

Sola Publishing Children's Message Ascension – Year C		SOLA 
Ascension		
Readings	1) Acts 1:1-11 2) Ephesians 1:15-23 3) Luke 24:44-53	
Scripture Focus	Acts 1:1-11	
Take Away	If you want to get dramatic, let them release helium balloons.	
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Pictures (choose only 2 or 3): https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/jesus-ascension/ https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/gnpi-acts-ascension/	
Message Today is Ascension Sunday. Anybody know what ASCENSION means? It means to ascend, to go up, to rise. Today is the day that we talk about when Jesus went back up to heaven to be with his Father. He was born, he grew up, and he spent 33 days teaching the people about the Father and the Holy Spirit and what it means to have faith in God's promises, AND he died and rose again to save us from our sins. WOW! That was a busy time. But, when he rose from the dead, he had finished everything he had to do, and it was time for him to go back to heaven to be with his Father. Here's how it happened. After he woke up from being dead, Jesus met with the apostles. He reminded them that he had promised not to leave them alone and that the Holy Spirit was coming to help them. He reminded them that when the Spirit came, they were to tell everyone all about the miracles they saw and everything they learned from him. And... as he was talking, something amazing happened. Jesus started lifting up off the ground. A cloud floated down and lifted him up until they couldn't see him anymore. They just stood there looking up. Where did he go? Then two men they didn't know were there and said, "Why are you looking up to heaven? One day Jesus will come back, and when he does, he will come down the same way he went up." Every time you look up at the clouds, think about Jesus up there with his Father and in his Father's house. What do you think he's doing up there? He's getting a room ready for us and waiting for us! He's watching over us; he's loving us until we go to be with him. Let's pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear Jesus, Help us to remember you / every time we look up at the clouds. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.	