

Up, Up and Away

The Scene: Luke reads a letter to his friend "Theo."

The Simple Setup: Place a chair at stage left.

For Extra Impact: Break out the choir robes for costumes.



The Characters

Theo: a guy

Jesus: a guy

Angels: two guys

Disciples: guys and girls

The Skit

After you've assigned the roles of Theo and Jesus, form the rest of your children into a group of Disciples.

As the skit begins, Theo sits in a chair at stage left. The Disciples and Jesus are center stage. The Angels are off stage right.



Start the "Jesus Taken to Heaven" track on *The Hummingtonous Book of Bible Skits for Children's Ministry CD* (track 48). Set your CD player on "repeat" so the track repeats.

Theo:

(Sitting at a table reading the script as if it were a letter) Hi, Theo! This is Luke. In my first letter, I told you a LOT about Jesus. I told you about his TEACHING and about his MIRACLES. I told you about his SUFFERING, too. Then I mentioned how Jesus SHOWED himself to his Disciples after Jesus rose from the dead. But now I want to tell you more about those Disciples. They had LOTS of questions for Jesus, but sometimes the Disciples didn't seem to quite get what Jesus was trying to DO. Once, they were all excited about Jesus restoring the kingdom to Israel. The Disciples were jumping up and down and they kept asking the same question.

Disciples: Is it TIME yet? Is it TIME yet? Are you setting up your KINGDOM now?

Jesus: Listen, it's not for you to know, OK? Will you give it a REST? The Father will let us know when it's time!

Theo: (Reading) Jesus had taught the Disciples so many things. One of those things was that the Holy Spirit was going to be a BIG part of their future. But the Disciples just DIDN'T seem to get it. They had just one thing on their minds.

Disciples: Is it TIME yet? Is it TIME yet? Are you setting up your KINGDOM now?

Jesus: One more time: The Father will let us KNOW when it's time—and not one MINUTE earlier! While you're waiting, I DO have a job for you, though.

Disciples: (Celebrating) All RIGHT!

Jesus: You're going to be my WITNESSES! You get to tell EVERYONE all the things that I've taught you and about the ADVENTURES we've been on. I want you to bring the love of GOD to people.

Disciples: (Raise their arms in victory.) Yeah!

Jesus: You'll be my witnesses in JERUSALEM!

Disciples: (Raise their arms in victory.) Yeah!

Jesus: Those are people just like you. They're your friends and neighbors.

Disciples: (Raise their arms in victory.) Yeah!

Jesus: And you get to be my witnesses in all of JUDEA!

Disciples: (Raise their arms in victory.) Yeah!

Jesus: I thought you'd like THAT, too. You know how to get to Judea—it's close by. You'll have to do a bit of WALKING, but we can't be selfish with this good news from God.

Disciples: (Raise their arms in victory.) Yeah!

Jesus: And then you get to be my witnesses in SAMARIA!

Disciples: (Raise their arms in victory.) Yeah! (Look at each other and then drop arms.) No—BOOO! We mean BOOO! BOOO!

Jesus: I THOUGHT this would happen. You're good Jews, so you don't especially LIKE Samaritans. There's been bad blood between you and them for GENERATIONS. But the love of God is BIGGER than racism...and we've already covered this "love your enemy" thing. You have to tell the good news of God to EVERYONE—even people who aren't your favorite folks.

Disciples: Well...OK. We guess...

Jesus: And then...

Disciples: We're not done yet?

Jesus: Not yet. You get to be my witnesses to the VERY ENDS OF THE WORLD.

Disciples: But we don't KNOW anybody there.

Jesus: Listen: The good news from God is SO big that you've got to take it to the WHOLE WORLD! You can't let ANYTHING stop you. Make new friends and travel to places you've never been and tell EVERYONE all the things I've told you!

Disciples: (Raise their arms in victory.) Yeah!

(Jesus leaves the stage.)

Theo: (Reading) Then, Theo, the STRANGEST thing happened. Jesus started to float toward heaven. I mean REALLY float toward heaven. He lifted straight off the ground and just kept GOING, until the clouds blocked him from view. And the Disciples said:

Disciples: (Looking up to heaven) Whoa, dude.

(Angels enter from stage right.)

Theo: (Reading) They were AMAZED. When they looked around they saw two men in dazzling white robes. The Angels said:

Angels: What are you doing looking at the sky? Jesus has gone home like he said, and just like he said, he'll be back.

Theo: (Reading) And the Disciples said...

Disciples: Whoa, dude.

Theo: (Reading) Then the ANGELS said...

Angels: So, why are you standing around HERE? You've got WORK to do.

Theo: (Reading) And the Disciples said...

Disciples: (Raise their arms in victory.) Yeah!

Theo: (Reading) I've got plenty more to write about. I'm going to tell you ALL the Acts of the Apostles before we're through!



To Talk About

- ◆ How do you think the disciples felt about their new assignment?
- ◆ Jesus wanted the disciples to go to their enemies, the Samaritans, with the good news of Jesus. Without naming names, have you ever had to love an enemy because Jesus wanted you to?
- ◆ Who is one person that you should share the good news of Jesus with? Let's pray for those people together right now.

Topical Tie-Ins: Witnessing, Ascension of Christ, Loving Enemies