

Explore Club at Home

ExploreAscension and Pentecost



Overview: Jesus met his friends many times after he came back to life. One time he said to them, 'Don't leave Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit comes and gives you strength.' Then he went up into the sky and disappeared behind a cloud. His friends couldn't believe their eyes! But two angels came and said to them, 'Jesus has gone up to heaven. But he will come back one day.'

On the day of Pentecost, Jesus' friends were together in one place. Suddenly, they heard a sound like wind rushing through the room and flames of fire came down over them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and started speaking in other languages! The people in the street, who came from different countries, were amazed because they could all understand them in their own language. Peter talked to the crowd and 3,000 people became followers of Jesus.

Hello to all the children who usually attend our Explore Clubs in Primary Schools. We really miss you, but hope you enjoy doing this session at home!



Find out more:

In the Bible in the book of Acts, Chapter 1 verses 1-11 and Chapter 2 verses 1-21 (if you don't have a Bible at home you can read it at www.biblegateway.com)

Also you can watch these stories at -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcFw8pLBSlo&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMQKy1Mx49M>



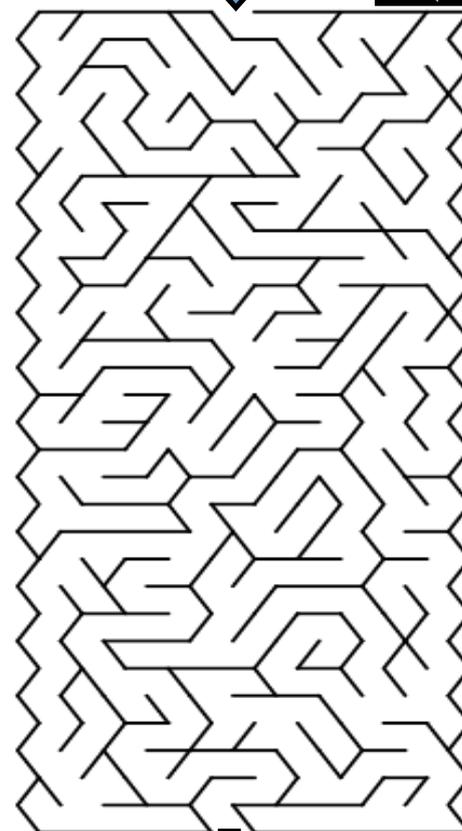
Questions:

- Make a list of 3 strange things that happen in these stories.
- What did Jesus say to his friends before he disappeared?
- How did Jesus' friends feel when he went back to heaven?
- How did the Holy Spirit help the disciples?

What are you looking forward to doing with your friends when you see them again?

Activity 1—Maze

The disciples travelled to Jerusalem to wait for the Holy Spirit. Can you find your way through the maze from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem



Activity 2—Colouring



Activity 5 — Craft idea—Fire Crowns

You will need: Card, glue/tape, any craft materials you have around the house.

Create your fire crowns and remember the fire that appeared on the heads of Jesus' friends.

Use anything you have around the house to make them – cereal boxes are ideal to make your crowns and any red, orange or yellow paper or packaging could be used for the flames.



Activity 3 — Cloud Gazing

As his disciples watched, Jesus was lifted up into the sky and hidden behind a cloud. Why not spend some time cloud-gazing as a family. Find a safe place to lie down either in your garden or socially distanced in a local green space.

Watch the clouds as they pass by. Can you see any shapes or pictures in the clouds?



Activity 4 — Play a game

Game 1

You will need:

Cotton wool balls

Two bowls

Straw

Phone to time yourself



Put 10 cotton wool balls into a bowl. These can remind you of the clouds that hid Jesus when he went into the sky. Move the wool balls one at a time from one bowl to another by sucking them up with a straw. Time yourself or you can race against other family members.

Game 2

You will need: A timer / clock

Jesus told his friends that they needed to be patient while they waited for the helper God had promised. Find out who is best at waiting by playing 'The Minute Game'. One person has a clock or phone timer. This person tells everybody when to begin. Everybody else must stand up. They must sit down when they think a minute has passed – they are not allowed to cheat by looking at a watch or clock. Once everybody has sat down the person watching the timer should say who was closest.



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