

Sola Publishing Children's Message Easter 5 – Year C		SOLA
I Will See You Again		
Readings	1) Acts 11:1-18 2) Revelation 21:1-7 3) John 16:12-22	
Scripture Focus	John 16:22	
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Illustrations from FreeBibleImages.com https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/gnpi-acts-ascension/	
Message Jesus is God's Son, and part of God's plan to save us and take us to heaven to be with him forever was to send Jesus here to be with us for a while. So, Jesus was born, he had an Earth mom [Remember her name?] and an Earth dad [Remember his name? Remember his job?], but God was his true Father. Jesus lived with his family, Mary and Joseph, and his brothers and sisters, and grew up with them. [I wonder what his favorite lunch was.] He had friends and laughed and played games with them until it was time for him to do the work God sent him to do. That's when he called his disciples and started teaching them about who he was, and about God, heaven, faith, and grace. Jesus spent 3 years teaching them and everyone who would listen to him. Then Jesus' time on Earth was coming to an end. [Remember how it ended? We celebrated it a few weeks ago.] He died on the cross, but woke up from being dead on Easter Sunday. If he didn't do that, we wouldn't be able to be in heaven with him someday. I'm so glad he loved us that much. I can't wait to see him and talk to him. After Jesus woke up from being dead, he talked to a lot of people and his disciples, showing them that he was really alive. They were very happy that he was there and hoped that he would stay with them for a long time. Then Jesus told them that he needed to go back to heaven to be with God. They were very sad, BUT he also said this, "I know you are sad that I am going away and you will miss me, but I will see you again and your hearts will be very happy, and you will be happy forever." What do you do when you're very happy? [There will be a variety of answers.] What will you do when you see Jesus? Run up to him and give him a big hug? A high-five? Big shout? "Hey Jesus, it's me, NAME!" And Jesus will know exactly who you are. Let's do that one for our prayer. (Be sure to shout and say your name!)		
Repeat Prayer	Hey Jesus! It's me, / (everyone shouts their name). Thank you for loving me. I love you. Amen	

