

# KIDS CHURCH ONLINE

Sunday 24th May 2020

## THEME - JESUS' ASCENSION

Acts 1 1:14

## BIBLE

Acts 1:1-14 New Century Version (NCV)

### Luke Writes Another Book

**1** To Theophilus.

The first book I wrote was about everything Jesus began to do and teach **2** until the day he was taken up into heaven. Before this, with the help of the Holy Spirit, Jesus told the apostles he had chosen what they should do. **3** After his death, he showed himself to them and proved in many ways that he was alive. The apostles saw Jesus during the forty days after he was raised from the dead, and he spoke to them about the kingdom of God. **4** Once when he was eating with them, he told them not to leave Jerusalem. He said, "Wait here to receive the promise from the Father which I told you about. **5** John baptised people with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit."

### Jesus Is Taken Up into Heaven

**6** When the apostles were all together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, are you now going to give the kingdom back to Israel?"

**7** Jesus said to them, "The Father is the only One who has the authority to decide dates and times. These things are not for you to know. **8** But when the Holy Spirit comes to you, you will receive power. You will be my witnesses—in Jerusalem, in all of Judea, in Samaria, and in every part of the world."

**9** After he said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

**10** As he was going, they were looking into the sky. Suddenly, two men wearing white clothes stood beside them. **11** They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus, whom you saw taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you saw him go."

**12** Then they went back to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. (This mountain is about half a mile from Jerusalem.) **13** When they entered the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon (known as the Zealot), and Judas son of James were there. **14** They all continued praying together with some women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and Jesus' brothers.

## HAVE A CHAT

Below are some questions to help you explore the story

I wonder what part of the story you liked best?

I wonder what was the most important part?

I wonder where you are in the story?

I wonder what job Jesus gave to the disciples?

I wonder if the disciples were able to do what Jesus asked them?

I wonder what do they think it meant when Jesus went up to heaven in the cloud?

I wonder how the disciples felt when Jesus went up to heaven for the last time?

I wonder was it the end of the story – or the beginning?

## **ACTIVITIES**

### **Tell the Story**

Retell the stories in your own words, creating a modern version. Can you remember all the different parts of the story? Maybe you would like to act it out, or perhaps gather different toys to retell the story.

### **Game - Relay Race**

In your garden or go to a park. Mark out a large circle, position yourselves evenly around the circle. Choose someone to start the race, the person to their right will finish the race. In a clock wise direction run round the circle when you each the next person stop hand them the baton (you can use a rolled up piece of paper). Then they run to the next person and so on until the race is finished. You could run the race a few times, timing yourselves to see if you can better your time.

In a relay race the second person can't do their job until the first person has done theirs. It is also so in life – often you can't do your thing until the person before has done what they needed to.

It was the same in the Bible – it wasn't until after Jesus had gone back to heaven that the disciples were able to start their work of telling everyone about him!

(The following activities are from [www.wycliffe.org](http://www.wycliffe.org))

### **Around The World Scavenger Hunt (see activity sheet)**

Print off or read the clues for the Scavenger Hunt, together work your way around your home seeing if you can find them. When you have completed all the questions look up the answers and find out more about the everyday items.

### **Learn To Say Hello In 10 Languages (see activity sheet)**

Print off or read how to say 'Hello' in 10 different languages. Think about the Bible and all the different languages it has been translated into (including English).

### **Exploring Maps (see activity sheet)**

Print off, have fun exploring the world.

## **Jigsaw Challenge**

Print off or copy the bible verse onto a piece of paper, cutting it up to make a jigsaw. If printed cut out the jigsaw shapes.

You can make a game by taking a piece away and making the jigsaw again up, saying which part of the verse is missing. All the words which are on the missing piece need to be removed from the verse (even if there is only one letter of the word on the missing piece). Does the verse mean the same with these words missing?

## **Chalk the Walk**

Decorate the end of your driveway or the road in front of your house with art...witnessing for Jesus by writing the words 'Follow Jesus, or 'Jesus Is Our Friend; or Jesus Is The Way'.

## **Colouring (see the colouring folder)**

If you are able print the colouring in sheets take some time to colour them in. If not why not give it a go and try and copy the design, then colour in it or make up your own design to tell the story.

## **Modelling**

Make a world, either by using something round to make a mould with paper mache or making a ball out of salt dough. When dry see if you can paint the pattern of the world on your model.

Place it somewhere to help you remember that Jesus has given us a job to do. To tell others about him and how much he loves them.

## **Rock Art**

If you have enjoyed this activity your challenge this week is to find a stone(rock) big enough to write the words 'Follow Jesus', or 'Jesus Is The Way.'

On your walk go in search for a rock you can paint. you can paint it with any sort of paint but some paints wash off so be careful not to get the rock wet once it is dry. Acrylic paint does not wash off. Please protect your clothes.

Next time you go for a walk place the rock somewhere for someone else to see. If you are placing the rocks in your garden add them to the others.

# **PRAYER**

## **Family Prayer Activity (see sheet)**

Take time to do the family prayer activity together.

And this week try to learn the memory verses.

## **Prayer Around The World (see sheet)**

Print off the activity sheet and stick it somewhere in your home where you can see it everyday.

Each day chose a country and find out its name and prayer for the country, colour in the country.

### **\*Here are a few options for paste for your paper mache.**

1. Use a simple mix of flour and water. Use one part flour with two parts water until you get the consistency like think glue. Add more water of flour as necessary, mix well and get out all the lumps. Add a few tablespoons of salt to help prevent mould!
2. Similar to the above recipe, but definitely need adult supervision.  
4 cups of water into a large pot. Place the pot on the hob and bring to the boil. While you are waiting for the water to boil, mix together one cup of flour with two cups of water, stir well to get out as many lumps as possible.  
Once the water in boiling, carefully add your floured water mixture. Simmer the mixture for 2-3 minutes, until smooth. Add a few teaspoons of salt the help prevent mould. Allow to cool before you try to use it!
3. You can use regular glue mixed with a bit of water. Mix using about one part water with two parts glue.
4. Use wallpaper paste. Follow the directions from the manufacturer to mix this paste. Adult supervision when using it.

### **\*Recipe for Salt Dough**

1 cup salt

2 cups of flour

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup of water

- In a large bowl mix salt and flour together.
- Gradually stir in water. Mix well until it forms a doughy consistency.
- Turn the dough onto the bench and knead with your hands until smooth and combined.
- Make your creations using the salt dough.
- Place the salt dough creations into the oven at 180C. The amount of time needed to bake depends on the size and thickness of the salt dough creations.

Please remind little ones that the salt dough is not edible.

### **Tips and Ideas**

- Store your salt dough in an air tight container as it keeps well for a few days.
- You can paint your creations with acrylic paints and seal with varnish or polyurethane spray.
- Salt dough can also be aired dried and is an alternative to oven drying.
- Involve the kids in making the salt dough as this encourages and promotes so many learning opportunities, plus it is so much fun!