



Family Craft & Activity Pack

Aimed at families with Children
but fun for all ages!

WEEK 10

EASTER 7 Year A
The Ascension of Jesus
(John 17.1–11)

Easter 7 - Year A - Jesus prays for His disciples. (based on John 17: 1-11)

Jesus knew it would not always be easy to be a Christian. He understood that doing the right thing, loving God and our neighbour, helping those in need, caring for the sick, praying faithfully, worshipping regularly and being honest is not the way of everyone else in the world, but it is God's way of living. So, as he prepares to return to God the creator of all things, his father in heaven, he prays for this disciples, and therefore all Christians that we may be faithful and united in love. To help us follow God's way, Jesus promises the Holy Spirit will be poured out upon the Church, to lead us into all truth and to guide us in holiness.

Jesus prays, "All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one." (verses 10 & 11)

The Ascension of Jesus

40 days after Easter day and His resurrection, Jesus Ascended into heaven.

Jesus said to the disciples, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God. (Luke 24: 44-53)

Jesus left the disciples on earth to continue His message of love, faith, hope and the reconciliation of all back to God, that we may be drawn closer to God in heaven and live faithful lives here on earth. That is why Jesus prayed to God, *"I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed."*

(John 17: 4, 5)

We are the disciples today with that same message for everyone - God loves you!

Prayer

Lord Jesus, you are the way to the Father and reign in the glory of heaven! You were sent to love us to freedom and we thank you that you love us for ever. **Amen.**



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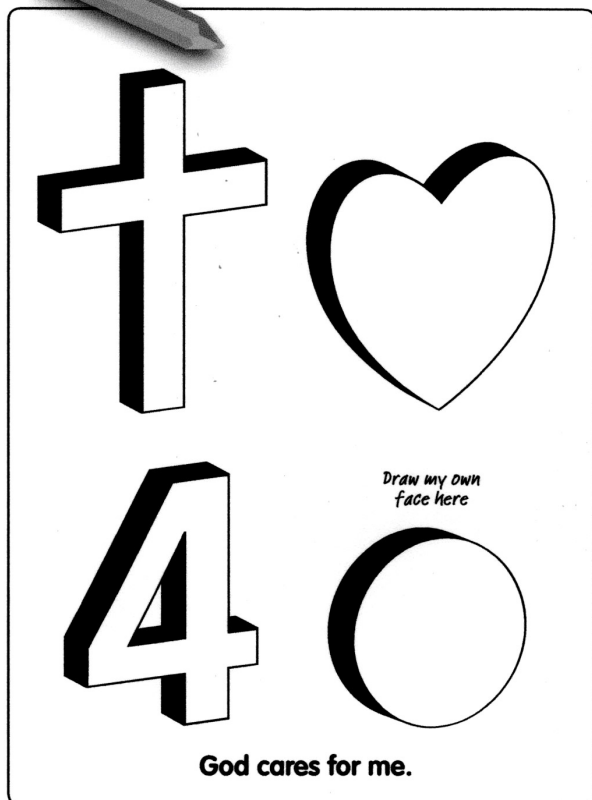
Children's Sheet

Today's Bible reading

1 Peter 4.12-14

All the things that worry us or test us can be given to Jesus, who will care for us.

What things did you once worry about, but are not worries now?



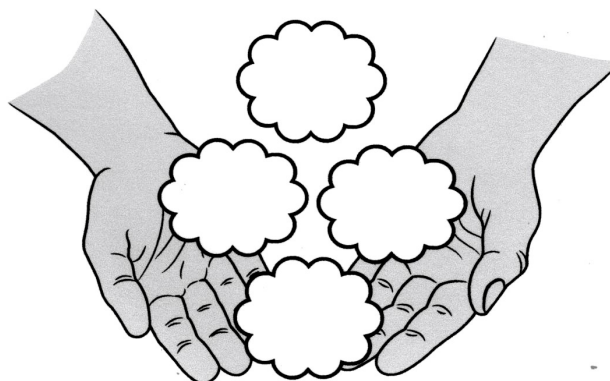
Activity 1

Link the 'real' word with the jumbled one by drawing a line between the two. The first has been done for you.

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praise	ska
confess	lakt
listen	ripshow
chat	scofens
worship	tach
ask	nistle

Activity 2

What are some of the worries you can give to Jesus? Write or draw these inside the shapes.



PRAYER

Loving Father,

We think of our worries

(pause)

and we give them to you.

Give us your peace and may we always know that you are with us.

Amen.

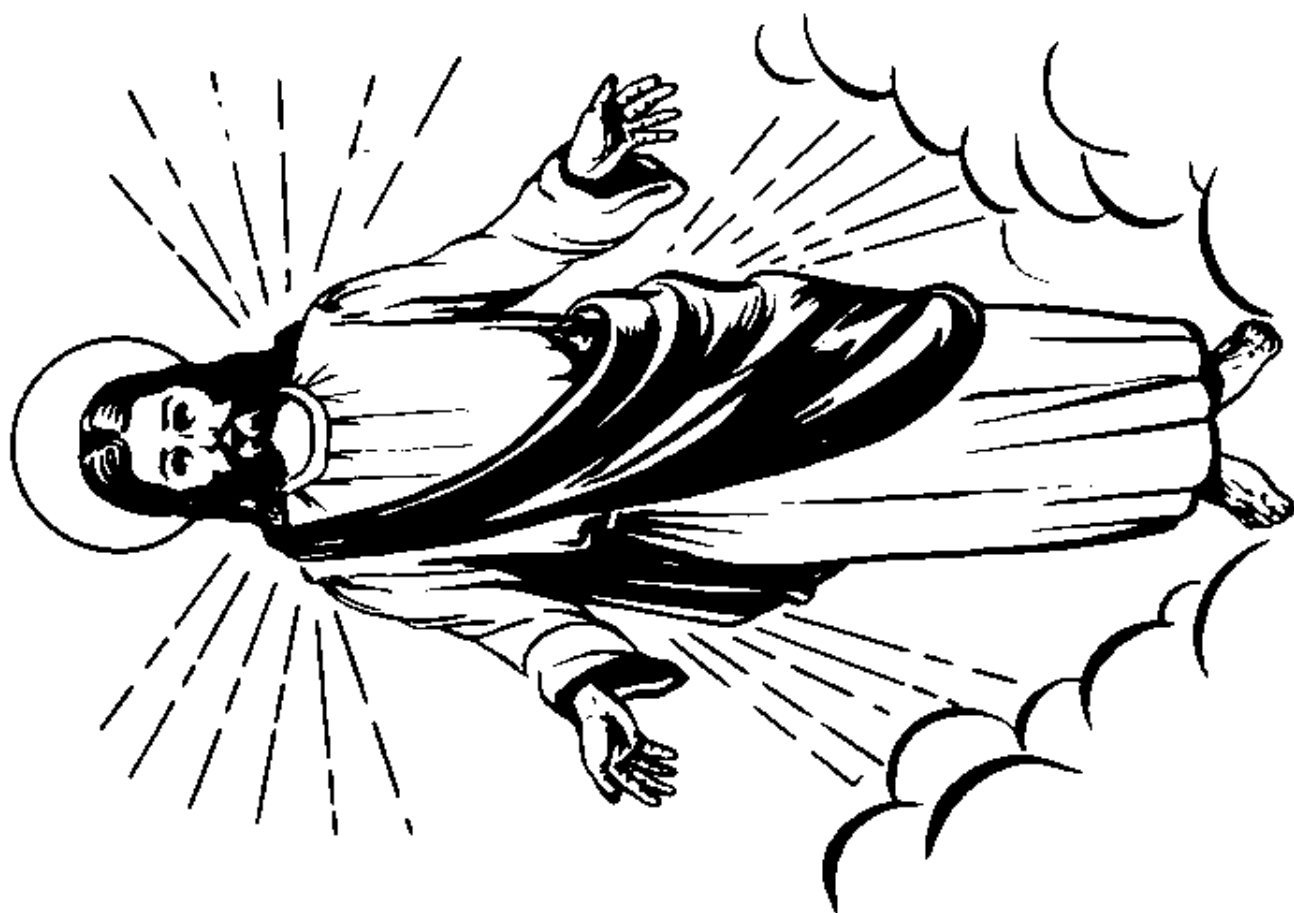
Live your faith!

This week you may come across someone who is worried about something.

Remind them to give all their cares to God for God cares for you.

Check it out

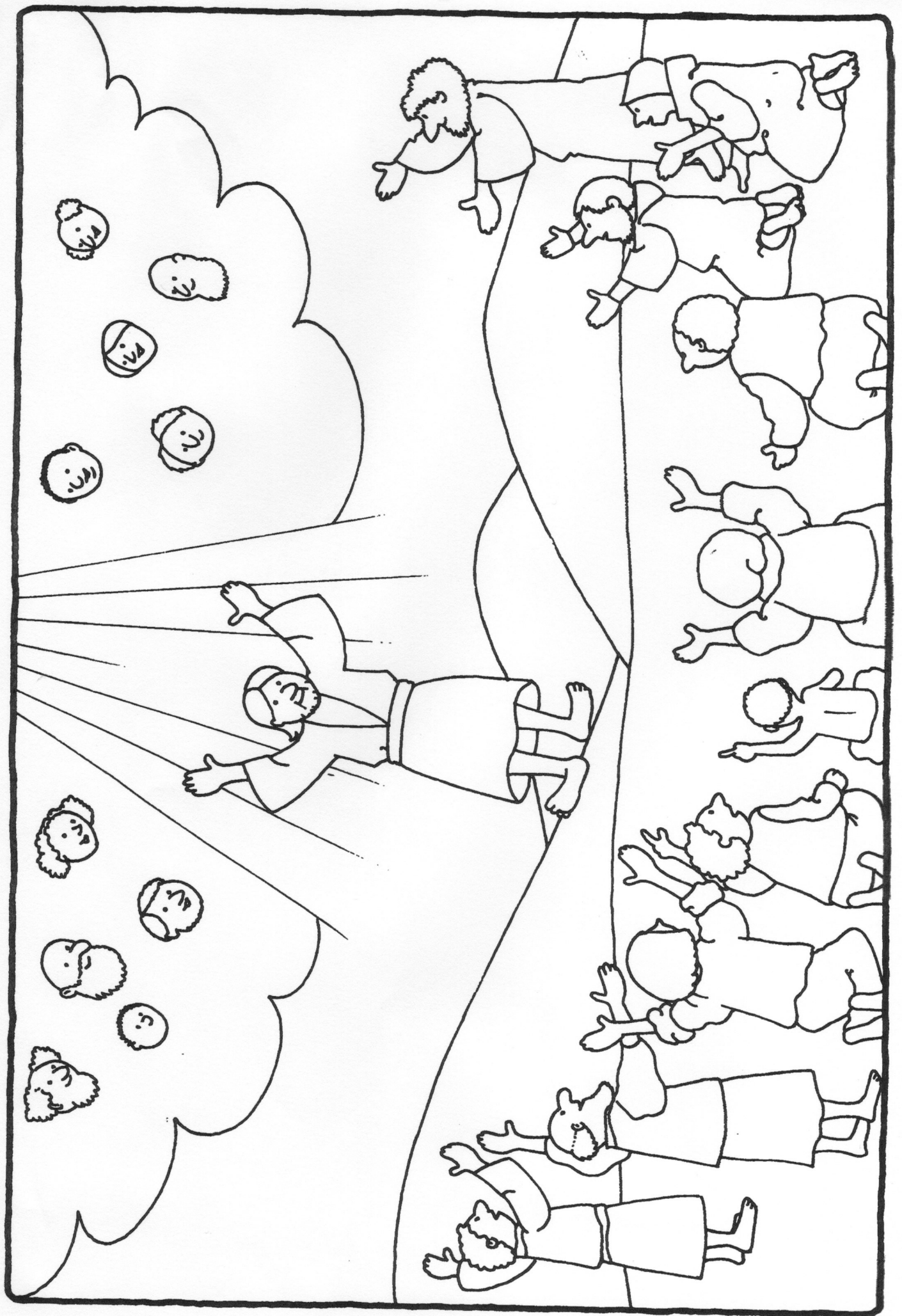
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EASTER 7 — YEAR A

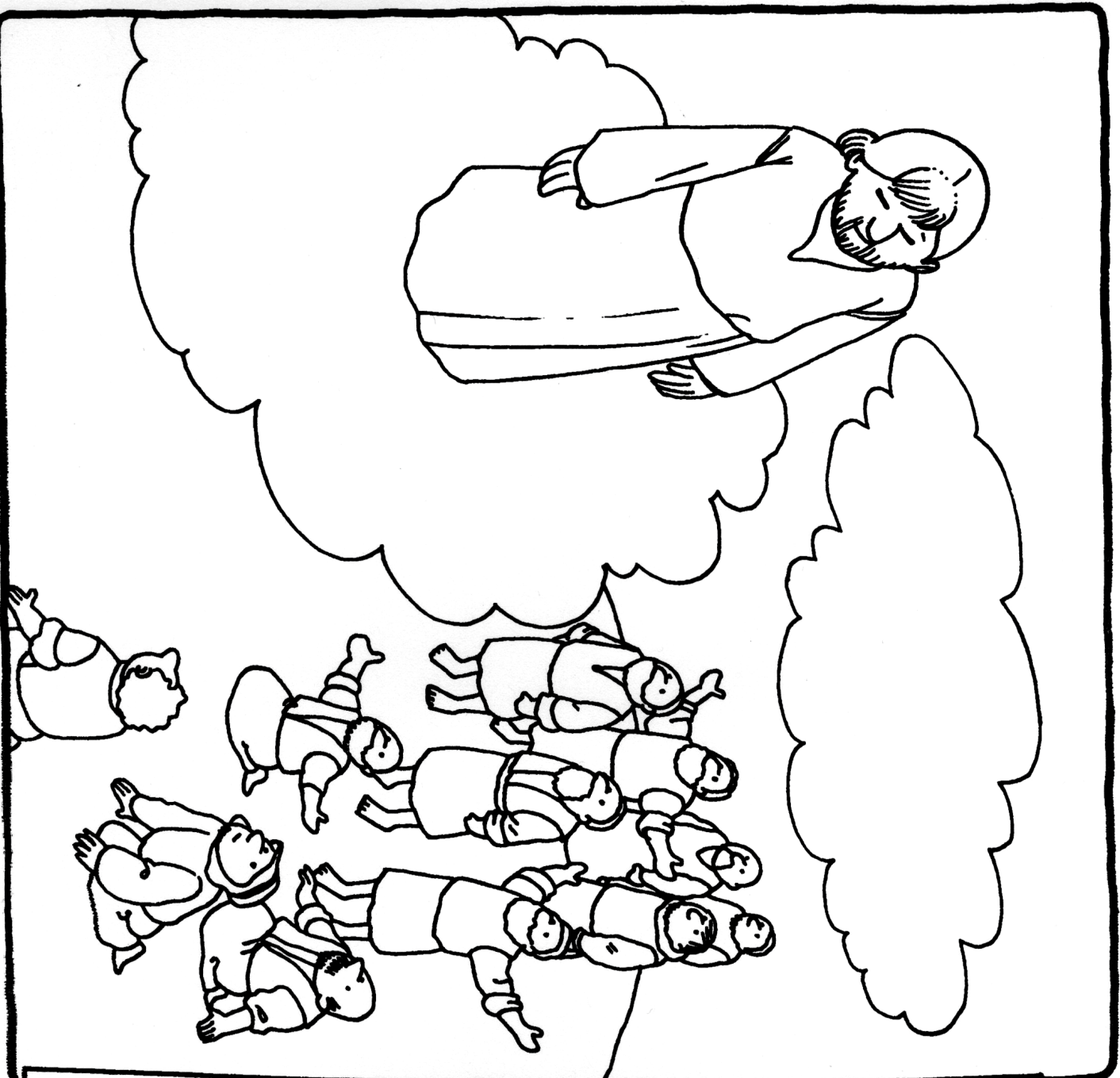
God's glory is often revealed in times of great challenge. The glory of God is revealed in Jesus death, Resurrection and Ascension.





Jesus ascends to heaven





For parents to pray with your child

Jesus, you were born as
a baby (rock baby in arms).
You worked as a carpenter,
sawing the wood.
(saw wood).
You died on a cross and
you rose again.
(arms out, then jump and
clap hands).
You are loving and kind
and good.
(put up fingers, counting
to three).
In heaven and on earth
your glory shines.
(point up and down then
trace big circle with fingers
stretched out).
You are loving and kind
and good.
(count on fingers again).

O WHAT A MYSTERY,
MEEKNESS AND MAJESTY.
BOW DOWN AND WORSHIP—
THIS IS YOUR GOD.

(From a song by Graham Kendrick
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...THIS IS THE WAY AND THE HEAVENLY... THE ASCENSION

IDEAS → VIEWPOINT? COLOURS? STYLE?
SYMBOLS? DESIGN?

THE ASCENSION

WHAT'S THAT?

It's Jesus returning to heaven, taking his humanity with him.

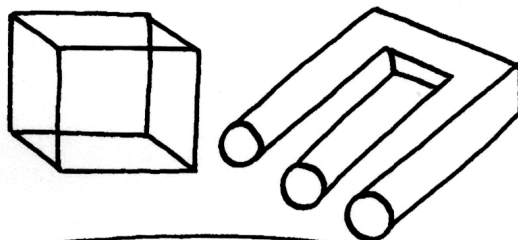
DID ANYONE SEE IT HAPPEN?

Yes. The eleven disciples watched him being taken up into heaven.

WHY DID HE LEAVE THEM ON THEIR OWN— I THOUGHT HE'D PROMISED TO BE WITH THEM FOR EVER.

He had – and he wasn't going away in one sense. He was being set free from one physical time zone so he could be right in the centre of faithful lives everywhere and everywhen.

2WAY VIEWING



HOW DO YOU THINK THE
ASCENSION LOOKED FROM
HEAVEN'S POINT OF VIEW?
FROM THE DISCIPLES' POINT
OF VIEW? OUR POINT
OF VIEW?

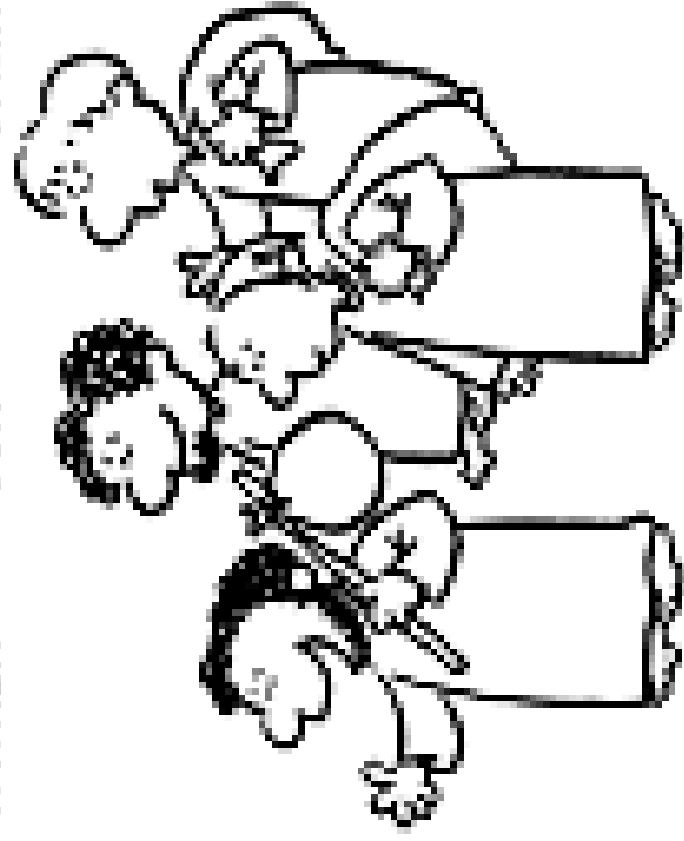
TRY EXPRESSING JESUS IN
GLORY, BOTH GOING AND
ARRIVING.

MAKE IT BIG,
COLOURFUL, FULL
OF MYSTERY AND
HOPE!



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ELEVEN MOUNTAIN FELL
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 NATIONS BAPTISE NAME
 FATHER SON SPIRIT





Can you crack the code to work out what Jesus told the disciples to do?

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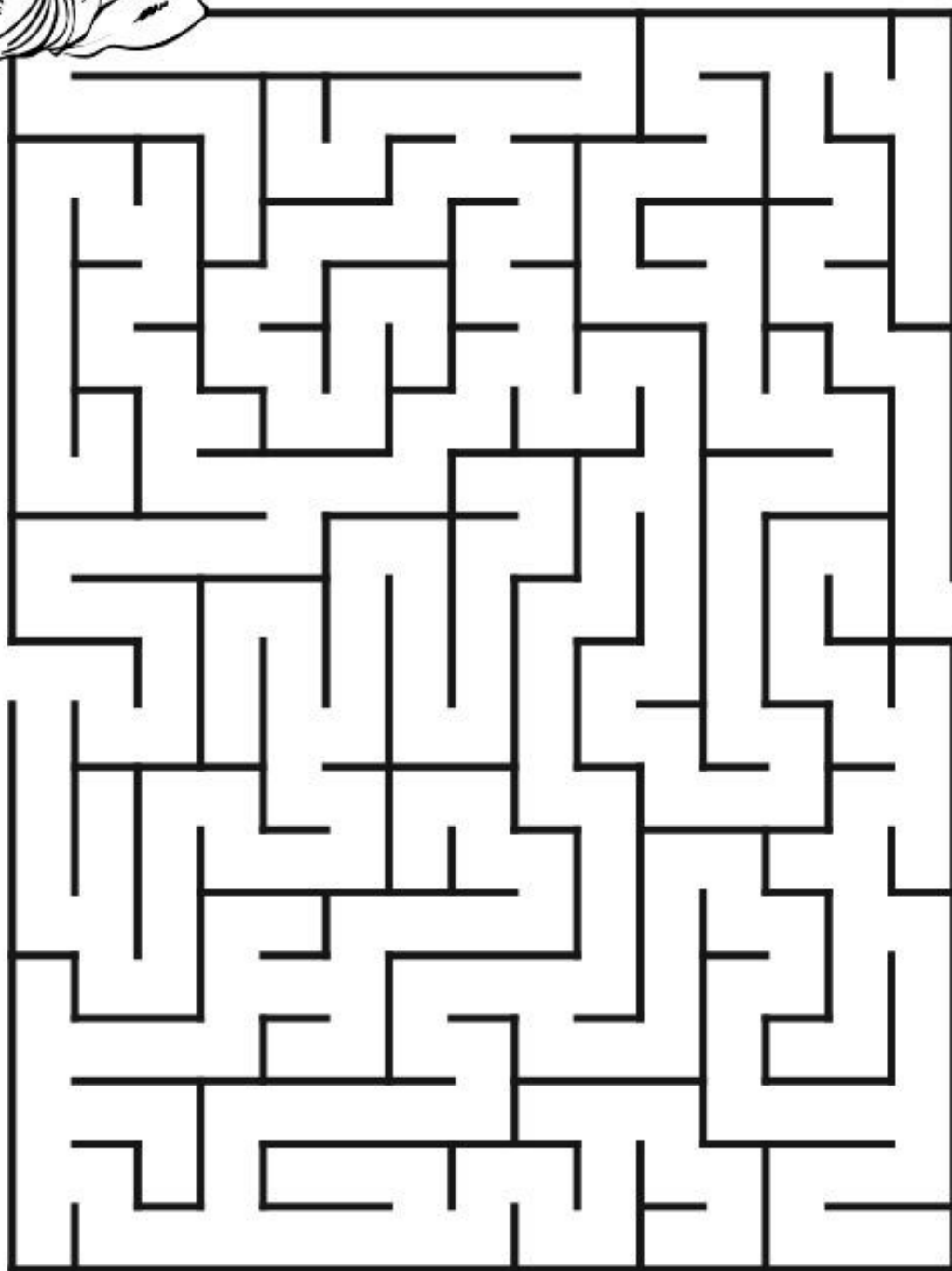
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Guide the disciples to watch Jesus
ascend to Heaven.

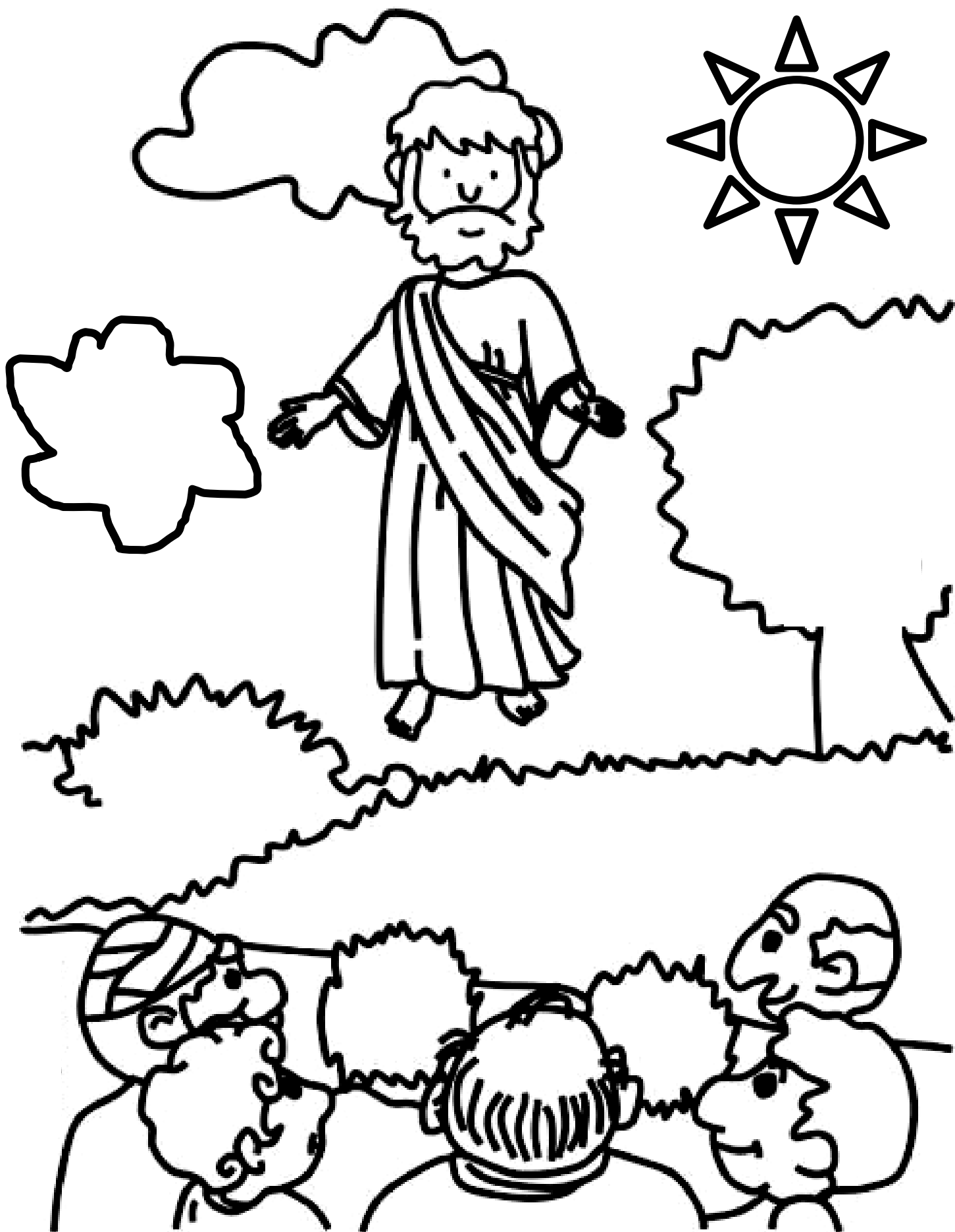
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START

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.





Jesus Ascends into heaven — and returns to God the Father and Creator of all.

Luke 24: 44-53

Can you find these words which show
how the disciples felt

FRIGHTENED

JOYFUL

CONFUSED

PUZZLED

AMAZED

HAPPY

AFRAID



F S J K Y O E P D E
R C O N F U S E L Z Y Z
I K Y G P D E H S R P Z
G D F W A M L S R P L
H T U K M L S P Y D L
T O L H A P Z W F A F E
E V M P Q E A M Y C D
N V L Q E D L I W V F
E S T E D L I W V F
D S B A F R A I D U



Ascension of Jesus — PAINT BY NUMBER!

1 = Green, 2 = Brown, 3 = Blue, 4 = Peach/Pink, 5 = Purple, 6 = Red/Gold

The Ascension of Jesus

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8 — NRSV)

Can you answer these questions? You may need to look back in the various Family Packs since Easter Day!

1. How many days was it between the day of resurrection and Ascension?
2. Name some of the people that Jesus appeared to in His resurrected body?
3. What instructions did Jesus give His disciples before He returned to heaven?
4. Why did Jesus say they needed to wait for the Holy Spirit? (Acts 1:8)
5. Why were the disciples staring up at the sky?
6. How did the 2 men say Jesus would return?
7. Where did the apostles go after Jesus ascended?
8. Name some of the people who were gathered in the upper room.
9. What did the apostles do after Jesus returned to heaven?
10. Who was chosen to replace Judas as an apostle?



JESUS IS WITH US STILL — POST THE ASCENSION CARFT

Jesus is with us all the time, even after his Ascension in heaven.

Materials :

White bond paper, White crayon, Water, Red (or another colour) food colouring, paper towel or kitchen roll (to dry/clean).

Write a hidden message on a white piece of paper with white crayon and then dip the paper into red colour water. Your secret message will appear! You see, we may not see it all the time but Jesus is with us.

