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Ascension of the Lord, Year C, Primary - RCLB Lectionary



Primary Session

Luke 24:46-53

Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

Loving God,

We know that Jesus is with you heaven.

We know that he is with us, too, in Spirit.

Thank you for giving us Jesus to help us be strong and do the right things.

In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Opening Life Reflection

Give participants time to think about ways they might show Jesus' love to others. Go around the room and have each person say one way that he or she will show love that begins with the first letter of his/her name. For example, Mary might make her brother's bed. Or Sam might sweep and older neighbor's sidewalk. After everyone has shared a response, ask:

- What do we need to do to carry out the idea we named?
- What difference do we think our action will make?
- Is there anything more we can do to show God's love?

Check back in a few days or the next time everyone is together and share experiences of this activity.

Listening to the Word of God

Listen to what Jesus tells the disciples before he returns to God. See how he encourages them to carry on.

Read Luke 24:46-53

Allow for silence.



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Scripture Discussion Starters

- What are the disciples supposed to do after Jesus leaves?
- Who will help the disciples continue doing Jesus' work?
- Why are the disciples filled with joy?

Scripture Background

Provide 2-3 minutes of background on the gospel using the Catechist Background section.

Jesus knows it's time to return to his Father. He wants to be sure his work continues. He tells the disciples that they are to tell people about Jesus and his message. Jesus promises them that the Holy Spirit will help them. They should wait in Jerusalem until the Spirit comes. The Apostles are still not exactly sure what the kingdom is like that Jesus is going to, but they are happy to do what Jesus asks.

Questions for Deeper Reflection

- Have you ever felt sad when someone you know moves away?
- What did Jesus do to help the disciples feel better about his leaving?
- How does Jesus fill your heart with joy?

If you are not going to continue with the doctrinal discussion, proceed to the Gospel in Life.

Doctrinal Discussion Starters

Jesus Ascended into Heaven

Scripture tells us that Jesus would return to God. He would leave his human form and not live on earth any more. This is part of God's plan for us to be with God, too. Like Jesus, we will also be raised up to live with God. We say these words in the Nicene Creed, our profession of faith: "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." In the meantime, we believe that Jesus is still with us, providing strength for our journey. In the same way he promised to be with the disciples, he is with us as well. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit so that the disciples would not be alone in their mission to carry Jesus' message into the world. We also receive the Holy Spirit and always have Jesus with us as we follow him.



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- How have you felt Jesus near you?
 - How do we see God's presence around us?
 - How have you shown the joy of Jesus to others?

Sacrament Connection

When we are baptized into God's family, we receive the Holy Spirit. Later when we are confirmed, we will be sealed with the gifts of the Spirit. Through these sacraments, we have the strength to live like Jesus wants us to and to tell others about Jesus. It's not always easy to follow Jesus but these sacraments give us the gifts we need to be disciples. We receive courage, wisdom and good judgment for making decisions. When people see how we use these gifts in our own lives, they know Jesus through us.

The Gospel in Life

Jesus encouraged his friends and gave them a blessing. Find someone this week who needs special help and encouragement. Let them see Jesus' love through something you do to help them.

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Connecting to Be My Disciples

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Grade 2, p. 65

Connecting to Faith First® Legacy Edition At Home Family Guide, theme 3

Kindergarten, chapter 1

Grade 1, chapter 6

Grade 2, chapter 8

Grade 3, chapter 6

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Kindergarten, chapter 12

Grade 1, chapter 12

Grade 2, chapter 16

Grade 3, chapter 15