

May 12

Based on Acts 1; 1-14 and on
Matthew 26, 16, 20.

The Ascension of Jesus to Heaven

Theatrical play for the feast of Ascension.

Characters:

Narrator	Andrew
Peter	Mary
Thomas	Angel #1
John	Angel #2
Jesus	

Narrator: Today it has been 40 days since the celebration of Easter. It is a very important day for us who follow Jesus. We assist Mass just like any other Sunday. But, what do we celebrate today?

(Instrumental background music) All the disciples, including Jesus should be backstage. At this moment Peter and Thomas enter the stage and walk around while talking.

Thomas: These last 40 days have been the best days of my life.

Peter: Since Jesus' resurrection, I feel like he's closer to us than ever before.

Thomas: I hope that things will stay like this for the rest of our lives.

John: *(his voice is heard from the backstage where Jesus and the other disciples are)* ¡Peter! ¡Thomas! Jesus is with us right now, he wants you to come over here.

Jesus: Do you remember what John the Baptist used to say?

Andrew: I do! He would say: "I baptize people with water, but the one who is coming after me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit".

Jesus: That's right. Very soon you will receive the grace that was promised by my father.

Peter: Are you going to perform a great miracle?

Thomas: Will you make everyone believe in you?

Mary: Are you going to give us a special mission, My Son?

Jesus: I want you to go around the world and tell everyone the good news. Baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Peter: Lord, how will we teach other people? We've never been to school ourselves.

Andrew: I can't speak any foreign languages, I would be scared to go to another land.

Jesus: Do not fear! You will receive a special power and knowledge when the Holy Spirit arrives, then you will become my witnesses.

Mary: Then, my beloved Son, what should we do now?

Jesus: Return to Jerusalem and wait there, it won't be a long time.

(Jesus extends his hands and gives his blessing, like a priest would do at Mass)

Jesus: Now I bless all of you, and don't forget that I'm with you, always.

(Angels #1 and #2 come forth and step in front of Jesus. Jesus disappears leaving the scene)

Thomas: I can't believe what's happening!

Peter: I wonder when we will be able to see Jesus again.

Angel #1: People of Galilee, what are u still doing here?

Angel #2: Jesus will return at the end of the world, but meanwhile you all have a mission to accomplish.

(The angels leave)

Peter: The angels are right, let's go to Jerusalem, like Jesus told us to do.

Mary: Yes, we can all pray together so that the Holy Spirit may come.

(Peter walks and the rest follow him, encouraged by Mary's words – You can play music at this point or sign a hymn to the Holy Spirit)

