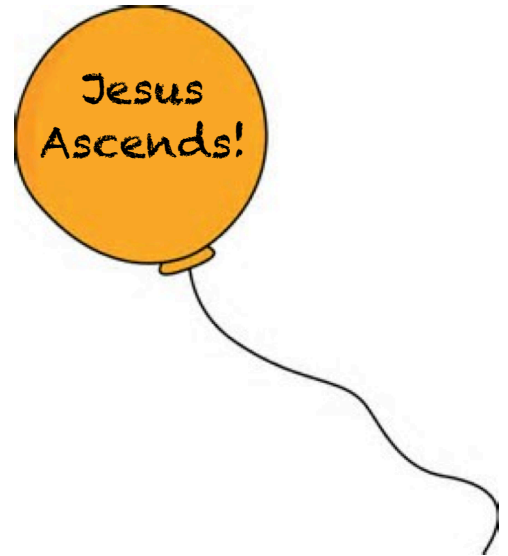


Up, up and Away! Ascension Balloons

Materials:

- Balloons (1 for each child) - *You may use uninflated (empty) latex balloons or balloons already filled with helium*
- String or ribbon
- Small pieces of paper
- Sharpie Markers
- *Optional: 1 large "Class Helium Balloon"*



Directions:

If using UNINFLATED Balloons:

1. On a small piece of paper, have students write a short message (*"I BELIEVE!"*, *"JESUS LOVES ME,"* etc.) OR students may copy:

"So then, after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God." (Mark 16:19)
2. Fold papers very small and place inside the "uninflated" balloon
3. Have children blow up their balloons with paper inside and attach a ribbon/string.
4. Let each child write/draw with a permanent marker on the outside of their balloon words associated with today's lesson about Ascension, such as:

JESUS RETURNS; PRAISE GOD; OBEY JESUS, JESUS ASCENDS, etc.
5. At the end of class, take children outside to allow their balloons to "take flight" as they run pulling **their** balloons behind them so that they "ascend" into the air
6. Have each child write their name or a message on your "Class Helium Balloon" and together, release the balloon and watch it "ascend" into the heavens just as the apostles watched Jesus. Lead students in singing "Der Voghormya" while the balloon disappears into the sky!

If using HELIUM Balloons:

1. On a small piece of paper, have students write a short message (*"I BELIEVE!"*, *"JESUS LOVES ME,"* etc.) OR students may copy:

"So then, after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God." (Mark 16:19)
2. Punch a hole at top of paper and attach to balloon.
3. Let each child write/draw with a permanent marker on the outside of their balloon words associated with today's lesson about Ascension, such as:

JESUS RETURNS; PRAISE GOD; OBEY JESUS, JESUS ASCENDS, etc.
4. At the end of class, take children outside to release their balloons and watch them "ascend" into the heavens just as the apostles watched Jesus. Lead students in singing "Der Voghormya" while the balloon disappears into the sky!