

Family Connect:

April 19

Acts 1:1-11

Pray as you begin . . .

READ the passage from The Message. Have an adult read the entire section as though you are the author. Take care to use inflection and passion as you read. Practice a few times before reading to the kids.

When done reading the passage, ask these questions:

- How does this book pick up where Luke 24:45-53 leave off?
- How many days did Jesus stay on the earth after his resurrection?
- What instructions did he give his disciples?
- Why did Jesus say they needed to wait for the Holy Spirit?
- Why were the disciples staring up at the sky?
- How did the two men say Jesus would return?

SHARE with each other the answers to these questions:

- Have you ever been abandoned or left all alone?
- How did you feel?

Even though Jesus went to heaven he did not abandon or desert his apostles. He sent them the Holy Spirit to help them.

SONG:

You Will Be My Witnesses found on the app, Children's tab

MEMORIZE: Acts 1:8

And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world.

For Preschool use underlined words

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Pick one or do all of them! Use them to springboard to what fits for your family!

ASK: What does ASCEND mean? Look it up. Fun experiment to demonstrate ascending . . . Pour carbonated beverage in a clear glass. Let children drop a few raisins in the glass. The raisins will just sit on the bottom of the glass. In a short time they will begin to ascend to the top of the liquid. Just like this is a little mysterious, Jesus ascending into the clouds was very mysterious!

GAME: Play Hide and seek. Everyone hides and one is left to find the others. After a few rounds, talk about how it felt to be left and having to wait to find the rest of the family. Could the disciples have felt this way watching and waiting for Jesus? How do you feel waiting now?

ASK and SHARE: When have you had to wait for something? How did you feel? Share a story.

DO: How can you tell those around you about Jesus? Encouraging note, sweet treat, bottle of water to a homeless person, pray for family member to know Christ, etc... Come up with a family plan to reach out this week!

Pray as you end . . .