



JESUS RETURNS



John 20:19-20

The disciples had locked themselves in a small room because they were afraid the leaders would send soldiers to arrest them.

Suddenly, Jesus appeared to them! He said, "Peace be with you." They thought He was a ghost. But Jesus said, "Touch my hands and my feet so that you will know it is really me."

The disciples cheered! They were very, very happy to see Jesus again.

Jesus had told his disciples, "I gave my life so that you could be with me in heaven. I am going there to prepare a wonderful new home for you. When I come back the next time, I will take you with me."

But now it was time for Jesus to leave. Jesus said, "God has given me complete power over heaven and earth. Go and tell everyone the good news. Make new disciples. Baptize them and teach them to obey my commandments. Don't ever forget, I will always be with you."

"Go to Jerusalem and wait there," said Jesus. "The Holy Spirit will come to you. He will give you power to tell people about me. Now the time has come for me to go to heaven. Do not be afraid."

Then Jesus went up toward heaven in a cloud. His disciples stared at the sky for a long time. All of a sudden, two angels appeared. They asked, "Why are you standing here looking at the sky? Jesus will return the same way you saw him go."

Then the disciples remembered what Jesus had said. They returned to Jerusalem and waited for the Holy Spirit to come.



Who keeps His promises? God keeps His promises.



PRESCHOOL



WELCOME

Prepare tables with the opening activities. Greet kids by name as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families.

TABLE #1 - Coloring sheet with review,
TABLE #2 - Catch fish
Floor - cars, trains, tracks and roads



INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Have a team assistant hide Jesus figure in the room. Then gather the preschoolers into a circle in the story time area. Review the story from Easter week and end by reminding preschoolers Jesus is alive. **Today, we learn who Jesus visited after He came to life again. Right now, we need to find the Jesus picture. Let's find Jesus!**



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Options: 1) Read the story from the Beginner's Bible story book, page 459 - 461 Jesus Returns & 466 - 472 Jesus Goes to Heaven; or 2) Play the story video on the TV.

WHY SHOULD WE PRAISE JESUS?

We should praise Jesus for all He has done for us.



SONG

Lead preschoolers in singing one or more songs found in the April 2025 file.



PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Practice the key verse with preschoolers by adding hand motions. For example, raise hands high when you say "Hosanna"; or wave arms in a large arc above your head for "blessed." Try grouping preschoolers in a circle and have each one say one word of the verse as you move around the circle.

John 12:12

**Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!**



ACTIVITIES

EARTH COLLAGE

- Hand interested preschoolers a preprinted page with the circle. Lay out blue and green construction paper. Demonstrate how to tear the construction paper into small pieces.
- Guide preschoolers to glue the pieces of paper inside the circle to create a water and land on the earth. Point out the world map on the white board for inspiration.
- **In our story today, we learned Jesus told His disciples to tell everyone in the world about the good news. When we choose to learn about Jesus, ask forgiveness for the bad things we do, and follow His commands, we are His disciples too! We can tell everyone about Jesus and all He has done for us.**

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CATCH FISH

- Allow interested preschoolers to catch fish! Place the fish onto the floor or table. Using the provided magnets on string, practice picking up the fish by allowing the magnet to come in contact with the paper clip.
- Make a game to involve more preschoolers by taking turns and counting who has the most fish after all the fish are caught.
- **Jesus told His disciples to tell everyone the good news. Make disciples. Baptize them and teach them to obey my commandments. Instead of catching fish for a living, the disciples would now be fishers of men!**



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.

Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.