

Hello, everyone.

This week we're thinking about Jesus' Ascension. Someone described it as 'backwards Christmas'. At Christmas, Jesus came down to earth and at Ascension, Jesus leaves the earth. We read the story in Acts 1:6-11. But he doesn't leave us alone - he promises to send the Holy Spirit to help us tell others about God and God's love. That's Pentecost - and we'll hear the story next week.

If you would like a structure, scroll to the end. Otherwise, enjoy exploring the story with some of these resources.

As you colour the attached sheet, talk together about how we can show people God's love.

Enjoy a short Lego version of the Ascension story <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOM7VJ5YQgw>



[The Ascension of Jesus - in Lego - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOM7VJ5YQgw)

Jesus gives his close friends the promise of the Holy Spirit before he ascends into heaven. The unabridged version of this can be found in the bible in Acts 1...

www.youtube.com

This animation of the Ascension story comes from Saddleback Kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcFw8pLBSlo>



[Jesus' Ascension](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcFw8pLBSlo)

This story focuses on Jesus' ascension after his resurrection and the message that he gave to his disciples right before he was taken to heaven. It also tells of the coming of the Holy Spirit as promised by Jesus. Based on Acts 1:6-11; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:19-20; Luke 24: 50-53; John 20:17.

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Creative Flame has a couple of prayer ideas focussed on Ascension <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/search/label/Ascension>

[Flame: Creative Children's Ministry](http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com)

Creative and practical ideas for Children's Ministry at church and at home.

flamecreativekids.blogspot.com

A paper cup, some cotton wool and a picture of Jesus (which you can download) are needed for this craft activity.
<https://biblecraftsbyjenny.weebly.com/ascension-cup-craft.html>

[Ascension Cup Craft - Bible Crafts by Jenny](https://biblecraftsbyjenny.weebly.com/ascension-cup-craft.html)

Ascension Paper Cup Craft Luke 24, Acts 1 Directions: download pdf below; copy 1 for each 2 kids (use card stock or cover stock if you have it); kids color and cut out; punch holes in the Jesus and 2 in the verse; punch a hole in the paper cup somehow (scissors can work); tie yarn around Jesus, thread through the cup (maybe tie a knot or tie through a bead or something so that the yarn doesn't ...

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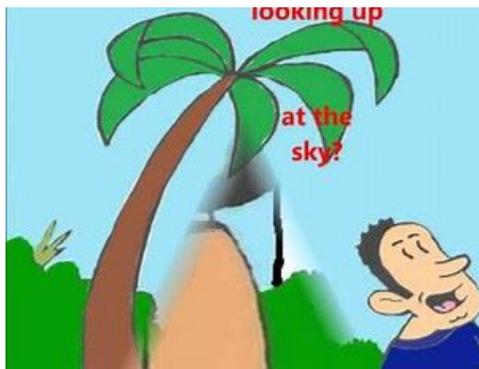
Create an Ascension collage <http://www.blessingoverflowing.com/sunday-school-crafts-jesus-ascension/>

[Sunday School Crafts: Jesus' Ascension - Blessings Overflowing](http://www.blessingoverflowing.com/sunday-school-crafts-jesus-ascension/)

A couple of weeks ago my Sunday school class made this craft to go with the story of Jesus' ascension. We first read the story in the Jesus Storybook Bible. After reading the story we made the craft pictured above.

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If you fancy a sing song, have a listen to this <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sPvSLXzNIBM>



[Ascension Song - Acts 1 verse 11](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sPvSLXzNIBM)

Spread the Word! Via the WorldWideWeb 20th Bible Verse' Bible Verse Memory Bank Song: The Ascension Song - Acts 1:9-11 Click

on <http://www.johnhardwick.org.uk/general/bbvc> Listen on Line to this week's Bible Verse Song Watch and sing along on You Tube Download to your iPod (MP3 player) and carry it around with you! Please do subscribe to my ...

www.youtube.com

And Saddleback Kids have a Country & Western song which tells the story from Palm Sunday to Jesus' Ascension. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rn84AYtFUSM>



LYRICS (Jesus Song)

This song is designed for toddler age kids to learn the stories from the Bible. LYRICS Let's meet Jesus, God's one and only Son! He came to Earth to save us, each and everyone Jesus is our King, the very best indeed One time he rode into the town, sitting on a donkey! Into Jerusalem for all to see People cheered and celebrated waving palm

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www.youtube.com

If you prefer a structure, try this:

- Watch one of the Ascension videos, or find the story to read in a Bible Story book.
- As you colour the reflective colouring sheet, wonder together about the most surprising part of the story; your favourite part of the story; anything that puzzles you about the story; how you could tell others about Jesus.
- Choose one of the crafts to make together. As you do it, try to remember as much of the story of Jesus from his birth to Ascension as you can. Which are your favourite parts?
- Finish with a prayer similar to this: *Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus. Thank you that he is still with us even though we cannot see him. Help us to tell others about him through our loving and kind actions and words. Amen.*
- Say the Lord's Prayer together.
- If you're ready for singing, enjoy one of the songs.

Have a great week. Get ready for Pentecost next week!

