

# The Gospel is For All



Parents' Page

*Lesson 1*

## Waiting for the Holy Spirit

Your child should understand...

Faith — Jesus as the Son of God

Your child should be able to...

1. Explain why Jesus appeared to the apostles after His resurrection.
2. Describe Jesus' instructions to His apostles.
3. Describe how Jesus ascended into heaven.
4. Identify who was chosen to replace Judas as an apostle and who helped the apostles choose him.

Your child should be memorizing...

Acts 2:38

“Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’” (NASB)

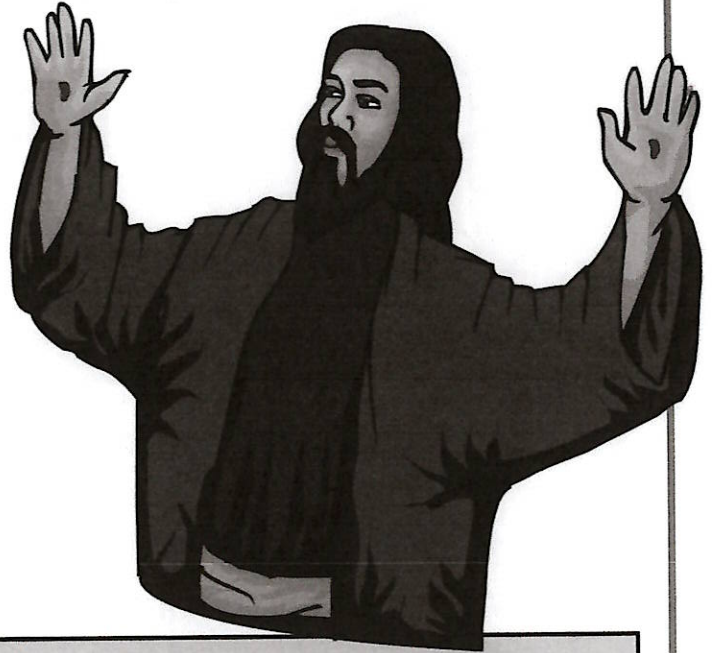
Please help your child read...

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| 1 | Luke 24:1-7      |
| 2 | Luke 24:46-53    |
| 3 | Acts 1:3-5, 8-11 |
| 4 | Acts 1:12-20     |
| 5 | Acts 1:21-26     |

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Before Jesus was taken back up into heaven, He appeared to many people. He even went back to His eleven apostles and showed them the nail scars in His hands and His feet so they would know it was really Him.



**After He rose from the dead, why did Jesus show the apostles His hands and feet?**

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Remember what Jesus told them before He left? He told them they would be able to do special miracles—things no one could do without power from God. He told them to wait in Jerusalem, and the Holy Spirit would come to them. The Holy Spirit was the One who would make them able to perform those special miracles. Jesus said that after the Holy Spirit came to them, they must follow His commandment to go out and teach people the gospel, the good news about Jesus!

**Before He went back to heaven, what did Jesus tell His apostles they must do? Circle two:**

**He said they must wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit to come.**

**He said they must learn to do magic tricks.**

**He said they must go out and teach people the gospel.**



Then Jesus was taken up into heaven. How awesome that must have been to see! The apostles just watched as He left. They stood and looked up at the sky until a cloud hid Him from them. Suddenly two men in white were with them. They told the apostles that some day Jesus would come back in the same way they had seen Him go.

**Be ready to tell the class how Jesus went back into heaven.**



The apostles had only one more thing to do before the Holy Spirit came to them. They had to choose another apostle. Do you remember what had happened to the apostle Judas? He had betrayed Jesus and then killed himself. Now they needed to pick a man to take Judas' place. So the apostles went back to a room in Jerusalem with other believers. They prayed to God for help. They chose between two different men, Joseph and Matthias. God helped them, and they chose Matthias to be the twelfth apostle. Now they had to do the hardest thing of all. They had to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes waiting isn't easy. But God always knows the right time to do things. The apostles had to wait for God. And sometimes we have to wait for Him to answer our prayers. God knows what is best for us, and we can wait for Him to do what is best at just the right time!

**Draw a line under the name of the one who took Judas' place as an apostle:**

Mark

Joseph

Matthias

**Who helped the apostles choose someone to take Judas' place? \_\_\_\_\_**



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### Memory Verse:

It's time for a **new memory verse!** Practice saying it **every day this week.**

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## Sailing Through the Bible Facts

What is the book of **Luke** about?  
(Jesus the Savior of everyone)

See how fast you can **find these Scriptures:**  
**Philemon 1:1**      **Ruth 1:1**

On your **Bible map**, use the **eraser end of a pencil** to point to the city of **Samaria**.

