

“I’ll Be Back” Wristbands

Kids create a wristband as they remember that when Jesus rose, he took us to new heights.

Resource Type: Art

Story Name: The Ascension

Learner Level: Grades 5-6

Supplies:

Embroidery floss (several colors)

White or metallic silver embroidery floss

Scissors

Masking tape

Set Up:

Cut embroidery floss into 24-inch (61 cm) pieces. Place supplies in a central location.

Instructions:

Today we read about Jesus’ promise to return to us someday. We also learned that the Holy Spirit is here while Jesus is in heaven. To help you remember this story and the presence of the Holy Spirit, you’re going to create a special wristband that you can wear every single day. Let’s get started.

1. Invite kids to choose two colors of embroidery floss, taking two or three pieces of each color. Then ask kids to take two or three pieces of the silver or white floss.
2. Direct kids to fold the pieces of floss in half and tie a knot at the center to make a small loop. Secure the loop to the floor or table with masking tape.
3. Instruct kids to separate their colored strands into three sections, then begin braiding them together. Be prepared to show some kids how to braid.
4. Have kids continue braiding until they have wristbands large enough to fit around their wrists, then invite them to tie a knot at the end to secure the braid.
5. Help kids tie their wristbands onto their wrists and wear them home.

The bracelet that you created today has three colors—one for God, one for Jesus, and one for the Holy Spirit. I hope those special silver strands will help you remember the story of the ascension and how, when Jesus rose, he took us to new heights.

If you have less time . . .

Use yarn, which is easier to control. Complete steps 1 and 2 for kids before they arrive.

If you have more time . . .

Encourage kids to complete a second wristband to give away.

Who's Missing?/What's Missing?

Kids play an observation game as they remember that when Jesus rose, he took us to new heights.

Resource Type: Activity

Story Name: The Ascension

Learner Level: Grades 5-6

Supplies/Set-up:

None

Instructions:

Christ ascended into heaven with the promise that someday he would return. We can be sure that, even though he is missing from this earth, he will be back. We're going to play a special game today. In this game, someone or something will go missing, but once we remember who or what it is, they'll come right back! Let's get started!

Play one or both the following games with your group.

Who's Missing?

1. Instruct kids to close their eyes.
2. Quietly choose one person to leave the room.
3. Direct kids to open their eyes and try to guess who is missing.

What's Missing?

1. Instruct kids to close their eyes.
2. While the kids' eyes are closed, remove something from the room.
3. Direct kids to open their eyes and try to guess what is missing.

You did a great job remembering the things that were missing. I hope you'll always remember that even though he's not here on earth with us today, Jesus Christ will come again. When Jesus rose, he took us to new heights!

If you have less time . . .

Play a limited number of rounds of the game.

If you have more time . . .

Combine the two games to make it more challenging. Choose someone to remove something they are wearing (e.g., shoe, a hair band, or a jacket).

Prayer:

Dear Jesus,

We thank you for the words you've passed on to us through the disciples and the Bible. We know that you give us the strength to witness to others. Help us to take our job seriously and to do the best we can to tell others about you.

Amen.