

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



Ascension of the Lord

16 May 2021 - Year B

“The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.”

Something to Think About

With God to help us, wonderful things are possible. Jesus said, 'Go and preach the good news to everyone'. How could you preach the good news? Perhaps you could share with people instead of keeping things for yourself. Maybe you could laugh and smile, rather than complaining.

The Story

In today's gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to spread the message that anyone who believes in him will be able to do wonderful things. Jesus was taken back up to heaven and sat at the right side of God. The disciples preached everywhere and Jesus was with them. Through the power of Jesus, the disciples were able to work miracles.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

16:15-20

Jesus told his disciples:

"Go and preach the good news to everyone in the world.
Anyone who believes me and is baptised will be saved.
But anyone who refuses to believe me will be condemned.

"Everyone who believes me will be able to do wonderful things.
By using my name they will force out demons,
and they will speak new languages.
They will handle snakes and will drink poison and not be hurt.
They will also heal sick people by placing their hands on them."

After the Lord Jesus had said these things to the disciples,
he was taken back up to heaven
where he sat down at the right side of God.
Then the disciples left and preached everywhere.
The Lord was with them,
and the miracles they worked proved that their message was true.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Video

Click to watch the video: [Jesus' Ascension](#)

Group Discussion

It can be very important whom we sit next to. Can you think of a time when there was a discussion, or maybe even an argument, about where people were going to sit. Talk about why it might be important to a person to sit in a particular place.

Jesus has a place of honour seated at God's right hand. Jesus continues to help us from his place in heaven and he has the power to help us do important things.

Praying For Others

Leader: Trusting in God's love and encouragement, we pray for the needs of the world.

Reader: We pray for 'Good News' leaders. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for unity amongst all Christians. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for the sick, the suffering and all who have died. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray that we may be 'Good News' people. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to our prayers in the name of the risen Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



Lord Jesus,
We know that you are with us
always. Bless us today as we do
good things in your name.
Amen.

Group Activity

You will need: a worksheet for each child, and coloured markers or coloured pencils.

Jesus went up to heaven. What do you think heaven is like?

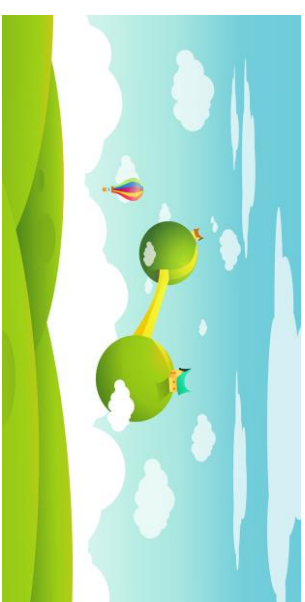
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What are your hopes and dreams for yourself, for your family and friends, or for the world?

Draw or write about these on the page below.

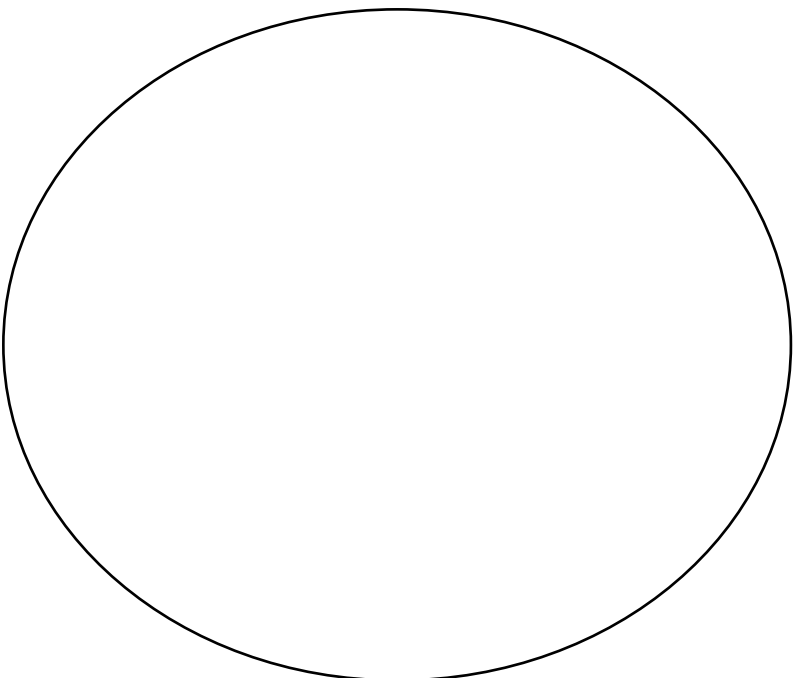


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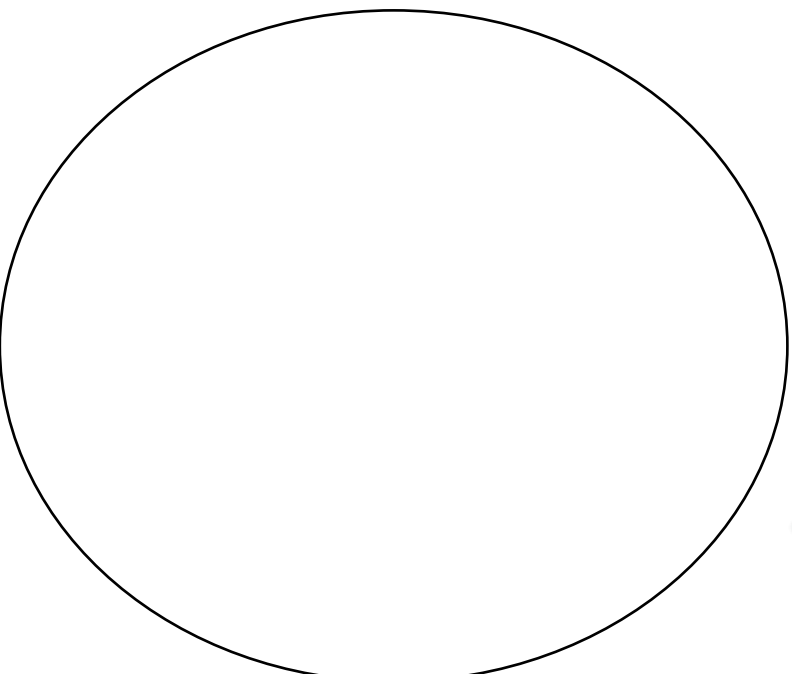


My hopes and dreams...

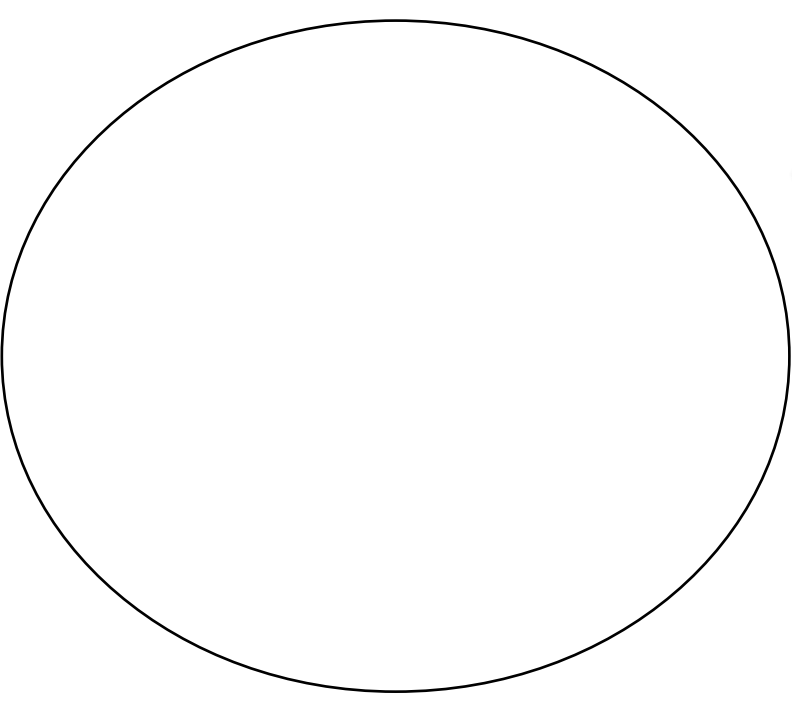
For myself



For my family



For the world



JESUS SAYS GOODBYE TO THE DISCIPLES AND GOES TO HIS FATHER IN HEAVEN...

THINK OF TIMES YOU HAVE SAID
'GOODBYE'

WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE TO SAY
'GOODBYE'

HOW DO YOU STAY IN TOUCH
AFTER YOU SAY 'GOODBYE'

