



**E-Kids: At home with your family 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

**Jesus is in heaven now and will return  
Acts 1:6-13 (ESV)**

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? **This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.**"

**Intro**

Jesus is in heaven now and will return is our truth to live by this week. This is a big and wonderful truth to be spending time thinking about. Jesus is in heaven now because he has sorted out the problem of sin by his death and resurrection! And Jesus will return so that we can be with him and be his friends forever!

Our passage today is a different passage to the one preached (Hebrews 1:1-4). There are some links to the 'Jesus will reign forever' week and next week's 'God will wipe away my tears'.

**The passage**

Our passage describes Jesus ascension into heaven. Jesus disciples ask him if he is about to restore the Kingdom of Israel (v6), they're likely still hoping for a restoration of the promised land and freedom from roman occupation. Jesus corrects their thinking to tell them they will receive the Holy Spirit and then spread the gospel to the ends of the earth (v8). This work is undertaken, starting in Jerusalem (v8, v12), in anticipation of Jesus returning to Judge (v11).

**Setting the scene**

This story happens not long after Jesus had died on the cross for our sins and come back to life again. He had been showing himself to lots of people including his friends and followers, the disciples. And now the disciples are with Jesus and are wondering what is going to happen next. In today's story Jesus leaves his disciples to go to heaven to be with his Father. But he is not going forever, one day he will come back and return to his people.

**Key bits to think about:**

**Jesus is in heaven now** because he has sorted out the problem of sin so that we can be his friends forever. The sermon passage tells us this (Heb 1:3) and describes Jesus sitting at the Father's right hand in heaven. Talk about, and thank God together, that for those who trust Jesus he has completely sorted out our sin, so that we can be friends with God again!

**Jesus will return.** For those trusting in Jesus we can be very excited that he is coming back! And when Jesus returns we will see him, just like the disciples saw him go, we won't miss it! Our waiting for Jesus return is a bit like our waiting in lockdown. We really want to see (and hug) our family and friends again. We can't do that yet but, one day we will be able to get close to them again and that will be great! One day Jesus will come back, and that day will be even better!!!

*Potential Questions:*

- *Where is Jesus now?*
  - o *Why is Jesus in heaven now?*
- *Is Jesus coming back one day?*

**For those who want to take it further (Boulder age) ...**

**Jesus will return to judge** all people. This can seem rather worrying, and it is for those who are not currently trusting Jesus. But for those trusting in Jesus' death and resurrection we have nothing to fear, in fact we can be very excited! Jesus has been punished instead of us.

*Potential Questions:*

- *Why is Jesus coming back?*
- *Why is this good news for those who trust in Jesus?*

**Prayer**

1. Thank you Jesus that you have sorted out my problem of sin.
2. Thank you Jesus that you are coming back so that we can be with you forever!

**Activities**

Everyone go to the kitchen and pick their favourite (non-expiring) snack. Put all the snacks into a box which you cannot open until a future time e.g. Monday afternoon. Then when you get to enjoy your snacks on Monday remind your children that we are waiting for something even better, when Jesus returns!

OR

Find an egg timer/hourglass and before everyone can eat their post church snack/cake you have to wait for the timer to finish!

**Song**

He's coming back again by Awesome Cutlery: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyOB15KKnIw>

**In the cloud craft**

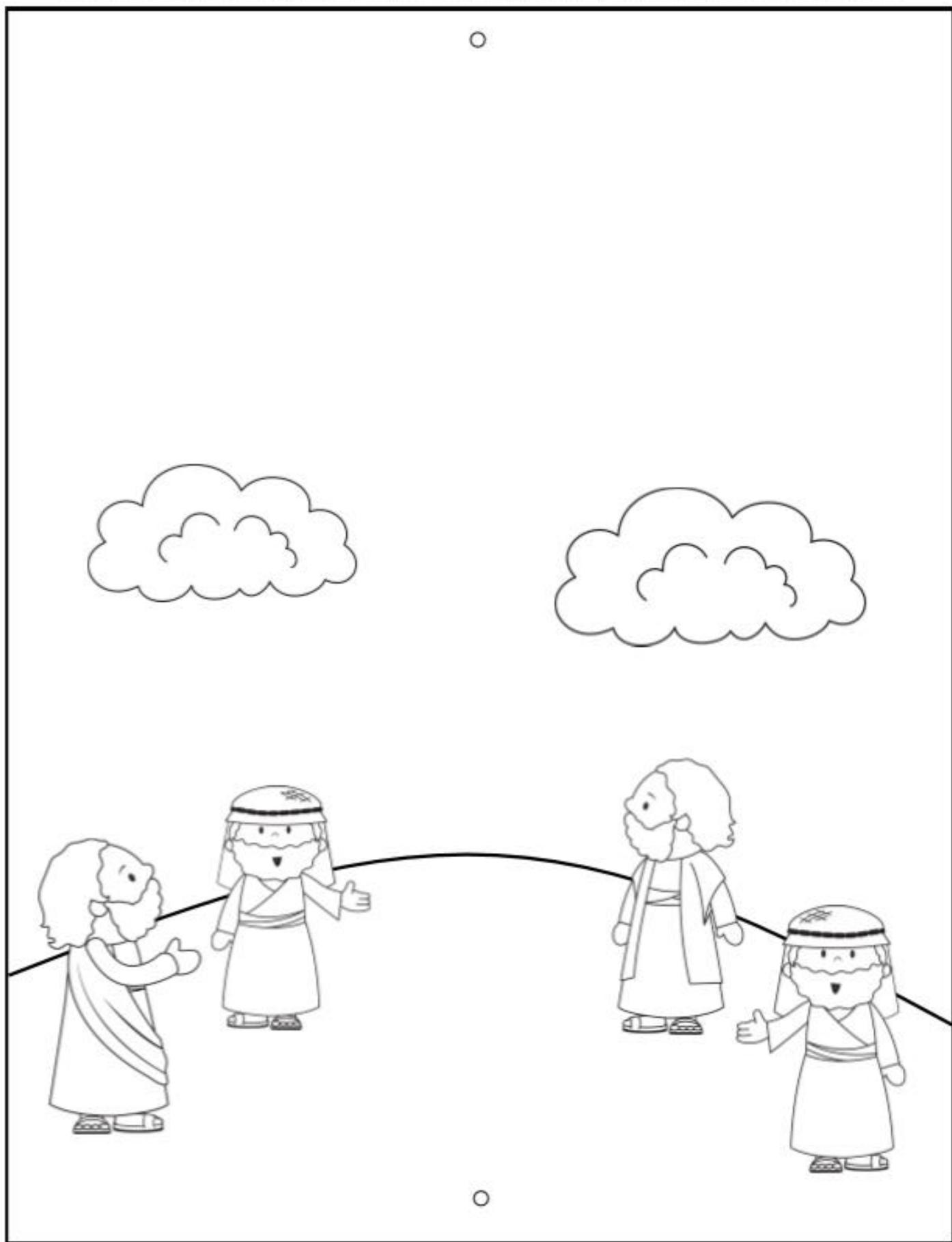
Each craft will need one large cloud, one colour Jesus, and one A4 picture page. If possible, print the picture page into thin card.

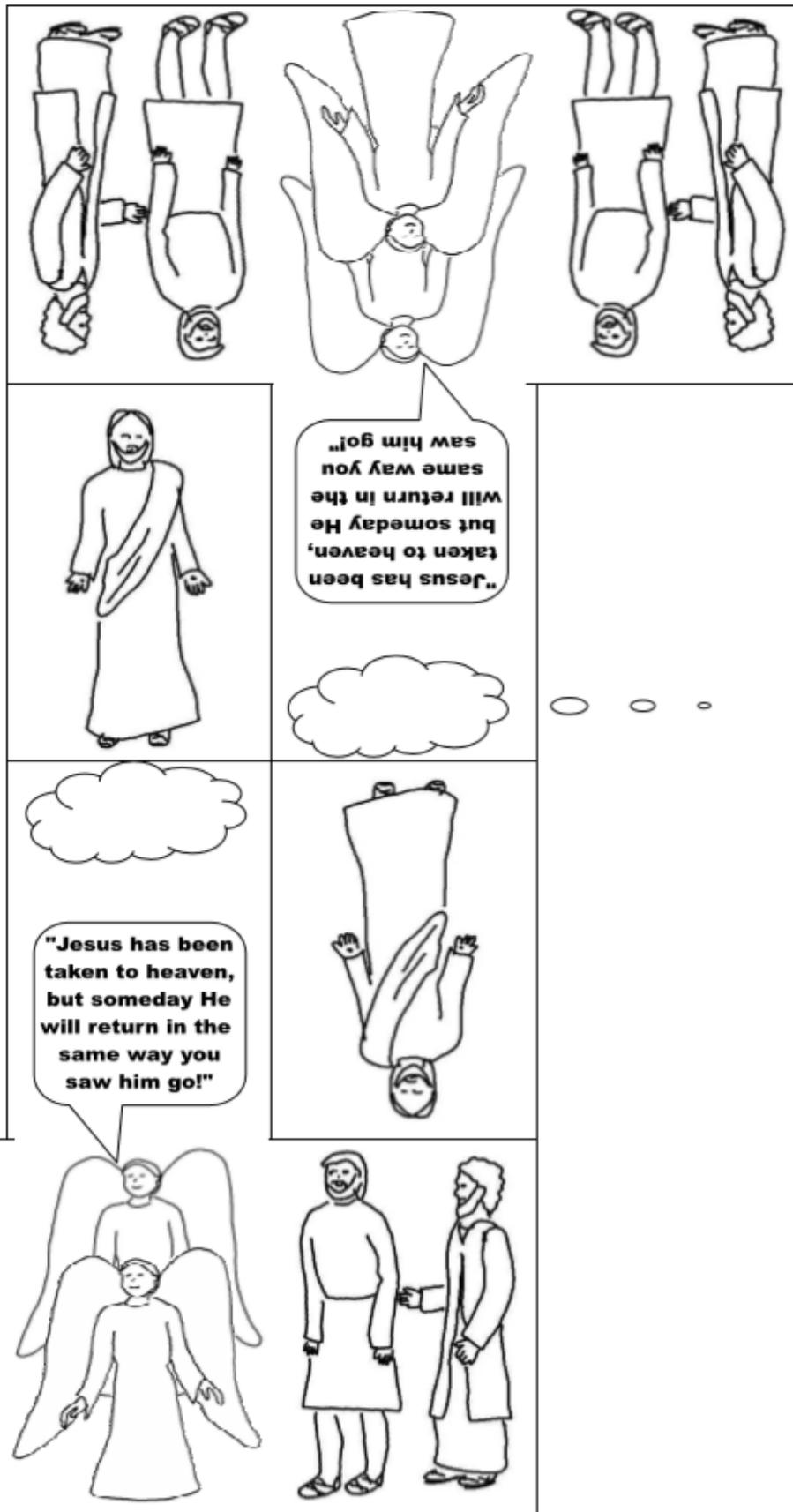
1. Punch a hole in the center top and bottom of the picture page, and thread a piece of yarn through each hole. The yarn needs to be long enough to tie the ends together on the back near to the top hole.
2. Tape Jesus to the piece of yarn.
3. Colour the picture page and glue cotton balls/tissue paper/pieces of tissue etc, to the clouds.
4. Glue or Sellotape each end of the large cloud above the smaller clouds, so that it allows for Jesus to easily be pulled up behind it.
5. Pull the string in the back to move Jesus from standing on the ground with His disciples, to ascend up to heaven in a cloud.

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He was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see Him. Acts 1:9





This page contains 2 copies of the same craft. Cut out the T shaped craft. Colour in. Make folds so that stands in between the disciples.

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HEAVEN

Jesus  
is in...

Jesus will  
return

EARTH

"MEN OF GALILEE,"  
THEY SAID, "WHY DO  
YOU STAND HERE  
LOOKING AT THE SKY?  
JESUS HAS BEEN  
TAKEN AWAY FROM  
YOU INTO HEAVEN. BUT  
HE WILL COME BACK IN  
THE SAME WAY YOU  
SAW HIM GO."

- ACTS 1:11 (NIRV)

