

Sunday 24th May



The Ascension

This Sunday we remember what happened on Ascension Day which was on Thursday 21st May. Ascension Sunday highlights the transition from the Season of Easter, which has lasted for 7 weeks, to the Season of Pentecost which begins next Sunday when we celebrate the festival of Pentecost.

Take a look at these two videos which explain Ascension Day.

The first video is a short Lego one and the other helps you to understand Ascension Day with the help of the film Mary Poppins. Just a reminder if you need one, ascend means to go up! You can find the story in the New Testament in the Book of Acts 1 : 6 v 14 and in the Spark Story Bible in the chapter called The Ascension.

Lego: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=nnRJa4cZQIE>

Mary Poppins: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=iHRWycx6q3A>



All the information from the two different videos let us know that before Jesus left to be with God, he had told his friends that it was time for him to go and that they were ready to take their next steps in spreading Jesus' teachings. The disciples had learnt to love others and to heal people. Jerusalem was where they had to go next to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit and then it was their job to spread the Good News .

- I wonder what the disciples felt at the moment they saw Jesus go?
- I wonder what was in the disciples' minds when later they set off for Jerusalem?
- Would they still be sad, maybe scared and confused or would they be excited and full of anticipation?

Say goodbye in other languages - try and say the words out loud with help from the sounds in the brackets.



Spanish: Adios (ah- dee - OSE)

Swahili: Kwaheri! (kqwa- HAIR -EE)

Arabic: Ma'a salama! (mah - sah - LAH - mah)

Polynesian: Aloha! (ah - LO - hah)

Wait a minute: Aloha! also means Hello! In Polynesia - what a thought for Ascension Day !

SCIENCE CHALLENGES

Here are two experiments to try; each thinking about different ways of going up! Make sure you do them safely with an adult.

Convection spiral: <https://www.fizzicseducation.com.au/150-science-experiments/force-movement-experiments/convection-spiral/>

Lift: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nOTXSQ0zucu&app=desktop>



Prayer



Dear Jesus
Thank you for trusting your disciples to carry on your work in the world.
Thank you for trusting us too.

Amen



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