

Jesus Appears

Lesson 1

True

Appearances before the Ascension

John 20:19-31

Parent Que:

Your student spent this week taking a look at the appearances of Jesus made before the ascension

. Your student was challenged to think if they are living in a way that others can see and recognize the love of Jesus. They were also encouraged to remember that Jesus is always with them, which should help them when they feel afraid to share His love with others. Parents, how are you living out the Great Commission in an exemplary way to your student? Do you model what it looks like to make disciples? This doesn't take a specific spiritual gift of evangelism. Jesus is with us, and in us, we simply need to let Him spill out on those around us, including our family. Call out those moments when you see your student living as a follower of Jesus. Mark those moments when they love, serve and live like Jesus because it will help them find their identity in Him.

Key Scriptures:

John 20:19-31

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This week your students will learn about Jesus appearances to people before he ascended into Heaven. This is a piece of the puzzle that points to Jesus being true. If we're being honest, it's kind

Have you ever felt like you were seeing things?

Do you like surprises?

How would you feel if Jesus visited you?

- [Read](#) John 20:19-23

What would your reaction be if you were one of the disciples?

- [Discuss](#)

How do you think this impacted the disciples?

The disciples thought Jesus was dead and they definitely weren't expecting to see him. However, they were filled with Joy.



What are your thoughts on Jesus breathing on them? What do you think it was like to receive the Holy Spirit in that moment?

- [Read](#) John 20:24-29

Can you relate to Thomas? If someone had told you they had seen Jesus after his death on the cross, would you believe them?

If you're comfortable with sharing, What are some of the doubts you've had?

- [Discuss](#)

What do you do with your doubts?

Thomas is one example in the Bible of someone who doubts. Sometimes we can feel weird about our doubts because it feels scary for our faith. However, doubt doesn't mean you don't believe. It's what you do with doubt that matters.

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Can you believe Thomas touched Jesus' wounds?
What stands out to you from verses 26-29?

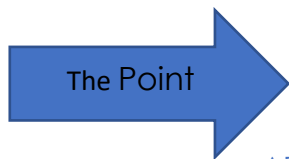
What do you think verse 29 means for us?

➤ [Read John 20:30-31](#)

What do these verses mean to you?

Do you believe Jesus is true? How do you think Jesus' appearances shape the story of Jesus?

Do you think some people need signs and wonders to believe Jesus is true?



Jesus appeared before people to show that he was true.

APPLICATION

How have you discovered that Jesus is true? What does that look like for you to discover him throughout the week?

What does it look like to tell others about Jesus being true?

➤ [Catch-Up/Journal/Pray](#)

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Commissioner

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20, Hebrews 13:5-6

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This is your week of “sending out” of your students. You have been discipling some of these 6th grade students for an entire school year! Now, it is time to commission them. Inspire them with words of encouragement. Send them out into the days of summer with a desire to be a light in the darkness. Recognize how you have seen them grow in Jesus. Maybe you even take some time to write them individual notes!

Looking back on this year what is one way that you or your group served?

Have you heard of the Great Commission before?

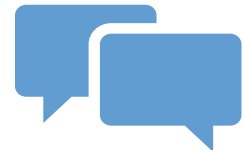
Our school year is coming to a close as a small group. He left the disciples with some final instructions. These instructions weren't just for them, but for us too. These instructions were considered a command and not just a suggestion. It gives a way to live out our faith and gives us guidance on something we should do while we're on Earth.

➤ [Read](#) [Matthew 28:16-17](#)

Before Jesus gave the disciples the Great Commission, what did He tell them to do?

➤ [Discuss](#)

The first step in being a disciple of Christ is to obey what He tells us. Jesus told the disciples to go to the mountain.



How did the disciples respond when they got to the mountain?

Why do you think some doubted?

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Do you think you would have had doubts if you were there looking at Jesus risen from the dead? Why or why not?

Do you ever have doubts?

Did you know...doubting is normal, and it can help to build deeper faith and understanding. How have you personally experienced this to be true?

➤ [Read Matthew 28:18-19a](#)

What does Jesus command the disciples to do?

➤ [Discuss](#)

Jesus commanded the disciples to "make disciples". What is a disciple?

Did Jesus tell them to make disciples of the people they liked in their city? If not, then who?

➤ [Read Matthew 28:19b](#)

What were they to do with these "new disciples"?

What is baptism? Why do you think baptism was necessary?

If you have been baptized, would you be willing to share your story of when and why you took that step in your faith journey?

Do you think people who know you would identify you as a "disciple" of Jesus? Why or why not?

➤ [Read Matthew 28:20](#)

When we "go" what does Jesus say He will do? How long will He be with us?

Do you ever feel nervous or apprehensive to share about Jesus with others? Why or why not?

➤ [Read Hebrews 13:5-6](#)

How is this encouraging to you when it comes to sharing about the love of Jesus with others?

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The Point

The Great Commission was given as a command by Jesus before ascending back into heaven for all who follow Him.

APPLICATION

What can you do as the school year winds down to live out this Great Commission that Jesus has given to you? What about this summer?

➤ [Catch-Up/Journal/Pray](#)

Lesson 3

Faithful

Jesus' Return

Matthew 24:36-44, Hebrews 9:28

Parent Que:

Your student spent this week taking a look at the Jesus' plan to return to earth. Your student will get a chance to interact with their thoughts on what Heaven looks like and what it feels like to know that Jesus plans to return for us. That he continues to display his faithfulness because we will reunite with him and have a relationship in Heaven. A relationship that we don't deserve but get to have because he carried the sins of many on the cross.

Key Scriptures:

Matthew 24:36-44

Hebrews 9:28

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Setup Time:

This is our last week of small groups for this year. Can you believe all that we have learned together and the laughs that we shared. Tonight, I want you to talk about some of the highlights of being together this year whether it's at home or in your groups. Tonight, we will finish our series by talking about Jesus' plan to return. We don't know the day or the hour but we know that Jesus is preparing a place for us and he plans on returning so that we can be together again. We get to see another glimpse of his faithfulness because we will get to experience the culmination of our relationship with Jesus as a result of his return. We will get to be in Heaven with him because he will be returning for those who are eagerly waiting.

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This week your few will have a chance to imagine what Heaven will look like and what it's like to know that Jesus has prepared a place for us. We also get a chance to discuss his faithfulness because he plans to return so that we can reunite with him in Heaven and continue our relationship with him.

Looking back on this year what are some of your favorite times we shared as a small group?

What are your some of your favorite things we learned or discussed?

How do you think you have grown in being a follower of Jesus this year?

Our school year is coming to a close as a small group. Although we will hang out this summer, we won't see each other as often. Can you imagine if we had been hangin' out every day together and then one of us had to leave. There came a time for Jesus when He had to leave His "small group" of sorts. He was like the small group leader of the disciples, and after he rose from the dead He hung out with them for a while but then returned to the Father in heaven. He made promises of a return.

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- [Read](#) [Matthew 24:36-44](#)

What do we know about Jesus' return based on this passage?

- [Discuss](#)

What are your thoughts on not knowing when Jesus will return? Is it scary? Is it hard to believe? Is it peaceful knowing that we're not for sure?



How would you live differently if you knew exactly when Jesus was returning.

How should we prepare for his return?

How does God display his faithfulness because of Jesus' return?

How can we be faithful to what God is calling us to?

- [Read](#) [Hebrews 9:28](#)

What will Jesus be doing when he returns?

- [Discuss](#)

It says that Jesus will return for those who are eagerly waiting him. Is that what you were expecting? Or would you expect to deal with sin?

- [Read](#) [John 14:1-3](#)

What is Jesus preparing for believers?

- [Discuss](#)

What do you imagine your place in Heaven will look like?

How does it feel that Jesus is looking to reunite with his people? What do you think it will be like to be with Jesus?

The Point

Jesus will be return someday for those who are eagerly waiting for him to show an aspect of his faithfulness.

APPLICATION

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How can we show God our faithfulness more this month?

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