

“Ascension Thursday, 10 Days of Waiting”

Bible verse: Jesus said, “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.” Matthew 28:19

Ten days the disciples will have to wait after Jesus leaves them in a cloud to be taken back to be with God his father in heaven. He has told them to wait in Jerusalem to receive “the promise of the Father,” that is, the Holy Spirit Himself. We do not have to wait for the Holy Spirit, we are baptized children of God.

Pentecost is the day that “the promise of the Father” is fulfilled it is the day of an old Jewish festival. God first told Moses about the Festival of Pentecost when they met together on Mount Sinai. Pentecost celebrated the first harvest of the year, Jews came to Jerusalem from all over the world for Pentecost, thus there were many different languages spoken.

This week prepare for the festival of Pentecost, next Sunday May 23. What food will you prepare? What decorations will you make? A few decorations are available at the welcome center at church. The church colors will change this week from the white of Easter to the red of Pentecost.



Read the Lesson ~ “Jesus Ascends into Heaven”

The Story Bible ~ Pg. 418-421

The Bible ~ Luke 24:50-53, John 21; Acts 1

ASK:

- ◆ Where did Jesus go?
- ◆ What gift did Jesus tell the disciples to wait for?
- ◆ Do you have family members who live far away? How does it feel when they have to leave after a visit?

DO:

Cut a cloud out of paper. Write “I am with you always” Matt. 28:20. Play hide and seek with the cloud. Remember that even though Jesus has gone to heaven, He promises to be with us always.

PRAY:

Dear Jesus, when You ascended, You withdrew Your visible body from the eyes of Your disciples. You promised to be with us always. Strengthen and comfort us with Your presence in Your Holy Word and Sacraments. Send Your Holy Spirit to us that we may boldly tell others what You have done for us. In your name we pray. Amen

Key Point of the Lesson

Jesus our risen Savior, ascended to heaven to prepare a place for us there with Him.

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I sin when I live as if the ascended Christ is no longer active in my life and the world. Jesus ascended into heaven to prepare an eternal home for me, and I can trust His promise to be with me now and always.

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP TIME

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

P: **Amen.**

L: O Lord, in the morning You hear my voice;

P: **In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch. (Psalm 5:3)**

L: My mouth is filled with Your praise,

P: **And with Your glory all the day. (Psalm 71:8)**

L: O Lord, open my lips,

P: **And my mouth will declare Your praise. (Psalm 71:8)**

L: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

P: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day: “Go Ye, Go Ye, into the world”, www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjDgG5tEs0A

Devotional Talk: *An adult or older child can read this to the family.*

Jesus is Always with Us

Eric stared out the window at the sunny blue sky, remembering all the fun times he’d had during the summer. Today would be a perfect day for baseball! And here he was sitting in school, half listening to his teacher talk about all the great subjects they’d studied this year. I’d rather be laying baseball, Eric thought. Schoolwork is too hard.

The teacher’s voice interrupted his daydreaming. “Please students, always remember to raise your hand when you want to answer a question.” She wrote the word always on the board for emphasis.

Always-where have I heard that word? Eric wondered . . . Then he remembered, “And behold I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20).

Before Jesus rose into heaven, He promised to remain with us at all times. He lived and died for us all so that we can live with Him always in heaven.

Eric’s thoughts were racing: Jesus is with me always! That means He was with me when I struck out and when I hit a home run. And He’ll be with me now as I do my schoolwork.

Talk about it: Name some times and places when you’re especially happy that Jesus is with you. How does His being with you help you?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank You for speaking to Your heavenly Father about the forgiveness and holiness we have in You. Keep us in Your loving care. Thank You for being with us always. Amen



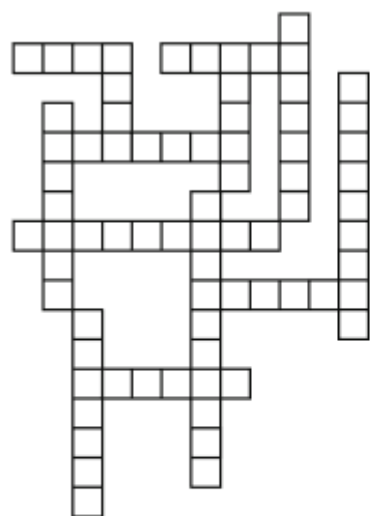
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The Ascension



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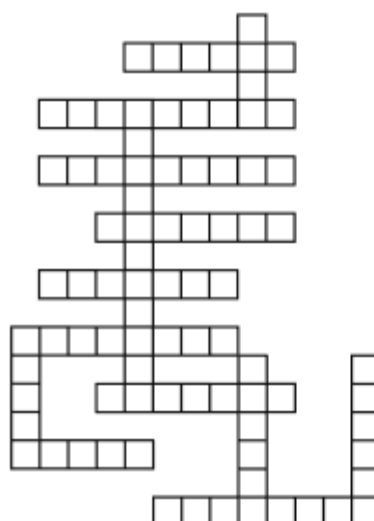
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INHERITANCE
ENLIGHTEN
AUTHORITY
FULLNESS
GLORIOUS

WRITTEN
MESSIAH
PRAYERS
WISDOM
THANKS

FATHER
HEART
FAITH
HOPE



I do not
cease to give
thanks for
you



remembering
you
in my
prayers

Eph 1:16

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