

# Family Worship at Home!

Here are some activities you could do at home. Start with the story and then do as many or as few as you like.

## Bible passage

Today's story is about Jesus going back to heaven. You can find it in Acts 1:6-11 in your own Bible and below.

While the apostles were still with Jesus, they asked him, "Lord, are you now going to give Israel its own king again?"

Jesus said to them, "You don't need to know the time of those events that only the Father controls. But the Holy Spirit will come upon you and give you power. Then you will tell everyone about me in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria, and everywhere in the world." After Jesus had said this and while they were watching, he was taken up into a cloud. They could not see him, but as he went up, they kept looking up into the sky.

Suddenly two men dressed in white clothes were standing there beside them. They said, "Why are you men from Galilee standing here and looking up into the sky? Jesus has been taken to heaven. But he will come back in the same way that you have seen him go."

## Discussion

- Where is the place you would really like to go?
- Have you ever had to say bye to someone you love a lot, but might not see for a long time? What was it like?
- How do you think Jesus' friends were feeling?
- Why do you think Jesus had to go back to heaven?
- Do you think they knew who the Holy Spirit might be?
- When do you think Jesus might come back?



## Songs to Sing

Do not fear, Seeds family worship  
Every Move I make

Remember there are plenty of videos on  
You tube to sing along to.

## An activity

Jesus went up to the clouds in today's story, if it's a sunny day, why not have a lie down outside and look at the clouds. What do you see? Can you spot any shapes or characters in the clouds?

## An activity

You'll need: A paper cup (or disposable plastic), some string (or thin ribbon), paper, pens, sticky tape.

Colour and cut out a small image of Jesus (it needs to be a small enough to fit in your cup). You can use the one below, or draw your own.

Make a small hole in the bottom of your cup and thread your string through it. Tie a knot in the end so it can't come loose, and then attach Jesus to the other end. Make a cloud out of paper, write on it 'Jesus went back to his father through the clouds' and attach it to the cup.

As you tell the story pull Jesus up through the clouds.



## A prayer to pray together

Dear God, It's really hard to wait, and right now we are waiting for so many things. As the disciples waited for the Holy Spirit, help us to wait, well. Help us to know that we don't have to wait for you, as you are always with us. Amen

## A prayer Activity

Draw a circle (about the size of a CD) and then draw a spiral inside it. Along the spiral write down things that you want to pray about.

Cut out the spiral and add a small thread to the centre. The spiral will spin a little, but if held above a lamp will spin more because of the heat. Use this as a visual reminder of Jesus going to heaven and remember the promise that he is always with us.



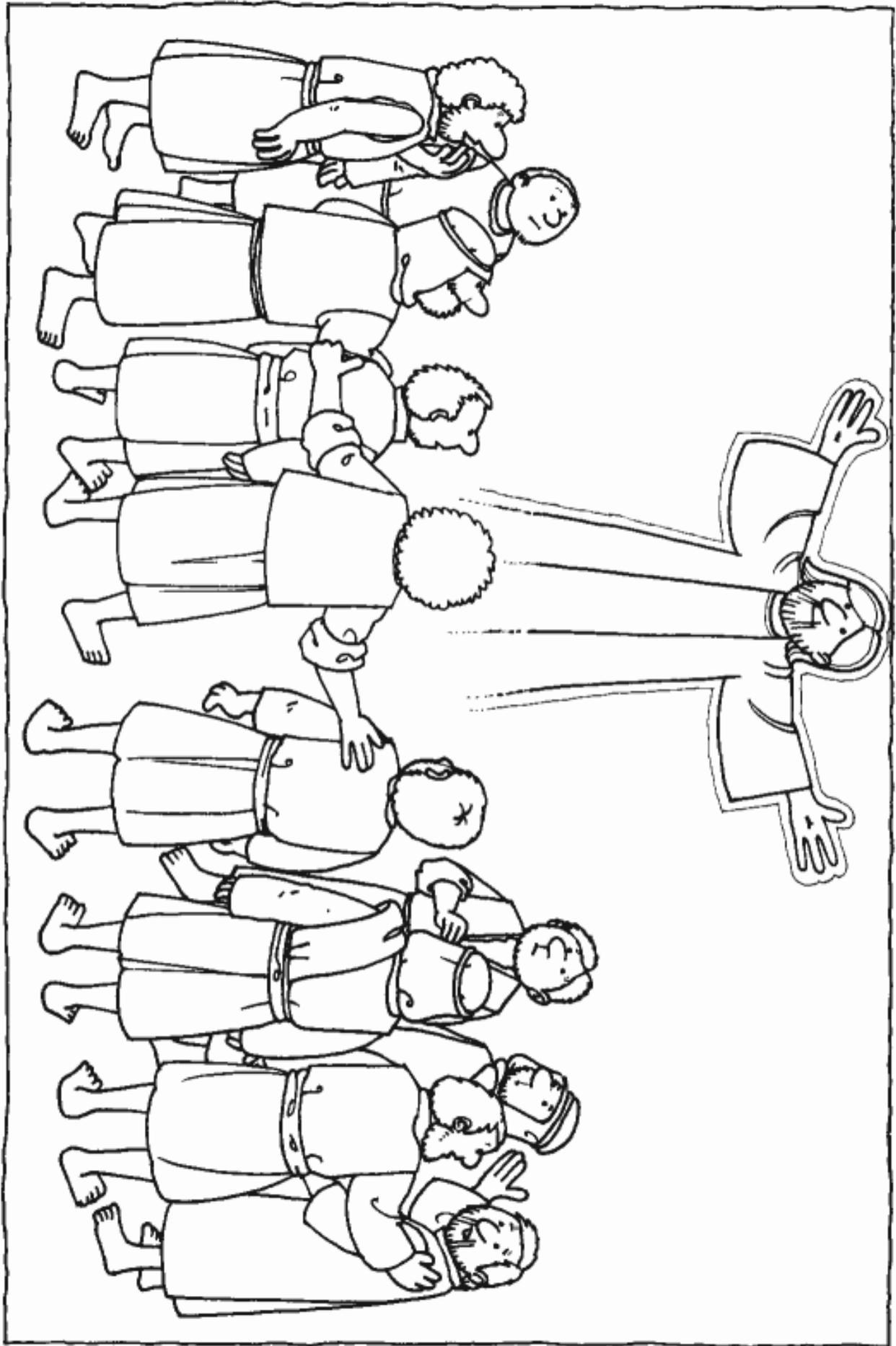
## An activity

You'll need: A plastic bottle or glass jar, water, vegetable oil, food colouring, fizzy vitamin tablet or Alka seltzer tablets (please be extra careful if using these and only with an adult around)

Fill a bottle or jar halfway full with water and mix in some food colouring. Now fill the rest of the bottle with oil, leaving a small space at the top. The oil will separate from the water into a separate layer.

Drop a fizzy vitamin tablet (or try a quarter or half at a time if they are large tablets) into the bottle and watch as bubbles of coloured water start to ascend into the oil layer in the style of a mini lava lamp!

Watch the bubbles rising and think about the sight of Jesus ascending and what that might have meant for the disciples. What might they have been thinking/ feeling? What does it feel like to wait for something, as the disciples had been told to go and wait for the Holy Spirit to come?



Colouring in

