

Week 49 Parent Sheet: Jesus Goes to Heaven

Luke 24:44-51 ESV

JESUS finished His saving work, is now ascended and reigning, and will come again!

Bethlehem Family Childcare – Wednesdays: Story Time (9:30-10:00) and Bible Time (10:00-10:30)

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Many Events of Jesus' Life in Chronological Order:

- Born (5 BC)
- Named – when 8 days old
- Presented at the Temple – when 40 days old
- Visited by Wise Men – when 2 months old
- Fled to Egypt – when 2 months old
- Returned to live in Nazareth – when 1 year old
- His parents thought He was lost – when 12 years old
- Baptized by John – when 30 years old
- Some important events of His three-year ministry:
 - ➔ Tempted in the wilderness
 - ➔ Moved from Nazareth to Capernaum
 - ➔ Called His disciples
 - ➔ Preached the Sermon on the Mount
 - ➔ Performed many miracles
 - ➔ Sent out His disciples to heal and teach
 - ➔ Warned about persecution
 - ➔ Told many parables
 - ➔ Heard of the death of John the Baptist
 - ➔ More miracles and teaching
 - ➔ Transfigured, Moses and Elijah appeared with Him
 - ➔ More miracles and teaching
 - ➔ Welcomed into Jerusalem – on Palm Sunday
 - ➔ Taught many things – on Holy Tuesday
 - ➔ Instituted the Lord's Supper – on Holy Thursday
 - ➔ Arrested, tried, crucified, and died – on Good Friday
 - ➔ Raised to life – on the third day, Easter Sunday
 - ➔ **Ascended into heaven – 40 days after Easter**

Background: The Son of God put on flesh 2,000 years ago and lived as our perfect substitute, received our sins and our punishment, and laid down His life. Then, on the third day, the Father raised Him to life; then He ascended into heaven 40 days after He was raised; now He is reigning; and He will come again – like a thief in the night (1th 5:2)!

Jesus Goes to Heaven:

1. The Old Testament: ⁴⁴ **Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled [thus in all of the Old Testament Scriptures]." // During Jesus' time on earth the NT had not yet been written, so the Scriptures were the OT Scriptures! The OT points ahead to the work Jesus would do to take away the sin of the world!**

2. God enables us to understand His Word: ⁴⁵ **Then [the Bible records that Jesus] opened their minds to understand the Scriptures... // Thus to see the many references to Him in the OT; Jesus actually fulfilled over 300 OT prophecies during His lifetime!**

3. The essence of Jesus' work and benefits: ⁴⁶ **and [He] said to them, "Thus it is [has been] written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and [UNTO] forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.**

- a. God planned, and then Jesus executed the plan to provide forgiveness for all people!

- b. Now all people are being invited and moved by the Holy Spirit to repent – thus to be sorry for their sins, believe in Jesus as their only Savior, and have God's wonderful gifts of forgiveness, spiritual life, and eternal salvation!

4. It's true: ⁴⁸ **You are witnesses of these things. // So Jesus did all that He did AND His disciples actually were eyewitnesses, so we can trust God's Word!**

5. Looking ahead to the Day of Pentecost and the pouring out of the Holy Spirit: ⁴⁹ **And behold, I am sending [send] the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." // Jesus rose on the third day, and ascended 40 days later; then, after ten more days, the Holy Spirit was poured out. He is the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, the one received by those who are baptized in the name of the Triune God!**

6. The ascension: ⁵⁰ **Then [Jesus] led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted [went away] from them and was carried up into heaven. // So His hands were up in blessing as He ascended; now He is reigning over all things for the good of the Church, thus for all who know Him as their Savior!**

Thoughts: I want everyone to have God's eternal blessings through Jesus; if you need assistance, please let me know.
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