Lesson 17 Jesus Returns to Heaven

Picture 20



Aim

To teach that Jesus went back to Heaven but will return to this earth one day.

Teacher Preparation: As you prepare this lesson thank God for Jesus' first coming and for the certain hope of His second coming. Then read and study Acts 1:1-11, Luke 24:50-51 and the lesson plan.

Memory Verse: Acts 1:11

This Jesus, who was taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way that you saw him go to heaven.

Lesson Plan

Introduction

Talk about saying goodbye to someone.

When someone from the family goes to the store you know they will come back soon. You say goodbye quickly. When a member of the family leaves for a long holiday or moves somewhere else far away it is harder to say goodbye. You don't know when you will see them again.

The teacher could begin with 2 short acts of drama to show these different goodbyes. This needs to be prepared with a few children before Sunday School.

Main Points of Lesson

1. Jesus had to say goodbye to his friends and disciples. Put Luke 24:50 into your own words.

2. Jesus was returning to God the Father in Heaven. He told his disciples two things. He would return but the date is unknown Acts 1:7. God would send the gift of the Holy Spirit so that the disciples could continue the work of Jesus on earth. Acts 1:8.

3. Jesus was taken away from the earth v. 9. *Show picture 20*.

4. God's messengers talked to the disciples v.10

Review

Briefly go over the lesson emphasising that when Jesus returns He will come in majesty and power as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Teach Memory Verse

Our Response to the Lesson

When someone returns to the family after a long journey or when they have been away a long time they often come unexpectedly. Jesus is going to return. He always keeps his promises. Are we expecting his return? If we are following him, loving him and obeying him, we are ready for His return.

Sing a song about Jesus' return.