

## **Activities based on "Jesus ascends into heaven" (Acts 1:6-14)**

After Jesus died and rose again, he "ascended" into heaven. We read in Acts how he went up into the sky, hidden by a cloud, to heaven. Jesus is still alive in heaven with his Heavenly Father. This is another difficult concept for children, so some of these activities may help them understand.

### **Things that go up**

"Ascension" simply means "going up". Fly a kite, blow some bubbles upwards, see how high up you can throw a ball, or make a paper aeroplane. (See the template in the activities section.) All these things go up in the sky like Jesus ascending.

### **Make and send a card**

Jesus told his disciples to be his witnesses, telling people about him (Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:19-20). Encourage your child to make a card (you could use the template provided) and send it to someone to tell them that Jesus is alive.

### **Cloud prayers**

Cut out cloud shapes and write prayers on them. You could glue cotton wool on the other side. Jesus is alive in heaven and so we can pray to him and he hears us. Stick your cloud prayers high up on a wall or peg them up on a washing line.

### **Make a model**

Use the sheets in the resources section to make a model with Jesus going up to heaven. Move the Jesus figure up and down along the slit.

### **This is your life**

Use the pictures of Jesus' life in the resources section. Colour them in and then order them to show his birth, work on earth, death, resurrection, and ascension. You could make an 8-page book with the 7 pictures and a title cover. Add captions

### **Heavenly pictures**

Use paint, crayons, or shiny collage materials to create a picture of heaven. Read Revelation 21 and 22 for descriptions of the Holy City, river, and tree of life.