



Friends of Jesus and Mary

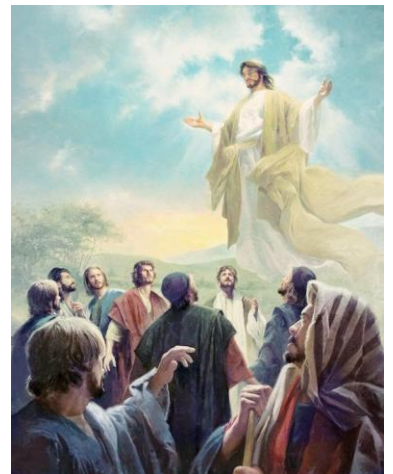
Cycle A-VII Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 39; Eph 1:17-23; Mathew 28, 19-20

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

Gospel: The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”



Reflection

Jesus wants all the world to hear what God did for them, so He sends His Friends to preach the Gospel to everyone. What does Gospel mean? (The Good News.)

Jesus wants them to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Why? (Jesus knows they will need the help of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to everyone.) **After Jesus ascended into Heaven, how did He remain with them as He had promised?** (He remains in the Eucharist, His body and blood; through the Holy Spirit in the Sacraments of the Church, in the Scriptures, in the community, and in our hearts.)

What is the Good News that Jesus wants the world to know? (For love of us, God became man, died for our sins, resurrected among us victorious over death, and opened the gates of Heaven for those who follow Jesus.) **Jesus Loves Us!! How will you help Jesus spread the Gospel or Good News?** (Pray often, go to Mass and Reconciliation, obey God’s commandments of love, love and forgive others...)

Activity

Choose an activity from the following pages to explain the Ascension of Jesus. Talk about how they can spread the Gospel of Jesus.

Prayer

Lord, you send us to announce God’s love for all, and the salvation that comes from you. You promised to stay with us to help us. Give us your light and wisdom to recognize each moment of the day when we can be your witness through our actions of honesty, justice, love and service to all. Amen

Song: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High, Worship Motions (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/1XbscBPpt2I?si=cjM1f0pkb-TlFuFY>

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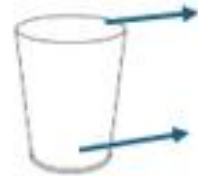
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The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven



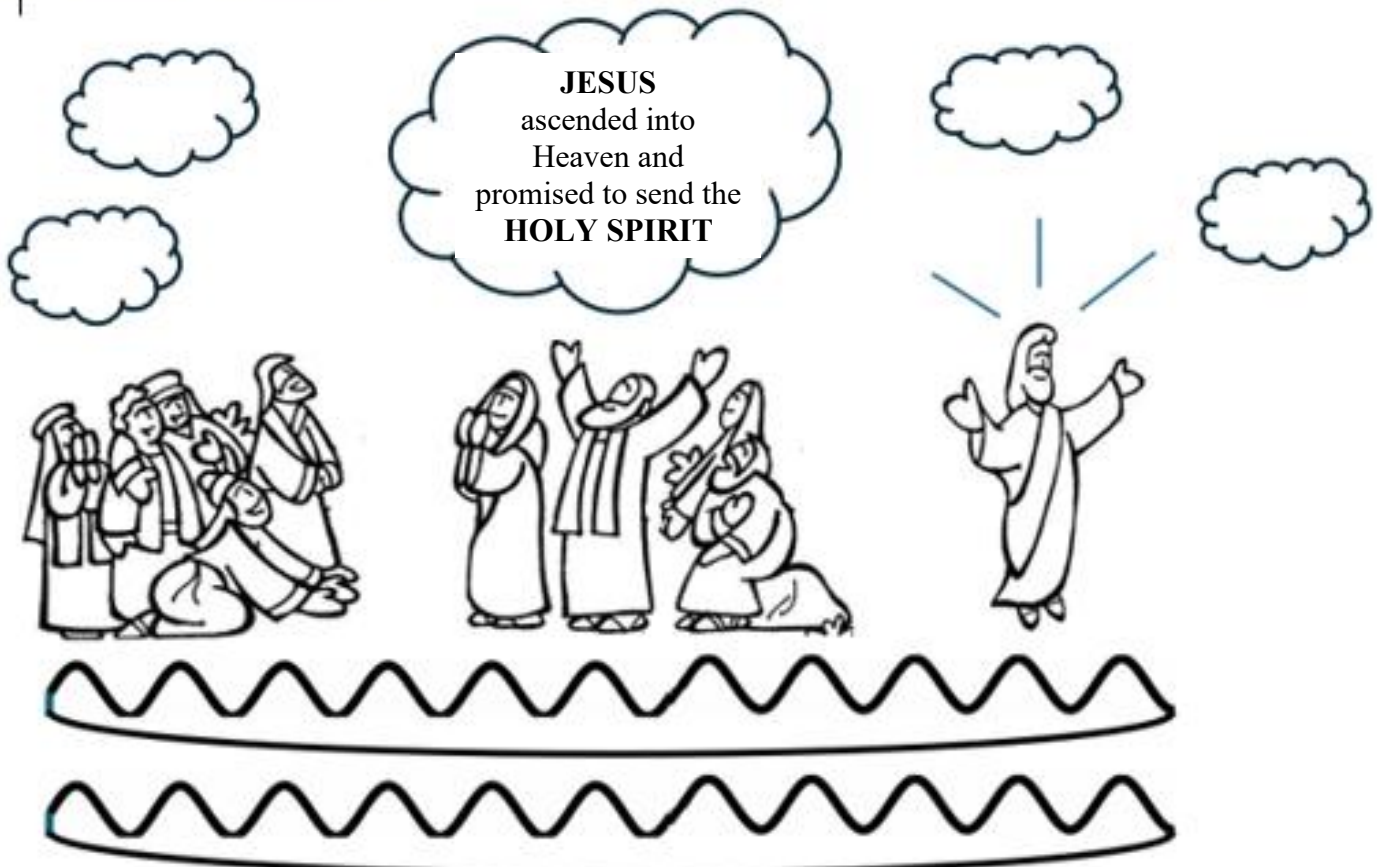
Upper
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Base



Instructions: Need plastic solo cup, cap, tape, cotton, crayons, glue, shish kabob sticks

- Turn the cup over and insert the stick through the center of the base.
- Glue cotton inside the cup, at the base, and outside the cup around stick
- Cut pictures and color.
- Glue the grass outside the cup around the upper border of the cup.
- Cut a rectangle (4" x 4 5/8") of blue paper and glue inside up as background.
- Tape the apostles to the inside of the cap, behind the grass
- Glue/tape Jesus to end of the stick on the inside of the cup.
- Glue the big cloud with the message to the other end of the stick, outside the cup, and the small clouds around the cup.
- Glue sign, "The Ascension..." in the lower border, outside the cup.
- Lift the stick to see Jesus ascend into Heaven.



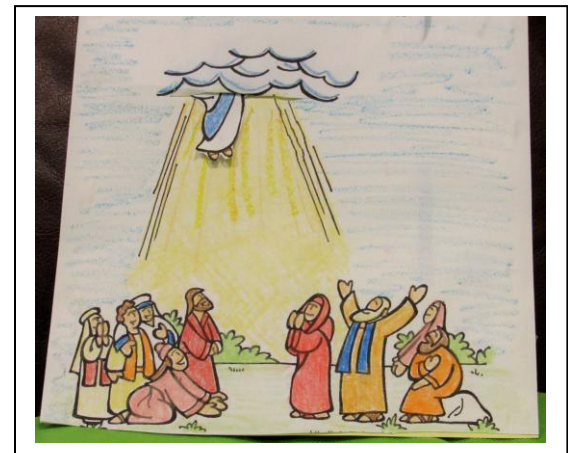
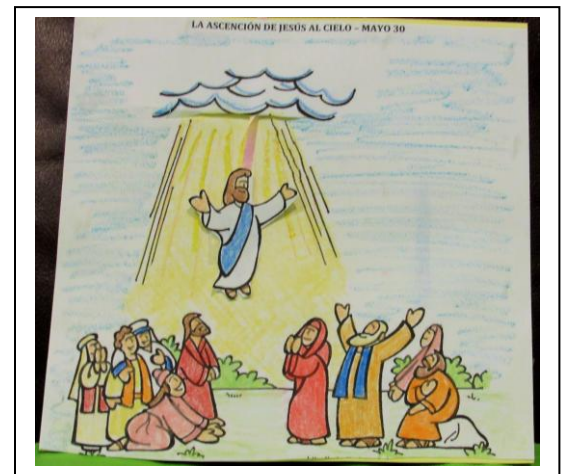
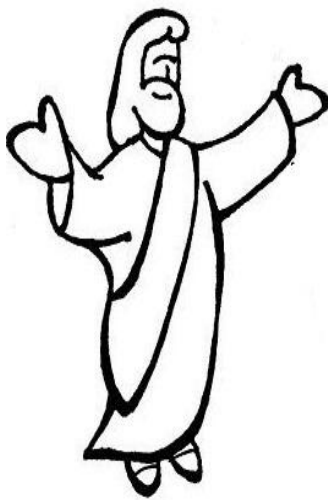
JESUS
ascended into
Heaven and
promised to send the
HOLY SPIRIT



THE ASCENSION OF JESUS TO HEAVEN

So, then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs. (Mark 16, 19-20)

Activity: Color and cut Jesus on this page. Glue one end of a ribbon (6" long) to the back. On the following page, cut and color the picture and cut a slit from left to right, 2.5" wide, at the bottom of the cloud. Put the end of the ribbon through the slit and pull up to see Jesus ascend into Heaven. Cut the scripture above and glue on the back.

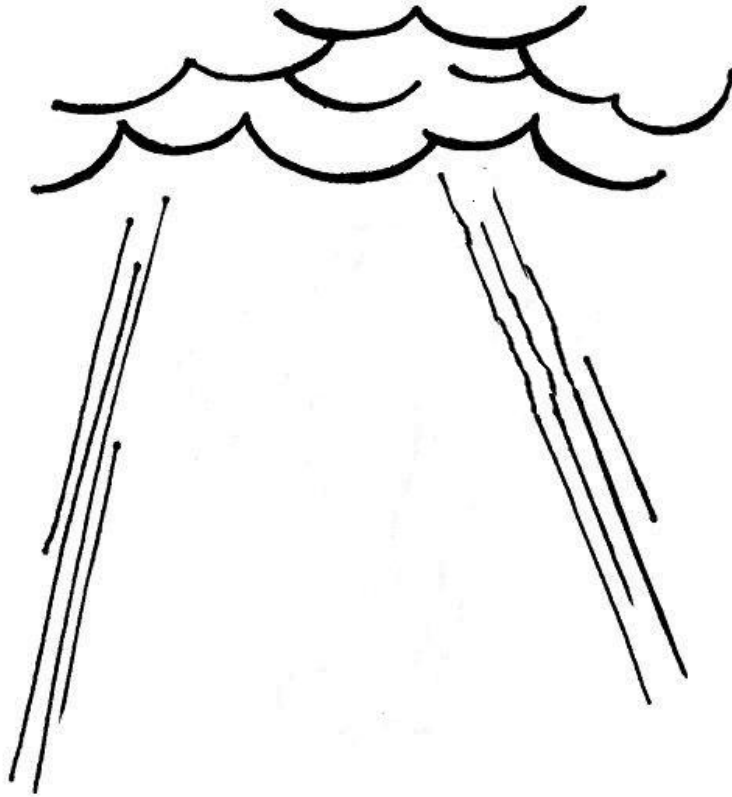




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