

FAMILY FAITH SUPPORT



Next Weekend

ASCENSION SUNDAY

To watch YouTube: The Feast of the Ascension explained with lego – Trideo 2017

Jesus' Ascension – Saddleback kids 2017



For parents/guardians -

Helping children understand the feast.

The Feast of the Ascension is celebrated forty days after Easter Sunday (therefore always on a Thursday). We celebrate the feast on the first Sunday after. The feast recalls Jesus being taken gloriously up into heaven, to be "*seated at the right hand of God the Father.*" After Jesus' ascension, the disciples awaited the promise of the Holy Spirit.

After watching the videos or reading Matthew 28: 16-20

Imagine with the children how the disciples felt when Jesus left.

- What did Jesus expect of the disciples upon his leaving?
- Wonder with them: What does it feel like to say goodbye?

Discuss with them:

Jesus is Lord in heaven, but he is also Lord in our hearts.

We do not have to be afraid of dying because Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us in heaven with those who love God.

We know and feel real things we cannot see, like our parents' and friends' love.

The disciples needed to say goodbye to Jesus, and as Jesus left them, they turned closer to each other, to learn more about Jesus and to let others know about the Jesus who awaits them in heaven.

TO MAKE FOR ASCENSION SUNDAY

TO BRING TO MASS.

Draw a figure of Jesus on a piece of card paper.

2. Cut out the figure and use black marker to draw hair, hands and robe.

3. Draw clouds on white construction paper and cut them out.

4. Paste clouds onto the plastic cup.

5. On one larger cloud write the words:

JESUS WAS TAKEN INTO HEAVEN



6. Attach string to the cut-out of the Christ figure, through a hole in the top of the cup, to the large cloud.

A Game To Play

Balloon Ascension

Give each member of the family a non-helium filled balloon. Instruct everyone that they must keep their balloon in the air for 40 seconds by hitting it up each time it falls. If the balloon falls to the ground, they are disqualified. If they maintain contact with the balloon, such as holding it, they are also disqualified. At the end of the first 40 seconds, if more than one player kept their balloon in the air for 40 seconds, they move onto the next round. Keep repeating the game until there is one winner.

