

## Activities for Jesus ascending into heaven: Acts 1:6-14 (16<sup>th</sup> May)

After Jesus died and rose again, he "ascended" into heaven. Ascension Day was last Thursday (13<sup>th</sup> May). We read in Acts chapter 1 how Jesus went up into the sky, hidden by a cloud, to heaven. Jesus is still alive in heaven with his Heavenly Father. This is difficult to understand, so some of these activities may help.

### 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). Make a card (you could use the template provided) and send it to someone to tell them that Jesus is alive and loves them.

### 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 pictures 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 to tell the story of Jesus' life and show it to a friend who doesn't know this story.

### 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.

### Read the Creed

Read one or more of the Creeds from the resources section, internet, or a prayer book. The Creed is a statement of the things Christians believe, which we often say together in services. Find the bit about Jesus ascending into heaven. Where does it say he is sitting? What does it say he will do one day in the future?