



## JESUS' RETURN IS PROMISED

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Acts 1:1-11

**FOCUS VERSES:** Revelation 1:7; Hebrews 9:28;  
Matthew 24:14; Matthew 28:19-20

**Summary:** After Jesus died on the cross, He appeared to His disciples many times. He stayed with them for forty days, teaching about God's Kingdom. Jesus told them to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit. Then He ascended into heaven. Two men in white told the disciples Jesus would return one day in the same way that He left. The disciples prayed together in Jerusalem, awaiting the Spirit's arrival.



### MONTHLY *Memory Verse*

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

**(JOHN 3:16)**

### **BRITE** *Idea*

**Jesus will return one day.**

**HE**

**WHY WILL JESUS RETURN?**  
Jesus will return as the ruling King to fully complete God's plan of salvation and make all things new again. This hasn't happened yet, but we can be confident it will.

**WE**

**WHAT DOES GOD WANT US TO DO WHILE WE WAIT FOR JESUS' RETURN?**  
God wants us to be His witnesses and share the Gospel with the whole world.

**ME**

**HOW IS GOD INVITING ME TO RESPOND?**  
Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.














# MIXED UP TO JUST RIGHT













OLDER ELEMENTARY SMALL GROUP  
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PREP: Print the printable page and cut out (2 sets of verse cards).

 <b>For</b> <b>God so</b> 	 <b>loved</b> <b>the</b> 
 <b>world</b> <b>that</b> 	 <b>He</b> <b>gave</b> 
 <b>His only</b> <b>Son,</b> 	 <b>that</b> <b>whoever</b> 



 <b>believes</b> <b>in</b> 	 <b>Him</b> <b>should</b> 
 <b>not</b> <b>perish</b> 	 <b>but</b> <b>have</b> 
 <b>eternal</b> <b>life.</b> 	 <b>(John</b> <b>3:16)</b> 



# GOOD NEWS

**Share about  
God's love.**

**Share about  
Jesus'  
forgiveness.**

**Share about  
who Jesus is.**

**Share about  
who Jesus  
loves.**

**Share about what God  
has done in your life or  
how God has changed  
your life.**

**Share about how  
you received Jesus  
as your Savior and  
gave Him your life.**

**Share about a time  
when Jesus  
forgave you.**



# WHEN TO SHARE

**A friend  
feels lonely.**

**A friend is upset  
they messed up  
at practice.**

**A friend is  
disappointed they  
can't do an activity  
they want to.**

**You are deciding  
what music to  
listen to  
with friends.**

**A friend is  
nervous about  
a big test.**

**After a big fight  
with your best  
friend.**

**A friend is  
scared because  
they are moving.**



# TAKE-HOME

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HOW IS GOD INVITING **ME** TO RESPOND?



Large empty box for drawing or writing a response.



DRAW OR WRITE YOUR RESPONSE

## CHOOSE YOUR Challenge

- Memorize John 3:16 by putting it to a melody.
- Make paper airplanes and fly them as high as you can outside. Retell the story of Jesus' ascension and promise to return.
- Ask God to help you show His love to others. Think of one person you can show the love of God to this week.

SCAN ME!

FOR AT-HOME DISCIPLESHIP DISCUSSION



## NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD

Is it ok to share what I believe can be a tough topic for kids. We can help kids view this topic through the lens of Scripture. Learn more about this and how to have a conversation at home here: [Britecurriculum.com/tough-topics](https://Britecurriculum.com/tough-topics)




WHAT'S DIFFERENT?

REBUS PUZZLE

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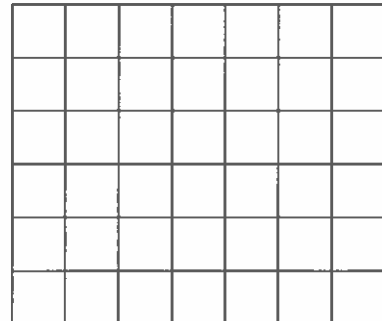
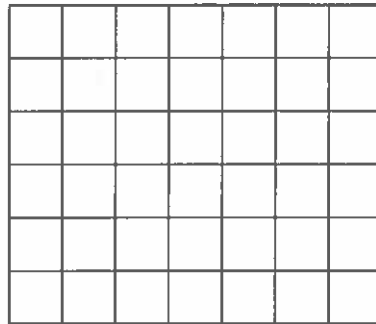
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CONNECT FOUR



Find a partner.  
Take turns putting an "x" or "o" in boxes. You must put your shape in the lowest box in the column.  
The first player to get four in a row in any direction wins!

# HEY, FAMILIES!

This month's theme is:



Here's what we're learning:



## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16*

### THE CROSS AND THE EMPTY TOMB

(Mark 15:13–16:8; Luke 23:26–24:1–9)

Week 1

**Brite Idea:** Jesus defeated death!

**He Question:** How could Jesus rise from the dead?

*God, in His great power, raised Jesus from the dead, proving that He had defeated death and sin forever.*

**We Question:** What does it mean for us that Jesus is alive?

*Because Jesus defeated death, we can be forgiven of our sins and have eternal life with God forever. We can choose to trust in Him as our Savior.*

### THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

(Luke 24:13–35)

Week 2

**Brite Idea:** God gave us the Bible to point to Jesus.

**He Question:** What is the Bible?

*The Bible is God's message to us. It is the true story of God's plan to redeem His people.*

**We Question:** Why is reading the Bible important?

*The Bible is a gift from God because it teaches us how to have a relationship with Jesus and how to live life His way.*

### JESUS' PROMISED RETURN

(Acts 1:1–11)

Week 3

**Brite Idea:** Jesus will return one day.

**He Question:** Why will Jesus return?

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**We Question:** What does God want us to do while we wait for Jesus' return?

*God wants us to be His witnesses and share the Gospel with the whole world.*

### THE HOLY SPIRIT ARRIVES

(Acts 2:1–41)

Week 4

**Brite Idea:** The Holy Spirit lives in believers.

**He Question:** Who is the Holy Spirit?

*The Holy Spirit is God and has all of the power and authority of God. The same Holy Spirit given to believers at Pentecost lives in followers of Jesus today.*

**We Question:** How does the Holy Spirit help us?

*When we trust in Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of us. He helps us know how to follow God and spread His love.*



# FAMILY CALENDAR



SUNDAY REMEMBER & RESPOND	MONDAY WONDER & DISCUSS	TUESDAY EXPLORE	WEDNESDAY REVIEW	THURSDAY PUT INTO PRACTICE	FRIDAY & SATURDAY PREPARE AHEAD
<p>WEEK 1 ----- Jesus defeated death! What does this mean for me?</p>	<p><b>READ TOGETHER:</b> John 11:25-26. What does Jesus mean when He says we "shall never die"?</p>	<p>Draw a cross with sidewalk chalk for your neighbors to enjoy.</p>	<p><b>JOHN 3:16</b> What does "eternal life" mean?</p>	<p>Plant a seed together. Talk about how it is buried in darkness, but it won't stay in darkness—new life will sprout soon!</p>	<p>Sing or listen to "He Lives" or another Resurrection Sunday song. <b>READ TOGETHER:</b> Luke 24:13-35 <b>DISCUSS:</b> What does this teach us about God?</p>
<p>WEEK 2 ----- God gave us the Bible to point to Jesus. What does this mean for me?</p>	<p><b>READ TOGETHER:</b> 2 Timothy 3:16 How should we treat the Bible based on this verse?</p>	<p>Underline a few of your favorite Bible verses. Share why they are your favorites.</p>	<p><b>JOHN 3:16</b> How does the Bible help us believe in Jesus?</p>	<p>Make a poster of Old Testament stories. Draw a picture of the cross in the center. Think about how these stories point to Jesus.</p>	<p>Play Charades with Bible stories and characters. <b>READ TOGETHER:</b> Acts 1:1-11 <b>DISCUSS:</b> What does this teach us about God?</p>
<p>WEEK 3 ----- Jesus will return one day. What does this mean for me?</p>	<p><b>READ TOGETHER:</b> Matthew 28:19-20. How is Jesus always with us?</p>	<p>Look up at the clouds together. Imagine what it was like when Jesus ascended.</p>	<p><b>JOHN 3:16</b> Why did God give us Jesus?</p>	<p>Make a promise to each other and keep it! Talk about how Jesus kept His promise in sending us our Helper.</p>	<p>Be a helper in your neighborhood. <b>READ TOGETHER:</b> Acts 2:1-41 <b>DISCUSS:</b> What does this teach us about God?</p>
<p>WEEK 4 ----- The Holy Spirit lives in believers. What does this mean for me?</p>	<p><b>READ TOGETHER:</b> John 14:16-17 Who is the "Spirit of truth"?</p>	<p>Create your dream dwelling together.</p>	<p><b>JOHN 3:16</b> What do we need to do to have eternal life with Jesus?</p>	<p>Inflate balloons and talk about how the Holy Spirit "fills" your lives, just as your breath "filled" the balloons.</p>	<p>Go on a family walk together to help take care of your body (as the temple of the Holy Spirit). <b>READ TOGETHER:</b> Acts 4:32-37; 5:1-11 <b>DISCUSS:</b> What does this teach us about God?</p>

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