

An Important Job to Do. But...Wait for the Gift!

Instructions: Children draw as the teacher or children read the scriptures. Scriptures listed are in the New International Version of the Bible.

<p>He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. (Acts 1:3) <i>(Write "40" in the box at right)</i></p>	
<p>¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:16-20) <i>(In verses 19-20 underline these important words: go, disciples, baptizing, teaching.)</i></p>	
<p>⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 1:4-5) <i>(Draw a wrapped gift.)</i></p>	
<p>⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8) <i>(Draw the earth)</i></p>	
<p>⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. (Acts 1:9) <i>(Draw Jesus disappearing into a cloud.)</i></p>	
<p>¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:10-11) <i>(Draw the two men-or angels.)</i></p>	