Jesus will get to go to Heaven.

**Luke 24:50-53**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Kids Camp (June 9-12)**  
[woodmenvalley.org/kidscamp](http://woodmenvalley.org/kidscamp)

**THEME FOR THIS SERIES:**  
**Archaeologist**



## KEY VERSE:

"But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

**Romans 5:8 (NIRV)**

## MISSION FOCUS:

### SENIOR CENTERS

There are older people in our community called seniors. These people sometimes live in special places away from family and friends and can feel lonely and forgotten. Thankfully, our Woodmen ACTs ministry supports a Senior Center and provides ways to bring joy and love to those people. This month, we get to partner with ACTs to show these people they are special, loved and not alone.

We're going to pray and ask God to give them happy hearts, help them feel loved, and remind them that He is always with them. We can thank God for their lives and ask Him to bless them with joy, good health, and friends like us to make them smile.

***How can you show love to seniors? Can you draw a picture for them, or show them another form of kindness?***



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min

## CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.



### SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**! You can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

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## EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



### DISCUSS: Jesus is Hope!

Help kids connect relationally and to the daily lesson by participating in the Bag of Wonder activity together.

**Bag of Wonder:** little Jesus figure



### SAY:

We are going to take turns passing around this Bag of Wonder! It has something inside that helps us think about our lesson today. You can hold it, smell it, shake it, touch it...but no peeking inside! What do you think it could be? You each get 1 guess!



### DO:

Pass the Bag of Wonder around until each child has had a turn holding it and guessing what's in the bag. Offer hints to help the kids guess the item.



### SAY:

I *wonder* why this item is in our Bag of Wonder today! Our lesson is about how **Jesus is Hope**. This true story comes from the Bible in **Luke 24:50-53!** (*Open your Bible to show the kids the verse is in the Bible then read the explanation below*).

**CONNECTION:** After Jesus' death, he came back and spent some time with His disciples before finishing His earthly ministry and going back to heaven to be with God. Because of Jesus, we can have hope that one day we will go to heaven too!



## CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by thinking through the Big 3 questions and how the lesson relates to them, personally.



### SAY:

**Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!**

**1. Who is our story about today?**

Jesus

**2. What is the problem?**

Jesus had to return to Heaven

**3. What will God do?**

God took Jesus up to Heaven, completing his ministry on earth

Encourage kids to think about why this matters and how they can apply it to their own life as they listen to the story!



## MAKE: Jesus Ascends to Heaven Craft

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

**Supplies:** cloud page, Jesus paper, God statement sticker, markers/crayons



### DO:

Pass out 1 activity page per child and 1 paper Jesus per child. Have the children color their pages and add the God Statement sticker to the top. Place the top of the strip of paper through the slit in the cloud and make Jesus move up into Heaven.



### SAY:

Today we get to learn about what happened when Jesus was done with His earthly ministry. When Jesus was finished here on earth, He ascended into Heaven! Let's make a craft to prepare us for this lesson.



## CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



## Craft Example



craft from:  
10minutesofqualitytime

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# LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God by participating in Worship and hearing an engaging Bible story.



## EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



## HOST MOMENT

After the Large Group expectations video is finished, the Host should welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.



### SAY:

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Let's take a few minutes to look at our Missions project for the day and our Key Verse.

### MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

### KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse then have the kids watch the Key Verse video.

### PRAY FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



## WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

**SONG 1:** He is the Light

**SONG 2:** Bloom



## LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.



## WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet time of responding to what God is teaching them.



## BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

*May you rest in the hope of Jesus! May you believe that Jesus is your Savior who loves you!*



## TRANSITION

After the blessing, the Host should dismiss the kids to return quietly to their classroom (if applicable) and transition to Respond.

# WORSHIP RESPONSE



## REFLECT: Jesus is Hope!

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

### Worship Response Station

**Supplies:** tiny Jesus figures (1 per kid)



#### SAY:

After Jesus was resurrected from the dead, His body ascended up to Heaven to be with God. Jesus had conquered sin and death and His earthly ministry was over. Because of Jesus, we have hope for our future. One day, those that believe in Jesus will get to go to Heaven. Jesus is our hope!



#### DO:

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
  - ***What do you think of when you hear the word hope?*** Let kids answer.
    - ***We might think about something we really hope we will get for our birthday. Or we hope someone gets better.***
  - ***Hope in the Bible means something more than just “wishing” for something.***
    - ***Hope is believing that God will do what He promised and waiting for it to happen!***
    - ***Anyone who believes in Jesus will one day see Him again in Heaven - that means we have hope IN Jesus.***
  - Hold up tiny Jesus figure. ***Is this the real Jesus? No!***
    - ***But we can use it to remind us that Jesus is our hope!***
    - ***Each of you will get a little Jesus figure to take home today. When you see this at home, remember Jesus is YOUR hope!***
- Close the time by praying over the kids.



## BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.



#### SAY:

*May you rest in the hope of Jesus! May you believe that Jesus is your Savior who loves you!*



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## RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



### APPLY: Why Does it Matter?

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.



#### SAY:

**Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!**

**1. Who was our story about today?**

Jesus

**2. What was the problem?**

Jesus had to return to Heaven

**3. What did God do?**

God took Jesus up to Heaven, completing his ministry on earth

**4. Why does this matter to me?**

Because of what Jesus did on earth, I have hope for my future if I believe in Him.

**5. How can I apply this to my own life?**

Example: I can share this hope with others; Even when things are hard, I can remember that my hope and future is secure in Jesus



### PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together. Use the Prayer Tags from Check-In to write down prayer requests to take home and pray for during the week.



#### SAY:

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



#### DO:

Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

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## CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



#### DO:

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing their parent the announcement card and the weekly **Lesson Card**.