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“And remember, I am always with you.” When Jesus finished saying these things, as the disciples watched, Jesus’ feet lifted off the ground.

He went higher and higher and higher, up, up into the sky. The disciples kept watching, but finally a cloud covered Jesus and they could see Him no more. Still they stood, staring into the clouds.

Suddenly two angels came and stood beside them. “Why are you standing here looking into Heaven?” they asked. “This same Jesus who was taken from you into Heaven will come back again someday.”

Slowly the disciples turned and started back to the city. They knew they would miss Jesus, but He had promised that He would always be with them.

And now they had a very important job to do. They must see that people everywhere heard the good news that Jesus had died for their sins. Then someday the disciples, and all the people who believed, would go to live in Heaven, too.

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He wants us to come to live with Him, too.

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made the world and He watched through the many years as men sinned and disobeyed God. He knew that at just the right time He would come to earth as a baby, grow up and preach the truth to people, die for their sins, and then come back to life,

Jesus did everything that was in God's perfect plan for Him to do. He preached the truth to many people in Israel and selected twelve men- the disciples to be His special helpers. He healed sick people, made blind men see, and raised dead people back to life ! He died on the cross so that we might be forgiven for our sins.

After Jesus came back to life three days later, He talked with His followers for forth days. He appeared to them many times and each time He told them something important to do. He let them know again and again that they were to tell everyone the "Good News" that Jesus knew that His work on earth was finished. He was happy that He soon would be going home to Heaven. He loved His disciples and all the people who followed Him, but He also wanted to go back to His Father in Heaven.

Finally, the last day arrived. After 40 days, Jesus was going to leave the earth. He called His disciples together and they walked with Him out to a mountain near the city of Jerusalem called the Mount of Olives.

As they walked, Jesus told them once again that He wanted them to tell everyone the “Good News” that He had come to save them. He also told them that God would send the Holy Spirit to be with them and that the Holy Spirit would give them power to tell others about Jesus.

When Jesus was finished talking to His disciples, He began to go up in the air! He was not riding on anything or being pulled by anything—He was just going up into the sky by His wonderful power. He told His disciples that He would always be with them, even to the end of time. Then, as the disciples were watching, Jesus went up and up until a cloud covered Him and they could not see Him anymore. While they stood there, looking up into the sky, two men who were dressed in white robes appeared.

“Why do you keep looking up into the sky? This same Jesus whom you are watching go up to Heaven shall come again the same way,” said the men.

The disciples were glad! They knew that Jesus was leaving them to be in Heaven with God, His Father! They also knew that Jesus would come back one day just as He promised. And, He would also be with them every day by giving them His wonderful power.

The Holy Spirit would be with them to give the power they needed to tell everyone the Good News! The disciples were ready to obey Jesus’ command to share the Gospel with every person they met.

Boys and girls, just as the Holy Spirit was with the disciples, He is with us today also. Everyone that has asked Jesus to be his Savior has the Holy Spirit living

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**After forty days, Jesus went back to Heaven.
"Jesus will come again!" an angel told Jesus' friends.**

Craft Instructions:

Using construction paper, run copies of the following:

Yellow Paper– Heaven (1 per child)

Green Paper– The disciples standing watching Jesus ascend into Heaven (1 per child)

White– Jesus (1 per child)

Blue– 2” strips with arrows pointing upwards (2 strips per child)

Copy and cut out the above pieces

Stress the importance of not using too much glue. It should not run out.

1. Glue the two blue arrow pieces together. End to end to make one long strip pointing upwards. Make sure the glue is dry before proceeding.
2. Take the piece with Jesus on it and fold the two tabs backwards. Make sure it is folded large enough to place over the two blue strips and glide smoothly up and down. Glue tabs together. Make sure the glue is dry before proceeding.
3. Glue the green disciple piece onto the bottom of the arrow piece.
4. Place the Jesus piece over the top of the blue arrow piece and run it down towards the bottom.
5. Lay the Heaven piece on top of the arrow piece. Make sure the top edge of the arrow piece is touching the top of the heaven piece. Practice running Jesus up and down disappears under the clouds. When it is positioned correctly, glue only the very top edge down. You need to leave a space for Jesus to disappear into the clouds. If you glue it all the way to the top, you cannot run Him up under the clouds. Practice a few times before putting any glue on it.

I folded the blue section down in order to scan it. In reality, it will be much longer.



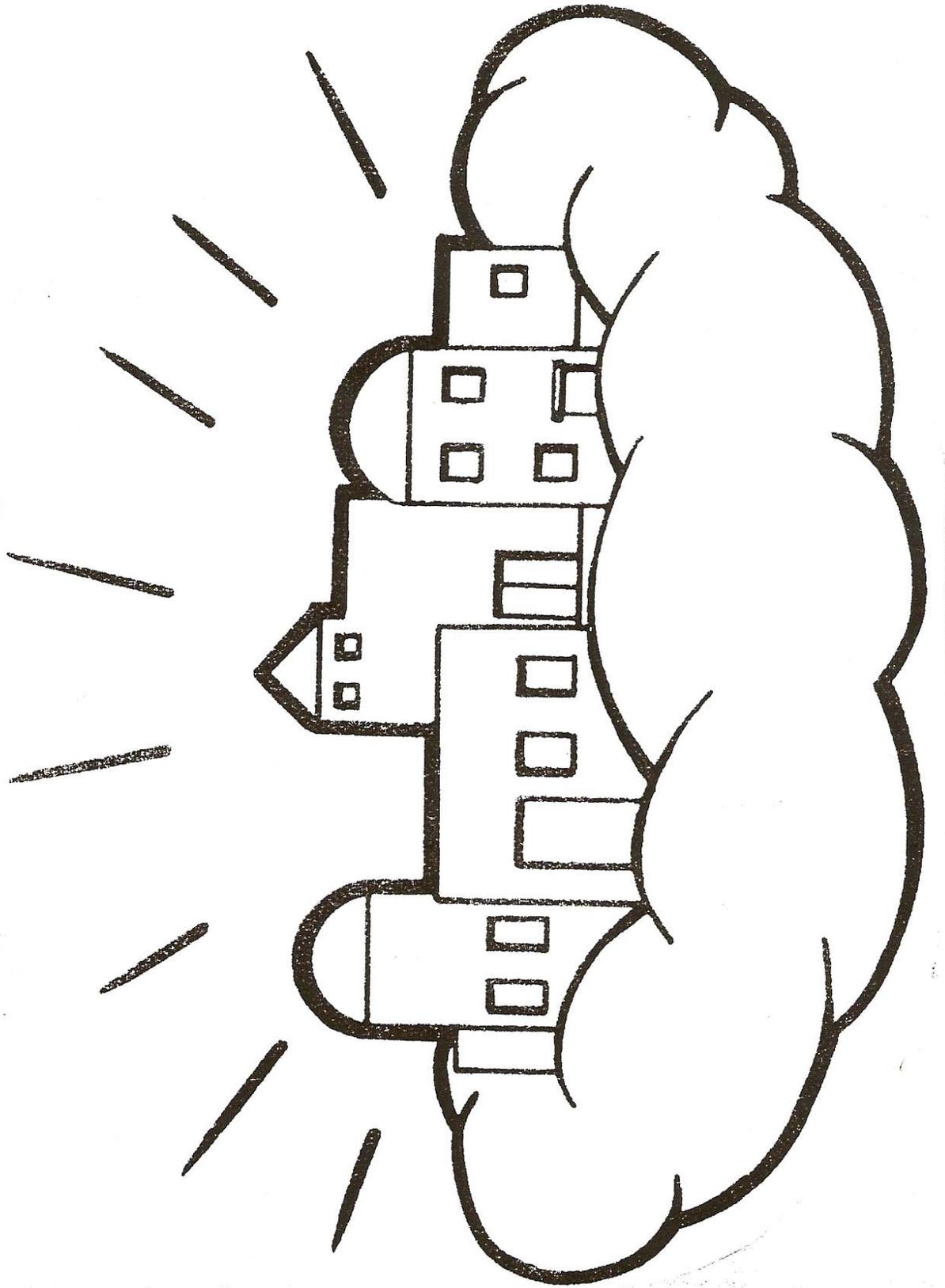


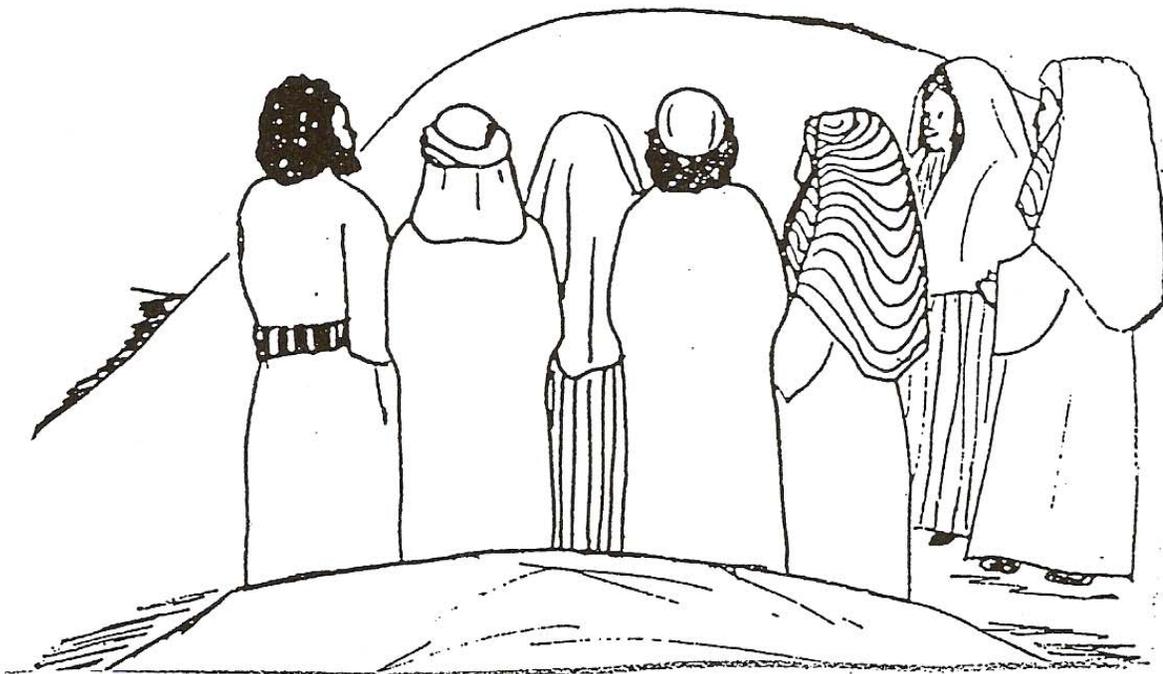
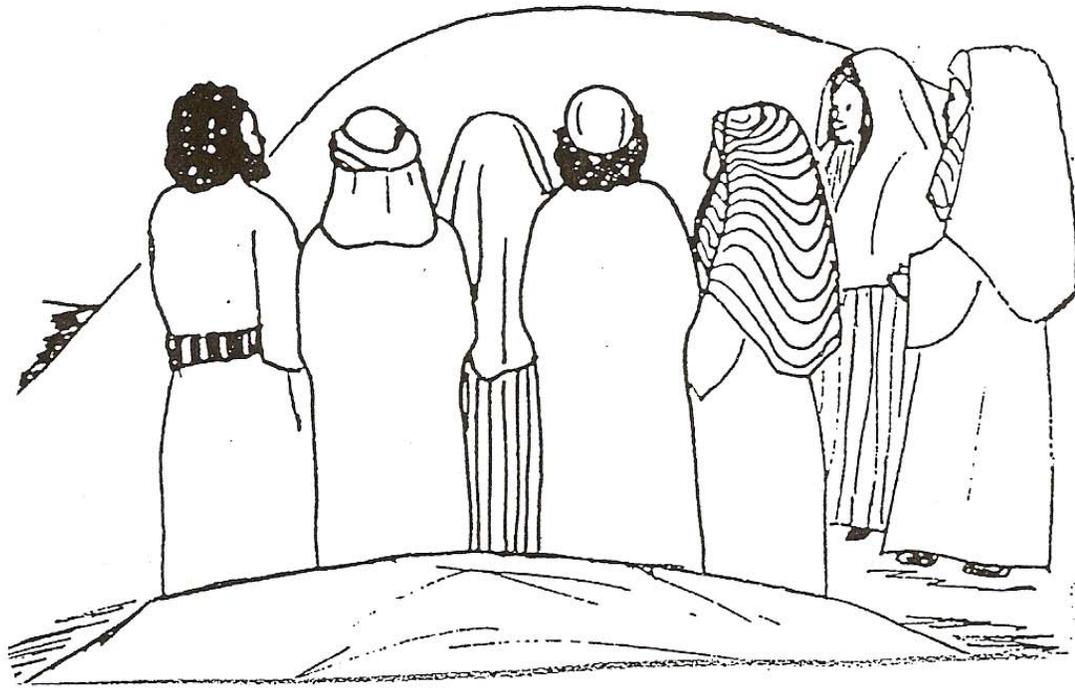














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This Is The Way We Go To Church

This is the way we stand to pray (tune- Here we go round the mulberry bush)

This is the way we stand to pray,
Stretch our arms, stretch our arms;
This is the way we stretch our arms,
So early in the morning.

This is the way we wash our face,
Wash our face, wash our face;
This is the way we wash our face,
So early in the morning.

This is the way we brush our hair,
Brush our hair, brush our hair;
This is the way we brush our hair,
So early in the morning.

This is the way we brush our teeth,
Brush our teeth, brush our teeth;
This is the way we brush our teeth,
So early in the morning.

This is the way we put on our clothes,
Put on our clothes, put on our clothes;
This is the way we put on our clothes,
So early in the morning.

This is the way we say our prayers,
Say our prayers, say our prayers;
This is the way we say our prayers,
So early in the morning.

This is the way we eat our food,
Eat our food, eat our food;
This is the way we eat our food,
So early in the morning.

This is the way we go to church,
Go to church, go to church;
This is the way we go to church'
So early in the morning.

This is the way we stand to pray,
Stand to pray, stand to pray;

This is the way we stand to pray,
So early in the morning.

This is the way we sit to pray,
Sit to pray, sit to pray;
This is the way we sit to pray,
Before we eat our food.

This is the way we kneel to pray,
Kneel to pray, Kneel to pray;
This is the way we kneel to pray,
Before we go to bed

Fill Balloons with helium and take the children outside to show them how Jesus rose to Heaven.

You can do just one balloon or one for each child. You can tie a little note on them if desired.