LESSON 24

JESUS IS ALIVE TODAY



Aim: **To teach the children that Jesus returned to his Father, but will come again one day.**

Scripture Reading: **Acts 1:1–11**

Memory Verse: **Matthew 24:44**
So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

What do you do in your family if someone is going away? Possible responses: Clothes are washed and preparations made for the journey. Everyone listens to the last words the person has to say.

What do you do in your family if someone is coming to your house? Possible responses: We tidy the house. We prepare enough food. We keep watch to see him or her coming.

Main Points of Today's Teaching

1. **Show picture 24.** The Lord Jesus was returning to his Father in heaven. His followers were sad that he was leaving them. Three days after he died Jesus came back to life and all of them were full of joy. Jesus had defeated death!
2. **Recount Acts 1:2–4 in your own words.** After his resurrection Jesus met with his disciples many times. He kept on teaching them. He promised them the gift of God's power, the Holy Spirit.
3. In this book, we talked about Moses. He was a great leader and teacher. **By showing pictures 17, 18 and 19, briefly review how Moses led and helped the people of Israel.** When he had grown old, God took him to heaven. Jesus also returned to God the Father in heaven. However, Jesus is far greater than Moses. He is the Son of God. He himself is God and shows us exactly what God the Father is like. Moses saved the people of Israel when he led them through the Red Sea, but Jesus came to save everybody who will follow him. Jesus made a promise to return to this world. He is coming to take those who believe in him to their true home, to live with God for ever. **Sing a song about Jesus' return.**
4. **Put verses 9–11 into your own words.** After Jesus had been taken into heaven, the men in white came to comfort the disciples. They told them what to do now that Jesus was gone.

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Our Response to the Story

How should we live while we wait for Jesus to return? We can eagerly watch out for his coming, pray about it and witness to it. To witness means to tell others about Jesus so that they, too, will expect him. Link your explanation to the introductory questions and answers.

Instil the Memory Verse



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