Ascension for Kids

Intro

Opening Q: What do you think it means to ‘ascend?’ To go up. Eg. To ascend the stairs.

We are talking about a special celebration called Ascension today.

It is a special time when we remember the day that Jesus left earth and went to heaven to be with his Father and to prepare a place for us. We don’t know how Heaven works but we know it is a reality and that Jesus is there. As Jesus left us he blessed us and promised he would be leaving us his Spirit so that we would not be alone. Jesus promises to come again one day to take us to Himself.

Snack & Story

Let’s watch that story now.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcFw8pLBSIo>

Discussion questions

Q. I wonder how Jesus and his friends felt when he left for Heaven?

Q. Do you remember a special goodbye?

Q. I wonder what you would like to see in Heaven?

Prayer – Whole body blessing & stretch

Reach your hands up high doing a big stretch

May God the Father watch over us each day

Reach your hands out wide to the side

May Jesus the son walk beside us each day

Crouch down with hands together and push hands out wide as you stand up.

May God the Spirit work through us.

Amen.

Based on blessing here:

http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/celebrate-ascension/

Activity

**Spirals**

<http://carrotsareorange.com/hot-air-rise-preschool-science/>

*Materials: Paper, string, hole punch, markers, pre-drawn spirals or plates/cds to trace, pre-cut spirals or scissors, a lamp to demonstrate the science aspect.*

Draw or write things about Jesus or things you would like to share with Jesus on these spirals. Decorate them with interesting patterns and colours.

Heat rising makes these spirals spin even more. The spirals remind us that our prayers rise to Jesus. His spirit is with us even though we cannot see him.

**Extra Activity for a sunny day - Kites**

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Very-Simple-Kite/>

**Extra Time activity - Balloon Volley Ball**

Materials: Balloon, rope or string tied between two chairs.

Suspend a piece of string across the room are at approximately head height.

Divide players into two teams and position them on either side of the string.

One team serves by hitting the balloon over the string and the other team must return the balloon without allowing it to fall to the ground.

When the balloon is not returned, the other team scores a point.

First team to reach 10 points wins.

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/things-to-do/activities/balloon-volleyball>