



UP, UP AND AWAY

Lesson 32

BIG IDEA

After he rose from the dead, Jesus miraculously appeared to his disciples numerous times and reminded them to follow him and spread his story throughout the world.

KEY VERSES

John 21, Luke 24:50-53, and Matthew 28:16-19

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 28:19

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

• PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

BIBLE LESSON: SKIT

- Cast: Narrator, Fish, Peter, John, Jesus
- Props: None
- Script

GAME

- Object to capture such as a beanbag, shoe, etc.

CRAFT

- Experience Mission provides scissors, hole punch, stapler, staples, rulers
- Colored cardstock (inexpensive at Walmart) with template of circles printed on top, 1 copy per child.
- Blank colored cardstock, 3 per child.
- Glue sticks
- Markers, crayons or colored pencils
- Ribbon
- Several pair of sharp scissors

WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)
- Photocopies of Maze (domestic communities only)





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BIBLE LESSON • SKIT

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The fish character makes fish lips and swims around the disciples during part of the skit. Have fun with this part. Position the Narrator and Jesus on the left side of the stage, Peter and John in the center, and the Fish on the right.

Narrator: After Jesus rose from the dead, his friends weren't sure what to do.

Peter: John?

John: Yeah, Peter?

Peter: I'm not sure what to do.

John: Me neither.

Peter: I think I'll go fishing.

John: OK, I'll come, too.

Narrator: So, Peter and John and five other disciples went out in a boat to go fishing.

John: Here, fishy, fishy, fishy!

Peter: Hm...the fish must be asleep.

John: Yeah, I'll try to wake 'em up... (yelling) HERE, FISHY, FISHY, FISHY!

Narrator: They didn't catch anything at all that night.

Peter: I guess the fish aren't here after all.

John: Nope.

Peter: It kinda reminds me of that one night...

John: You mean when we left our nets to follow Jesus?

Peter: Yeah, we didn't catch anything that night either!

John: Hmm...you're right.... That was a long time ago....

Narrator: So, they fished all night. The next morning they saw a man walking on the beach.

Jesus: Hey, how's the fishing?

Peter: Not so good.

John: We haven't had a bite all night!

Jesus: Well, try tossing your net off the other side of the boat!

Peter: Think that'll help?

Jesus: Sure!

Peter: Well...okay!

Narrator: So, they did what the man said, and lots of fish came swimming into their nets!



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Fish: (Make fish lips and swim at the fishermen)

Peter: Eek! Those are some big fish!

John: Yeah, and ugly too.

Fish: Watch it.

John: Sorry.

Peter: Wait a minute...something fishy is going on....

John: It's the Lord!

Peter: It looks like a fish to me....

John: No, no that...I mean the man on the shore! It's JESUS!

Peter: Whoa! You're right!

Narrator: Then Peter pulled on his jacket and jumped overboard.

Peter: (Pretend to jump overboard and go underwater)

John: Where are you going?

Peter: (Waggle your finger across your lips as you answer, to sound like you're under water)
Underwater, I guess.

Narrator: He managed to swim to shore, past all those fish...

Peter: (Swim past the Fish)

Fish: Watch it dude.

Peter: (Underwater voice) Sorry....

Narrator: And the other guys rowed the boat in.

John: (Making rowing motions) We're rowing....we're rowing....we're rowing, rowing, rowing.

Narrator: Jesus had made a little campfire on the beach.

Jesus: Hey, bring some of those fish you just caught!

Fish: Uh-oh.

Narrator: So they roasted some fish for breakfast.

Fish: I knew I shouldn't have gone into that net....

Narrator: This was the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he rose from the dead.

Narrator: A little while later, Peter and Jesus were talking.

Jesus: Peter?

Peter: Yes, Jesus?



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Jesus: Do you love me enough to die for me?

Peter: Well...yes...you know I love you like my own brother....

Jesus: Feed my lambs.

Peter: OK.

Jesus: Peter?

Peter: Yes, Jesus?

Jesus: Do you love me enough to die for me?

Peter: Yeah, I already said so. I love you like my own brother....

Jesus: Then watch over my sheep.

Peter: OK.

Jesus: Peter?

Peter: Oh, boy. Not this again...yes, Jesus?

Jesus: Do you love me like your own brother?

Narrator: Peter felt bad that Jesus kept asking him about his love.

Peter: You already know everything, Jesus. You know how much I love you....

Jesus: Then feed my sheep.

Peter: I will. I promise.

Narrator: Then Jesus predicted Peter would die because of his faith. And Jesus leaned really close and said,

Jesus: (To Peter) Follow me.

Peter: I will. I promise.

Narrator: After that, they all met with Jesus on a mountain near Jerusalem.

Jesus: Go and make disciples of all the different peoples of the world. Baptize them and teach them to obey all my words.

Peter and John: (together) OK!

Jesus: Wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit comes. Then tell my story in Jerusalem and in the countries nearby, and all around the world!

Peter and John: (together) OK! You got it!

Narrator: Then, Jesus lifted up his arms and said a blessing. Right in the middle of the blessing, he floated up and disappeared into a cloud.



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Peter: Whoa. That was cool.

John: Awesome.

Narrator: And then, Jesus friends went back to the Temple, to praise God and to wait for the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus had promised to send to them.

Everyone: (together) The end!

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who remembers another time when Jesus appeared to the men while they were fishing? What happened? (Matthew 4:18-22)
2. Who remembers another time when Peter went down in the water? What happened? (Matthew 14:22-33)
3. What is a disciple?
4. Can anybody be a disciple of Jesus?
5. Where did Jesus tell the disciples to teach people about Jesus?
6. Think about where we are right now. Are we in Jerusalem? Are we near to Jerusalem? Are we in a different part of the world?
7. Do you think there are people in the world who have never heard about Jesus?
8. How can you help spread the news about Jesus to people who have never heard?



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CRAFT

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OBJECTIVE: PAPER GLOBE

Make a colorful paper globe.

MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, staplers, rulers, hole punches

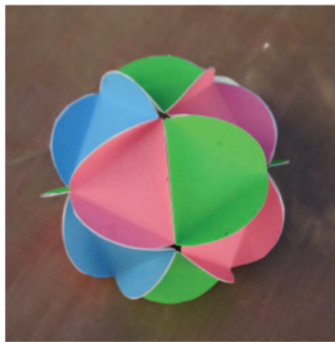
DIRECTIONS

- Cut out circles, 20 per child (consider preparing the circles prior to the trip)
- Fold circles as shown on the circle template to form triangles
- Glue flaps of 5 circles together to form the globe top
- Repeat for globe bottom
- Glue remaining 10 pieces together to form the middle section. The middle section should make a small tube.
- Blue top and bottom sections to the middle section
- Attach a ribbon and hang
- Option 1: Before folding circles, write the name of 20 different countries, one country on each circle.
- Option 2: Write John 3:16 in different languages (www.everytongue.com/john/index.htm) on various circles.

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Colored cardstock (inexpensive at Walmart) with template of circles printed on top, 4 per child
- Glue sticks
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EXAMPLE





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GAME

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OBJECTIVE: SPOKE CAPTURE

Players race around a group of people and then into the center of the group.

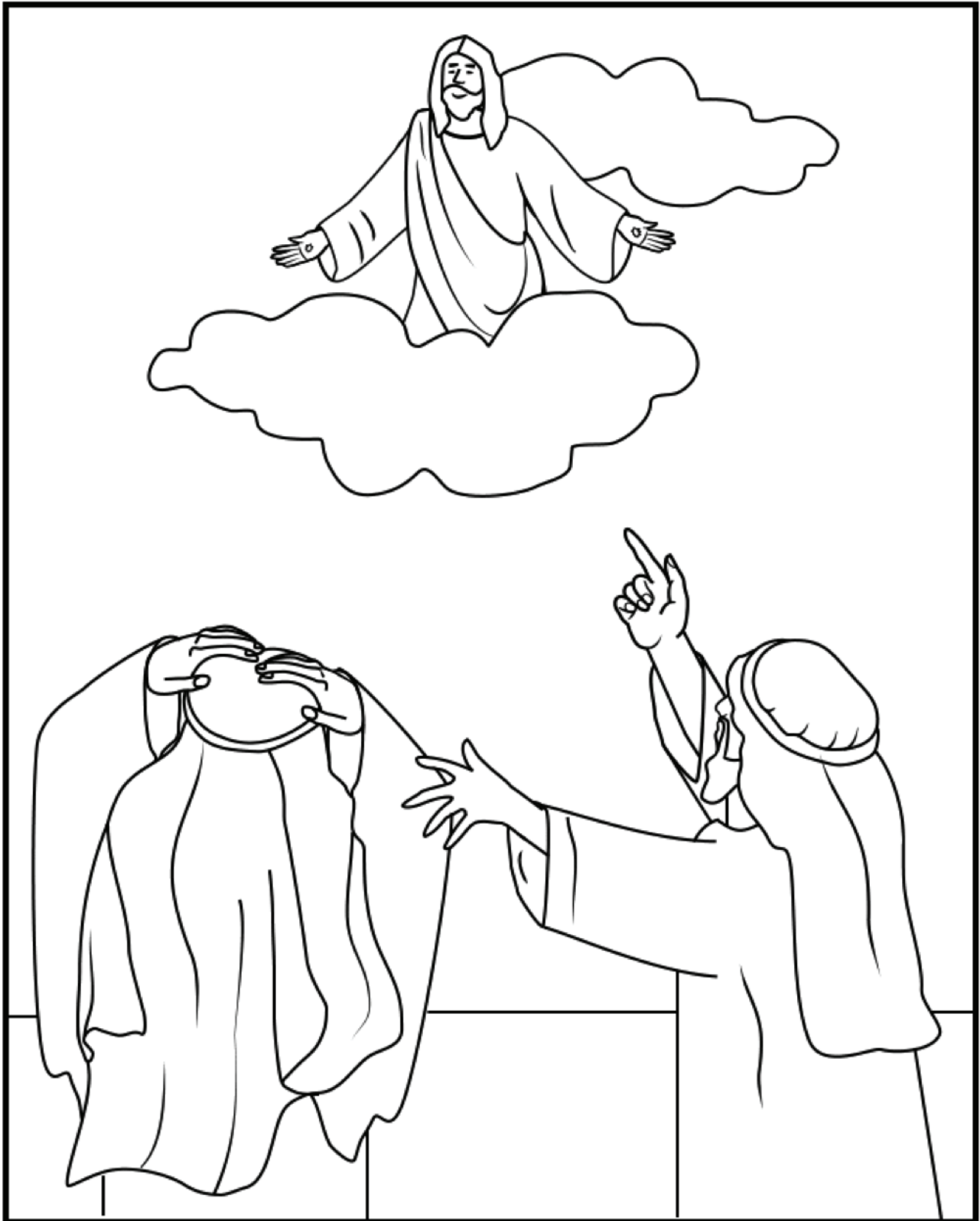
MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Object to capture such as a beanbag, shoe, etc.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Divide players into teams with 7-8 players
- Place an object to capture in the middle of the room
- Teams line up facing the object (like a spoke on a wheel)
- When the facilitator says go, the person at the end of each line races (in the same direction) around the spokes of people. When they return to the back of their line they must weave back and forth between the people in their line, getting to the center of the circle and capturing the object.
- The team that captures the object first gets a point.
- The player who just ran moves to the front of the line.
- Play game again until everyone has had a chance to run.



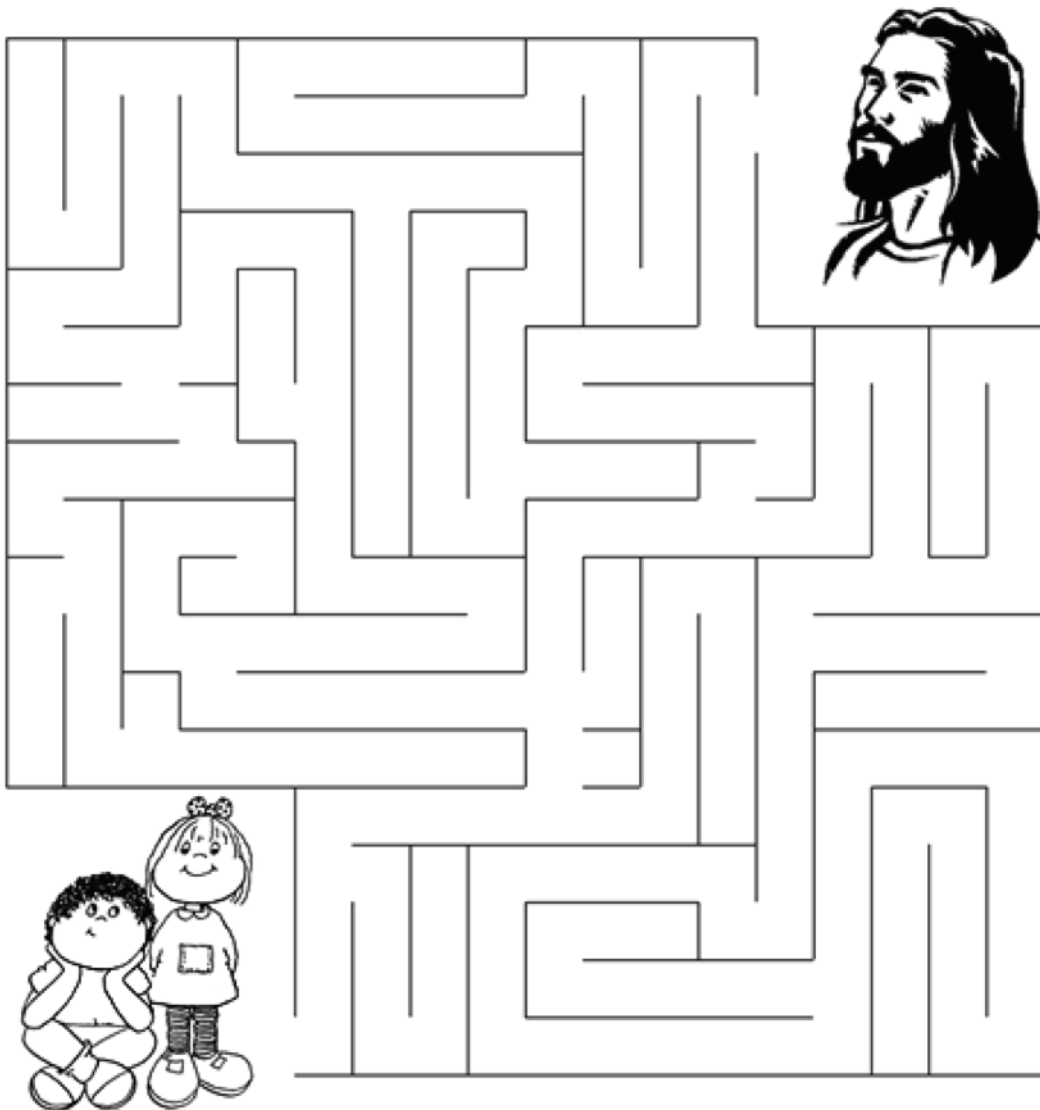




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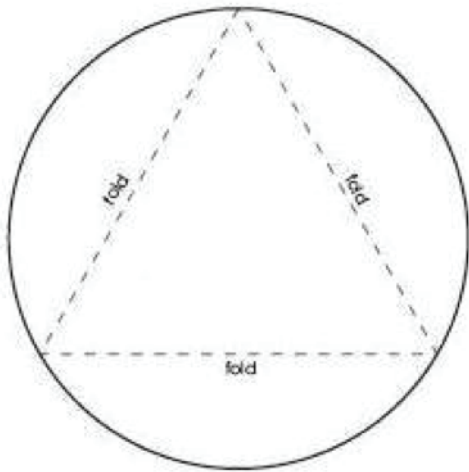
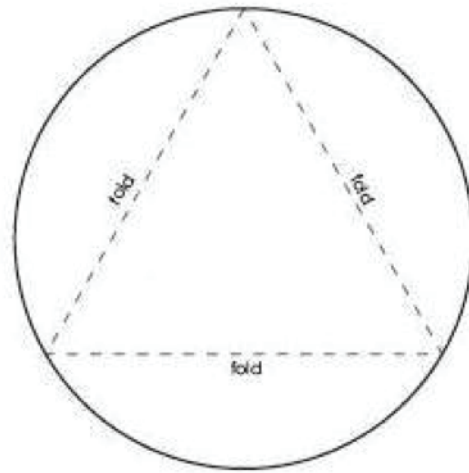
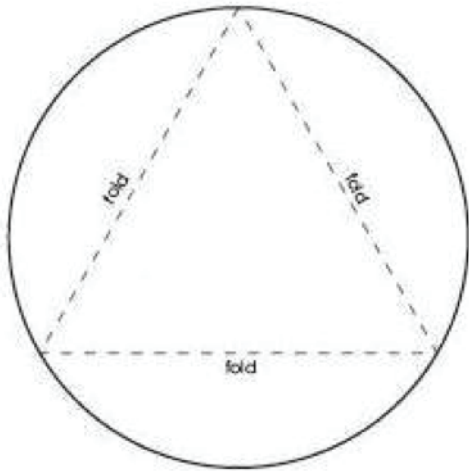
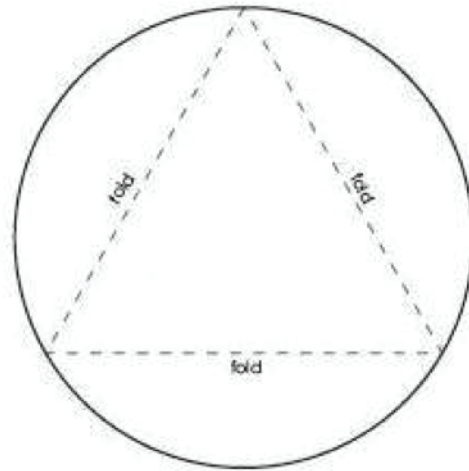
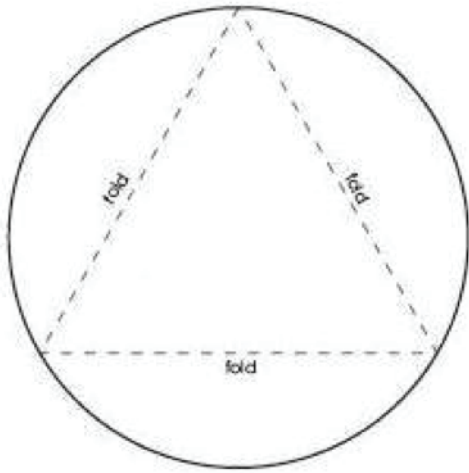
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Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)





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