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Unit 4 – Session 20 – Jesus Ascended into Heaven

Parents,

This week is about Jesus' Ascending into Heaven. Here is some vocabulary that may help you. This is not for your child but to help you as you explain this session to them.

- Ascension – Forty days after His Resurrection, Jesus went up to, or ascended into, Heaven in His glorified body. There He is seated at the right hand of the Father in all His glory.
- Final Age – The days and years before the end of time. Jesus' Ascension into Heaven began the final age, during which God is working to make His love and mercy known throughout the world. Then, at the end of time, Jesus will return in all His glory to fulfill God's reign over all things.
- Witness – Someone who sees something happen and tells others about what he saw. Jesus called His Apostles – and us – to be His witnesses.

The students should learn

- After spending 40 days with His disciples, teaching them about the Kingdom, Jesus ascended into Heaven.
- Jesus is seated at the right hand of God the Father and will come again.
- Christ's entry into Heaven gives us access to the "Father's house" in Heaven.

Here is what you need to do this week.

- Tell your child that 40 days after His Resurrection, Jesus ascended into Heaven and entered into the Kingdom of God, where He is seated at the right hand of the Father. As we have learned, Jesus' Passion and Death on the Cross, and His Resurrection on the third day, are all events that really happened. By His sacrifice and Resurrection, we have been set free from sin and death. After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene and other women, who told others that He had risen. Then He appeared to His Apostles multiply times and continued to teach them and prepare them to share the Good News of salvation with the whole world. And then, 40 days after His Resurrection, Jesus gathered His Apostles one last time. He gave them His final commands and then ascended, or went up, into Heaven to reign there at His Father's right hand. We call this event the Ascension – when Jesus went up to, or ascended into Heaven in His glorified body.
 - Read ACTS 1:6-12 to your child and ask the following questions
 - What did the Apostles ask Jesus?
 - Jesus answered their question saying "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority." What do you think this means?
 - What does Jesus say that the Apostles will receive and how?
 - What will the power of the Holy Spirit allow them to do?
 - What does it mean to be a witness?
 - What did Jesus do after He was finished speaking to His Apostles?
- I am a Witness
 - Explain that Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to His Apostles so that they could be His witnesses throughout the world. In other words, filled with the Holy Spirit, the Apostles were to tell everyone what they saw and knew about Jesus and what He had said and done. We are Jesus' witnesses too! We have been filled with the Holy Spirit at our Baptism. And we are sent out just like the Apostles, to tell others about Jesus, about what He said and did.
 - Complete I am a Witness on the online app with your child.
- My Father's house
 - Read John 14:2-3 to your child.
 - Explain that Jesus gives us an important message in this passage. He ascended into Heaven to prepare a place for us! All that Jesus did during His life, His suffering and Death on the Cross, His

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Resurrection, and His Ascension accomplished our salvation. We have been saved from sin! We can live our lives and choose not to sin and when we fail, can seek God's forgiveness. Jesus made it possible for us to follow Him and one day be in Heaven with Him! And there, in Heaven, He has prepared a place for each one of us-there is a room waiting for you and for me!

- Work through page 176 in your child's book with them.
 - Complete My Father's house on the online app with your child.
- The Ascension
 - Complete the Ascension and the Ascension Wordsearch on the app with your child.