

# KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

**DATE:** 11/29/20

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 28

**LESSON:** Jesus Returned to Heaven



## INTRO

**Parents say to your kid(s)** - Last week we learned about one of Jesus' friends who had a hard time believing that Jesus was alive. Do you remember his name? Yes, Thomas! This week we're going to hear a story about Jesus' final day on Earth.

**Optional Activity** - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn.

*Supplies: a box of kleenex*

Hand everyone a kleenex and tell them to think about how good a kleenex is when you need one!

**Parents say to your kid(s)** - "Did you feel the weather changing this week? It seems like it's starting to get colder every day. And guess what can happen when it starts to get cold? [*let them guess some things*] Great guesses... another thing that can happen is we can get a stuffy nose! Boogers are gross, right?! I always try to have a Kleenex in my pocket, but I've been caught unprepared this week and have had to ask friends to help me find a Kleenex- quick! Sometimes we treat God like a Kleenex. That sounds awful doesn't it? But here's what I mean. When we get busy playing or doing our work during the day, Kleenexes aren't the first things on our minds. Then if we have a crisis and our nose starts to run, all of a sudden, that's all we can think about. We've got to have a Kleenex- we've got to have it right now! Sometimes, that's how we treat God. We get busy playing or doing our work. We don't stop to think about him until we have a crisis and something goes wrong. Then we reach out for God. We need him right then! The good thing is that God promises that he is right there. His love is not like a Kleenex box. It never runs out. It is never out of reach."



## LESSON - JESUS RETURNED TO HEAVEN

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Jesus Returned to Heaven](#)

**Story Point #1:** (Kids repeat!)

**Jesus left His disciples to ascend to heaven.** (Kids repeat!)

After returning to Earth from Heaven Jesus spent 40 days with His disciples. How awesome do you think those 40 days with Jesus would have been? I bet every day I would have looked at him and said, "I still can't believe you're alive again after you were dead!!" Then, after those 40 days, He rose up the heavens. Incredible!

**Story Point #2:** (Kids repeat!)

**BUT!!! Jesus didn't leave His followers without instructions.** (Kids repeat!)

Jesus told His disciples that ALL authority on Earth and in Heaven had been given to Him. Jesus gave His disciples an incredible mission to travel throughout the whole world and proclaim the gospel to anyone who would listen! He told them to go to all the nations - every race and culture - and tell them about God's great love and what Jesus had done to save sinners. He told them to baptise new believers in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. He told them to teach them how to follow His teaching and instructions and live life the way He taught! That was a big job for the disciples to do. And it's our job now as Jesus' followers today!

**Story Point #3:** (Kids repeat!)

**AND!!! Jesus didn't leave His followers without help.** (Kids repeat!)

Even though Jesus was leaving to go to the heavens, He also told His followers that He would remain with them until the end of time. That was probably confusing right? But Jesus explained that He was going to send His Spirit. The Holy Spirit would empower them as they carried out Jesus' mission. Jesus promised they wouldn't be alone and we aren't alone either. Even though Jesus isn't with us in human form, He still gives His Spirit to all those who believe in Him and follow Him.

**Christ Connection!** (Kids repeat!)

**Jesus didn't leave His followers forever.** (kids repeat)

Even though Jesus left Earth, He didn't leave His followers without instructions. He didn't leave His followers alone. AND best of all, Jesus promises He didn't leave forever. Someday, Jesus promises to return to undo all the sad, broken things on planet earth and bring us home to live with Him forever. Until then, we've got work to do, telling all our friends and neighbors about Jesus (with the Holy Spirit's help of course)!



## RESPONSE

**Sing:** [Live](#) (Key Passage Song)  
[Psalm 40:5](#)

**Pray:** Dear Jesus thank You for giving us instructions and Your Spirit. You never leave us alone. Give us strength and boldness and wisdom as we tell our friends and neighbors about Your incredible love and what You've done to save us from sin. We love You and we need You! Amen.

**Discuss:**

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- Where did Jesus tell the disciples to wait? *Jerusalem, Acts 1:4*
- What did Jesus say the disciples would receive? *The Holy Spirit, Acts 1:8*
- How will Jesus return? *In the same way He went to heaven, Acts 1:11*
- How can we make disciples? *Guide the kids to think through the parts of the Great Commission. Part of the command helps explain how to make disciples: teach them about the gospel of Jesus. Teach them to obey Jesus. Think about how you can do that for your friends and neighbors.*
- How do you feel knowing that Jesus will return? *Let kids answer, there are no wrong answers.*
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
  - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at [kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com](mailto:kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com)*



## BONUS ACTIVITIES

**Coloring Sheet** - [Printable coloring sheet](#) of Jesus returning to heaven

**Parent Share** - Tell a time when the Holy Spirit helped you have a conversation with a friend or neighbor about Jesus.

**Arm and Leg Tag** - Every player is "it" and the goal is to tag each person's arms and legs. When a player's arm or leg is tagged they can no longer use it, so they'll have to put their arms behind their back or hop on one leg. When all four limbs have been tagged, players are out of the game. Last player standing with one arm or leg wins!