



Let's Talk About Clouds

“...as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.” – Acts 1:9

Jesus ascended into heaven on a bed of clouds, leaving His followers behind. They could no longer see Him and continued to stare at the clouds. Then, two men in white robes were like, “Don’t worry guys, He’ll be coming back the same way.”

Cloud travel?

Okay, so this might seem a little “out there”, but let’s talk about clouds. Maybe they can help us understand our relationship with Jesus a little better, in a different kind of way.

There are many different types of clouds. Maybe you’ve learned about some of them in school.

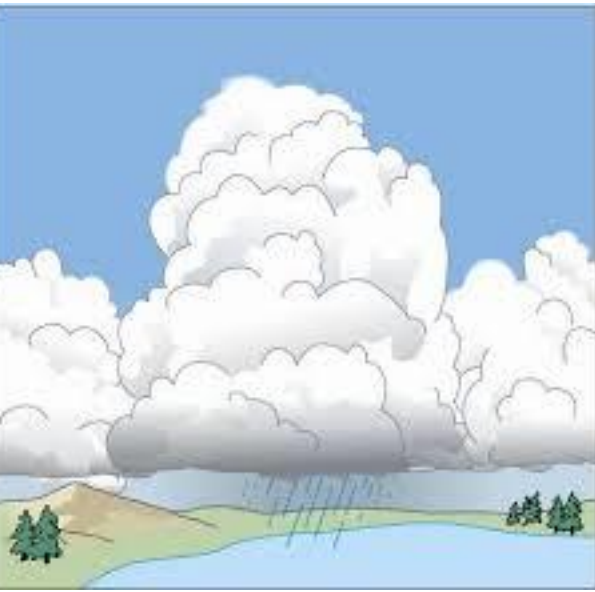
Cumulus clouds, white and puffy, usually mean good weather.

HIGH WISPY CIRRUS CLOUDS ,that look like brushstrokes, may or may not mean that snow is on the way.

Giant “anvil-headed cumulonimbus” clouds mean business when they tell you a storm is surely coming, and soon!

There are many other kinds of clouds, but let’s stick with these three for now. Take a look at the pictures on the next page. Read and talk about them with a family member.

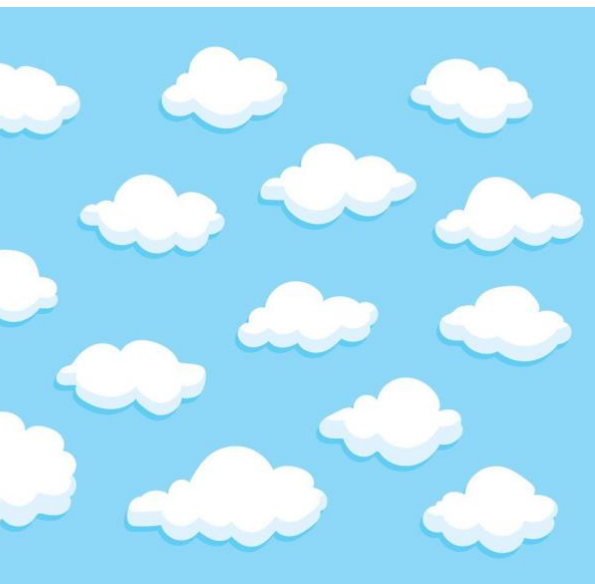
In Acts 1: 6-11, the followers looked after Jesus as if He were leaving them. That is when He assured them that they were to be filled with the Holy Spirit, which meant that Jesus was alive inside them. The clouds that carried Jesus “away”, can help us to remember that He is with us, in all kinds of weather.



Giant “anvil-headed cumulonimbus” clouds, storm clouds, dark times, scary things like grumpy moms and lost dogs. Jesus is with us, hiding under the blanket, being extra quiet. Jesus is there for us when we’re scared, when we need a hug, when we feel all cold and wet inside.

High wispy cirrus clouds, “maybe” clouds, float away or stay, school or snow day clouds, I’m not sure clouds.

Jesus is with us on our first day at a new school, walking into a classroom full of strange kids. Jesus is there for us when we don’t know what will happen, when we don’t know what to do, when we sit on the “buddy bench”, waiting to see if someone will ask us to play.



Cumulus, good weather clouds, clouds for kites and bikes. Good feelings, happy times.

Jesus is with us while we’re running through the grass and kicking that soccer ball! Jesus is there for us when we celebrate, when we smile, when all is right with the world