

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: ASCENSION

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CHILDREN'S ADDRESSES

MAIN POINT

Jesus is still with us even though we can't see him in person.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

He lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God. (Luke 24:51b-53)

AIDS

Candles on altar, Bible on altar or lectern, communion vessels on altar.

ADDRESS

Do you remember what we celebrated a few weeks ago at Easter?

e.g *That Jesus rose from the dead three days after he was crucified.*

Jesus' friends were really pleased to see him again.

In our Bible reading today, we heard how some time later, Jesus' body was lifted up into the sky until his friends couldn't see him anymore. Jesus ascended (which means went up) to heaven to be with God, his Father.

Even though we cannot see Jesus, he is still with us. He promised never to leave us. He is everywhere. We can see things that remind us that Jesus is still with us. Can you see the candles? They remind us that Jesus, the light of the world, is with us. Can you see the communion vessels? They remind us that Jesus is with us in the bread and the wine. Can you see the Bible? We can read about Jesus' promise to always be with us.

The angels told Jesus' friends that he will come back one day, the very same Jesus as was taken up into heaven, and we will all be able to see him. What a wonderful sight that will be!

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, Thank you for still being with us wherever we are, even though we can't see you. Help us to remember you are always near. Amen.

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home*, *Worship Notes* or another resource before the children return to their seats.

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