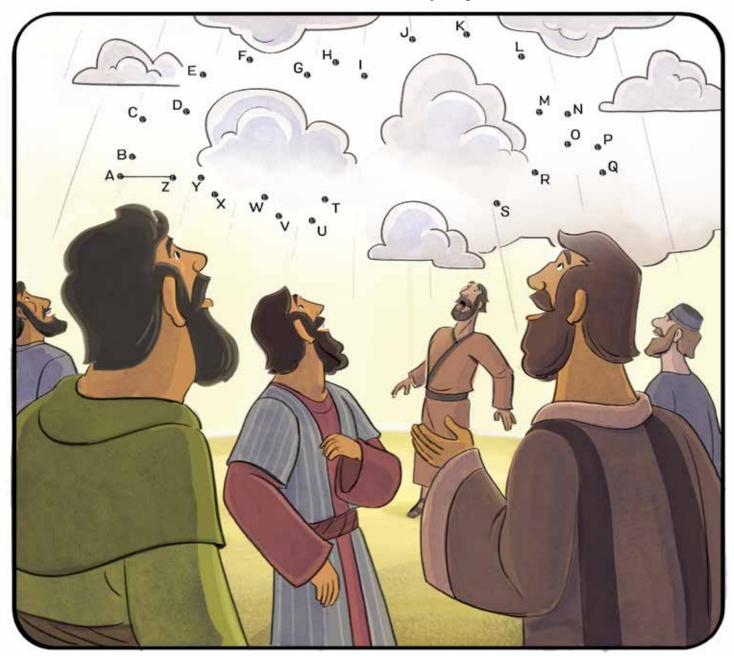
## **Connect the Dots**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Connect the dots to see what took Jesus out of His disciples' sight.



Preschool Activity Pages

Unit 27 · Session 4

Jesus Returned

to Heaven

#### **BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- Jesus gave His disciples a mission.
- Jesus said the Holy Spirit would come and give them power to tell all people about Him.
- Jesus was taken up into heaven.

**KEY PASSAGE:** John 11:25

#### **BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

• Where is Jesus now? Jesus is in heaven.

#### **FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

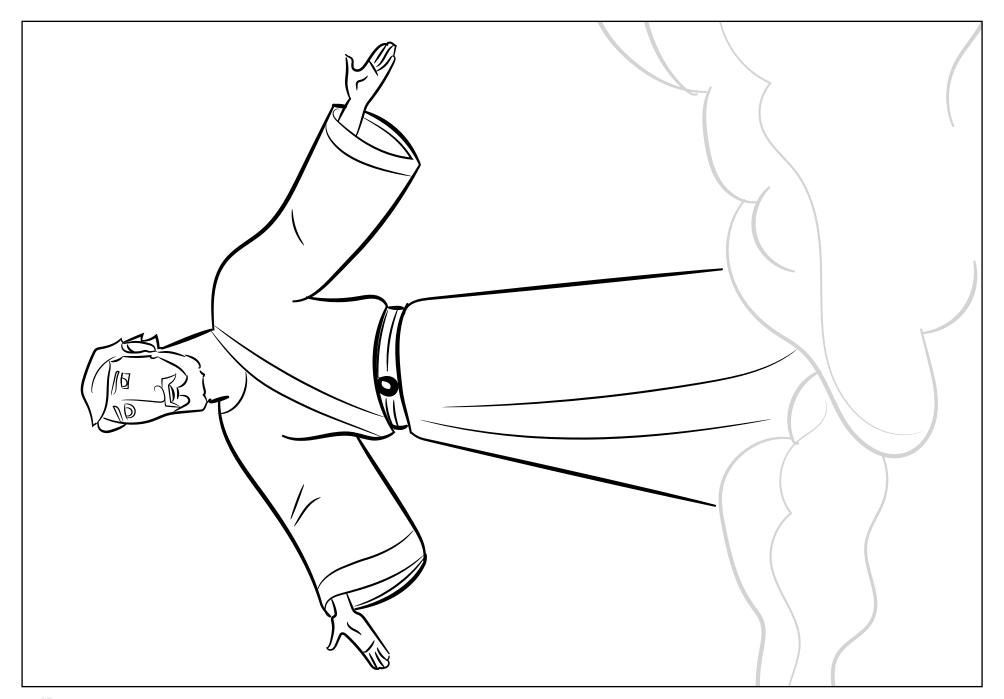
- Is the mission Jesus gave His disciples for us too?
- How does the Holy Spirit help us with the mission Jesus gave us?
- What do we do while we wait for Jesus to come back?

#### **FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Observe clouds in the sky as a family. Look for shapes. Talk about how Jesus' disciples watched Him be taken up in a cloud.
- Invite a special guest to your home. Tell children the guest is coming, but not when. Talk about how Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would come but did not tell His disciples when.



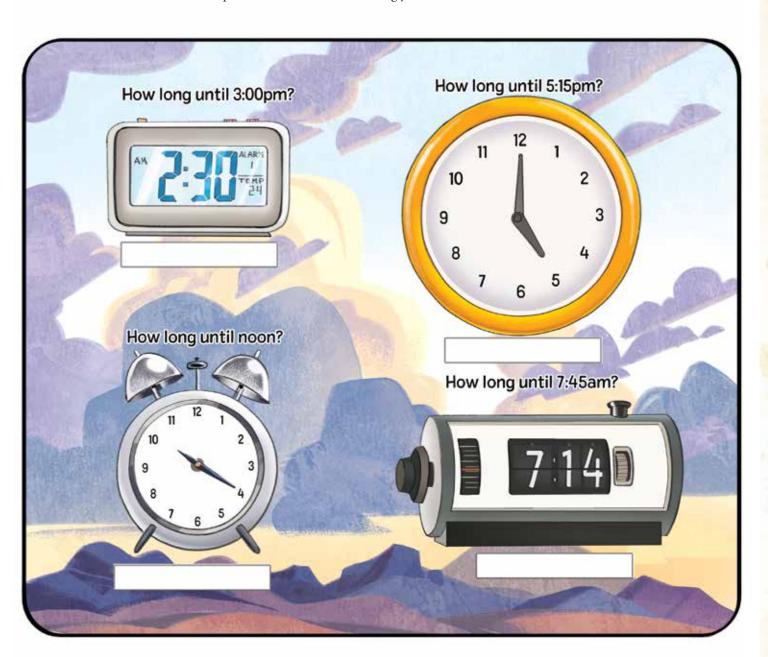
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# **How Long?**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Use the clocks provided to determine how long you'd have to wait in each scenario.



Younger Kids Activity Pages

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Jesus Returned

to Heaven

#### **BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- Jesus told His disciples to gather on a mountain near Jerusalem.
- Jesus gave His disciples the Great Commission.
- Jesus went back to heaven to be with God the Father.
- Jesus will return someday to fix all that sin has broken.

**KEY PASSAGE:** John 11:25

#### **BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

• Where is Jesus now? Jesus ascended to heaven where He is seated at the right hand of the Father.

#### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

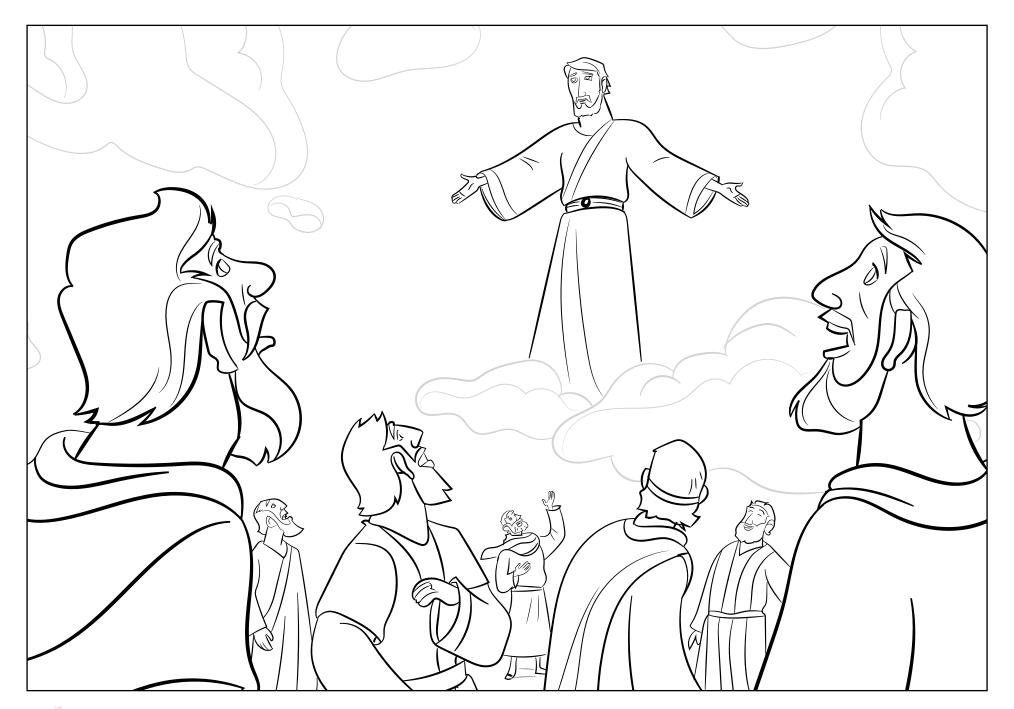
- What does it mean to "make disciples"?
- How can we live on mission?
- Who does God want us to share the gospel with?

#### **FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

• Take your kids to a trampoline park. Hold a contest with your family to see who can jump the highest. Discuss how Jesus went up into heaven but will come back someday to restore the world. How should we live until then?



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## **Journal Page**

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

#### **FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS**

- Where is Jesus today?
- What promises did Jesus make to His disciples?
- What has Jesus commanded us to do while we wait for His return?

### **Jesus Returned to Heaven**

Matthew 28: Acts 1

#### STORY POINT: JESUS GAVE HIS DISCIPLES THE GREAT COMMISSION.

After Jesus died on the cross and was raised from the dead, He spent time with His disciples over 40 days. Jesus told them even more about God's kingdom. Jesus said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." Jesus gave the disciples—and everyone who follows Him—a job to do. He said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel. Make

disciples of people from every nation."

Jesus also said, "Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to

obey everything I have commanded you." Then Jesus said, "Remember this: I am always with you, until

the very end of the age."

Jesus said, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you. You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After Jesus said these things, He went up into heaven. All of a sudden, two angels appeared. These angels asked, "This Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come again. He will return in the same way that you have seen Him going into heaven."



Christ Connection: Jesus left earth and returned to heaven, but He did not leave us alone. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to be with us and help us do God's work—to teach people everywhere about Jesus so they will trust in Him as their Lord and Savior. One day, Jesus will return to make all things new and to rule as Lord over all.

### **Ascension Search**

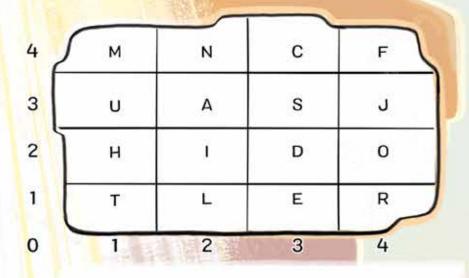
Find and circle the key words in the word search.

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## **What's Next?**

Use the coordinates to decode the names of the places Jesus spoke about. Tip: (2,3) = A



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