

## Family Liturgy – Ascension of the Lord (Year A)

Sunday 24 May 2020

### Preparing the prayer space

Place a white or gold cloth on the table or floor (white or gold for Easter Season).

Place a cross, a bible and a candle on it. Some holy water if you have some or a bowl with water as a reminder of our baptism. Light the candle or use a battery-operated candle for safety. Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

### Prepare materials

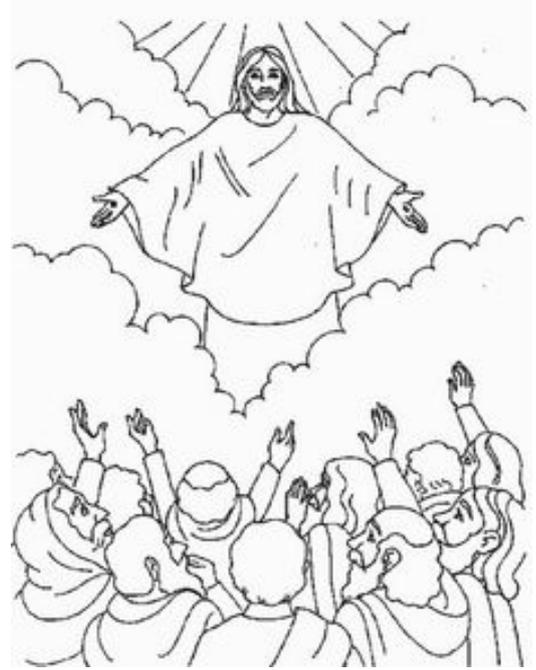
You tube as listed on sheet: Gospel stories and song

Suggested activities: your choice or other related activity on sheet

Print out sheet if required

### Gather around the prayer space as a family

**Parent/Caregiver:** Today we hear that Jesus ascended into heaven. We join ourselves to Jesus and listen to what he is asking of us today.



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**Opening prayer:** God of the Resurrection, we give you thanks for sending Jesus into the world so we could understand how much you love us. Help us to hear his promise to us as he ascended into heaven to be with us always. Help us to find him every day in our daily life. Help us now to listen to your Word to us. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (28: 16-20)

**All:** Glory to you O, Lord

Jesus' eleven disciples went to a mountain in Galilee, where Jesus had told them to meet him.

They saw him and worshipped him, but some of them doubted.

Jesus came to them and said:

"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth!  
Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples.  
Baptise them in the name of the Father,  
the son, and the Holy Spirit,  
and teach them to do everything I have told you.

"I will be with you always,  
even until the end of the world."

The gospel of the Lord. **All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Gospel text © Lectionary for Masses with Children (1993) Catholic Book Publishing Co. New York)

Prayerfully watch the Gospel story of Jesus' Ascension into Heaven.

<https://youtu.be/UcFw8pLBSIo> Jesus' Ascension (God is with us) (2.58 mins) or  
<https://youtu.be/Kn6ULzTTE0k> or <https://youtu.be/99Kq0z9KZDg> Matthew 28:16-20

### **Gospel reflection and time of sharing:**

I wonder how the disciples felt as they were going to the mountain to meet Jesus?

I wonder how the disciples felt when they saw Jesus on the mountain?

I wonder how the disciples felt when Jesus said: "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth!"

I wonder how the disciples felt when Jesus said to them: "Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples".

I wonder what the disciples thought when Jesus said, "Baptise them in the name of the Father, the son, and the Holy Spirit".

I wonder what Jesus meant when he said, "teach them to do everything I have told you."?

I wonder if the disciples were happy when Jesus said, "I will be with you always, even until the end of the world."

I wonder what Jesus is asking of me today?

### **Parent/Caregiver:**

Let us pray quietly and listen to Jesus' message to us.

Let us think of how we can tell others about Jesus.

(pause for a moment)

Let us share with each other, one way in which we can tell others about Jesus.

**Intercessions:** Let us now spend some time in prayer asking God to listen to our needs.  
(*We respond to the prayers by repeating the words 'Lord, hear our prayer'*)

1 We pray for Pope Francis, Archbishop Pat and all Church and world leaders: that all may be able to go to the people of all nations and make them disciples of Jesus. Lord, hear us.

2 We pray for all people in our parishes who are not able to meet together at this time: that they may know in their hearts that Jesus is with us always. Lord, here us.

3 We pray for people in our world who are suffering in any way at this time: may they always feel the presence of Jesus in their lives. Lord, hear us.

4 We pray for all people who have died recently and especially for people we know and love: that they will find eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ. Lord, hear us.

**Closing prayer:** God of the Resurrection, we believe in your love – your love created the world. We believe in your love – your love sent Jesus to live with us on earth. We believe in your love – your love sent the Holy Spirit to breathe life through us. Amen.

**Closing song:** <https://youtu.be/SLISGZhdrVM> GO! Worship Song.

### **Follow up activity suggestions after the time of prayer has come to a close.**

- Write a prayer in your prayer journal (special notebook).
- Ask the children to write a prayer thanking Jesus for showing them the way to the God.
- Add to this prayer journal each day.
- Act out the story of Jesus talking to his disciples
- Go to [https://sermons4kids.com/ascension\\_group\\_activities.htm](https://sermons4kids.com/ascension_group_activities.htm) and <https://ministry-to-children.com/jesus-ascension-lesson/> and <https://ministry-to-children.com/jesus-ascension-lesson/> for more puzzles, ideas and activities.