

DIGGIN' WITH DOTTIE AND THE EMPTY TOMB

Preschool
Week 4

PARENT BIBLE STUDY

Read: Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 1:1-11

Where is Jesus? This might be the most confusing question we encounter in kids ministry. The answer is far from concrete or simple. He is in heaven. He is in your heart. He is with you. He is with God. He is here now. He is coming back someday.

The physical presence of Jesus on earth came to an end in these passages from Scripture. Jesus left like he came – miraculously and humbly. As his disciples watched, Jesus was simply “taken up” into the sky, promising that he would be back. And that was it. No fire. No parade. No celebration. No pomp and circumstance as the risen Savior returned to sit down at the right hand of God.

Before Jesus left, he called his disciples to a huge task – to spread his word, to make disciples of all nations, to baptize them, and to teach them to obey everything he commanded them. But Jesus didn't just command them and leave. He also gave them a promise that although he was going away physically, he was also always with them. He promised them the power of Holy Spirit, which would literally be his presence living inside them.

Perhaps the question, “where is Jesus?” is more complicated than the answer. He is everywhere. He is closer than the air we breathe. With his Spirit living inside us here on earth, his power is always available. We aren't left to just stand staring up into the sky waiting for Jesus to return. Instead, we are commanded, like the disciples were that day over 2,000 years ago, to let God use us to show the whole world what Jesus is really like and what it looks like to follow him.

What would you say if someone asked you where Jesus is?

How is God using you to show the world Jesus?