

Seventh Sunday of Easter- Ascension of the Lord

16th May 2021

Preparing the prayer space

Place a white cloth on the table or floor (white – the colour for Solemnity)

Place a cross, bible and candle on it. Light the candle or use a battery-operated candle for safety. Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

Prepare materials

- YouTube as listed on sheet: Scripture story and song
- Suggested activities: your choice or other related activity on sheet
- Print out sheet if required



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<https://ministry-to-children.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Jesus-Ascension-100x100.jpg>

Gather around the prayer space as a family

Parent/Caregiver:

Today, we hear that Jesus sits at the right hand of God in heaven.

Opening prayer: Lord God, we ask you to inspire us to be like the disciples in speaking about your Good News to others.

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark (16:15-20)

All: Glory to you O, Lord.

Jesus told his disciples:

“Go and preach the good news to everyone in the world. Anyone who believes me and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe me will be condemned.

“Everyone who believes me will be able to do wonderful things. By using my name they will force out demons, and they will speak new languages. They will handle snakes and will drink poison and not be hurt. They will also heal sick people by placing their hands on them.”

After the Lord Jesus had said these things to the disciples, he was taken back up to heaven where he sat down at the right side of God. Then the disciples left and preached everywhere. The Lord was with them, and the miracles they worked proved that their message was true.

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 videos together

Jesus' Ascension into heaven <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcFw8pLBSIo> (2:58 mins)

After the tomb <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VyA4xoi70zU> (4:08 mins)

Scripture reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder what the disciples were thinking when Jesus was saying these things...

I wonder how the disciples were feeling about Jesus' words...

I wonder how Jesus was taken back up to heaven...

I wonder why Jesus sat on the right side of God...
I wonder how God felt when the disciples preached everywhere...
I wonder what kind of miracles the disciples did...

Let us sing together our beliefs as Christians:

I Believe - John Burland ft. Genevieve Bryant <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvYbfojVKGQ> (4 mins)

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

1 We pray for Pope Francis, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, all Church and world leaders: that they can continue to be great leaders who can guide and lead others.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

2 We pray for the children and families who are preparing for their Sacraments of Initiation that during this time they will draw nearer to God.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

3 We pray that members of our Church will be inspired like the disciples to reach out to others and share the love of God.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

4 We pause for a moment and pray in our hearts or aloud for any intentions or people we would like to pray for at this time (*pause*)

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

6 We pray for all people who have died recently and or are suffering at this time. May they find their resting place with Jesus.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

Closing prayer: Loving God, Jesus' love for God inspired the disciples to do good works and share this with others. May we be inspired to do great work and share God's love with others like our friends, family, and neighbours. Amen.

Closing song: *Go Make a Difference*- Steve Angrisano
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WDjQEoltGzQ> (3:02 mins)

Follow up activity suggestions after the time of prayer has end.

- **Prayer journal**
Write a prayer to Jesus in your prayer journal (special notebook).
- **Ascension crafts**
The disciples witnessed Jesus ascending into heaven to be with God. Make your own craft of this special event <https://www.catholicicing.com/ascension-of-jesus-crafts-for-kids/>
- **Family Connection**
Jesus sat at the right hand of God. Why was this so? As a family, spend some discussing the importance of being in the 'right place'. <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/sixth-sunday-of-easter-cycle-b-sunday-connection/>