

This week's preparation for your First Communion



1. This Sunday is a special feast day called **The Ascension of the Lord**. On this feast day we remember the day Jesus returned to his Father in Heaven (this was after rising from the dead at Easter) and from then on, stopped appearing to his disciples. That sounds a bit lonely for his friends, doesn't it? But if you **read the Gospel story** on the next page it tells us that Jesus said, even though they wouldn't see him, he would always be with them, even to the very end of time.
2. The other reading for this Sunday tells about what happened after Jesus told his friends - & us - that he would be with us always. This reading is taken from a book called 'The Acts of the Apostles' which tells about some of the things the Apostles did after Jesus died on the cross. You can **read that story** on the next page too. It is written by a follower of Jesus named Luke. What other book in the Bible did he write?
3. **Draw a picture** of what happened in the story from the Acts of the Apostles or **colour in the one I have included** on page 3.

The Gospel Story: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus' eleven disciples went to a mountain in Galilee,
where Jesus had told them to meet him.

They saw him and worshiped him,
but some of them doubted.

Jesus came to them and said:

“I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth!
Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples.

Baptise them in the name of the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

and teach them to do everything I have told you.

“I will be with you always,
even until the end of the world”.

The Gospel of the Lord.

The First reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Jesus told his disciples:

“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 (these were angels)
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.

The word of the Lord

