

Worship 2 Go

Drawing School and Home Together

Thanks to all those people who have made some of the resources collated here available to share

JESUS goes back to Heaven

Bible Reading

Jesus spoke to his disciples and said: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift I told you about, the gift my Father promised. John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After saying this, he was taken up to heaven as they watched him, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They still had their eyes fixed on the sky as he went away, when two men dressed in white suddenly stood beside them and said, "Galileans, why are you standing there looking up at the sky? This Jesus, who was taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way that you saw him go to heaven."

You can find this in the Bible, in the book of Acts, chapter 1, verses 1-11

Younger children might like this short video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oH-N6Erg5Xw>

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for this amazing story of your son Jesus.

Thank you for special friends that are always faithful.

And help us to remember he is always with us even though we cannot see him.

Amen

Wondering

- I wonder what this means to you
- I wonder how you would feel if you were there
- I wonder what you think it means when it says Jesus will come back

Creative Prayer 1 ≈ Spiral Prayers

Take a piece of paper—scrap will do—and draw around a circle shape like a small plate or CD. Draw a spiral inside it like in the picture then write or draw things in there you would like to pray to Jesus about. Cut the spiral out and thread a piece of string or thread through the middle bit. The spiral will dangle down and spin slightly. As it does so, imagine your prayers rising, ascending to Jesus. Even though we can't see him, Jesus is always with us.



Adapted from <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/>

Creative Prayer 2 ≈ Left behind prayers

We know that Jesus friends spent time in the temple being thankful when Jesus went back, ascended, into Heaven. They were left behind to do amazing things, waiting for the gift Jesus had promised them and knowing he had promised to be always with them. We'll think more about that gift, the Holy Spirit in a couple of weeks but for now why not say these prayers together each person using their left hand.

- Put your left hand behind your back and pray for people who might be feeling worried or afraid. Who can you think off? Ask God to be with them.
- Reach out your left hand to the side and pray for people who are ill. Is there anyone in particular you can think off? Ask God to be close to them.
- Put your left hand palm-down flat in front of you and pray for all those countries that come to your mind.
- Turn your left hand so the palm face up and remember that Jesus promises ' 'I am always with you'. Tell him some things you are happy for and some things you would like him to help you with.
- Then raise your left hand high in the air and shout 'Amen!'.

Adapted from <https://ideas.brf.org.uk/celebrate-ascension>

Activity 1 ≈ Up in the air challenge

You will need a ball, bean bag, balloon or similar. Simply throw the object up into the air and catch it and see how many times you can do it with out stopping or dropping! If throwing and catching with two hands is easier try using just one. How well can you do if you move around? Perhaps you could have a household challenge!



Activity 2 ≈ Cloud Watching

A sunny day is best for this, but you can do it on any day there are clouds in the sky. The best clouds are cumulus clouds, they are the clouds that look like fluffy cotton wool and if you look closely they change shape as they move across the sky.

If you can, lay down on the ground, look up and just take a few moments to look at the clouds. Look at the different shapes of the clouds and think about what they look like. Take it in turns to describe them to each other. May be you will see a dog or a dragon, or a rocket or a castle, with a tower and a flag waving at the top.

May be you could make up a story about the things you can see in the clouds and then you could tell someone your story.



Fact of the week

The highest cloud is the rare but beautiful noctilucent cloud. They hover at around 60,000m and are too faint to be seen in daylight but can be seen in twilight lit by the setting sun.

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