

# PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

## SUNDAY LITURGY



Ascension of the Lord

12 May 2024 - Year B

**“The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.”**

### Something to Think About

With God to help us, wonderful things are possible. Jesus said, 'Go and preach the good news to everyone'. How could you preach the good news? Perhaps you could share with people instead of keeping things for yourself. Maybe you could laugh and smile, rather than complaining.

### The Story

In today's gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to spread the message that anyone who believes in him will be able to do wonderful things. Jesus was taken back up to heaven and sat at the right side of God. The disciples preached everywhere and Jesus was with them. Through the power of Jesus, the disciples were able to work miracles.

### The Scriptures

**A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark**

**16:15-20**

Jesus told his disciples:

"Go and preach the good news to everyone in the world.  
Anyone who believes me and is baptised will be saved.  
But anyone who refuses to believe me will be condemned.

"Everyone who believes me will be able to do wonderful things.  
By using my name they will force out demons,  
and they will speak new languages.  
They will handle snakes and will drink poison and not be hurt.  
They will also heal sick people by placing their hands on them."

After the Lord Jesus had said these things to the disciples,  
he was taken back up to heaven  
where he sat down at the right side of God.  
Then the disciples left and preached everywhere.  
The Lord was with them,  
and the miracles they worked proved that their message was true.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Video

Click to watch the video: [Jesus' Ascension](#)

## Group Discussion

It can be very important whom we sit next to. Can you think of a time when there was a discussion, or maybe even an argument, about where people were going to sit. Talk about why it might be important to a person to sit in a particular place.

Jesus has a place of honour seated at God's right hand. Jesus continues to help us from his place in heaven and he has the power to help us do important things.

## Praying For Others

*Leader:* Trusting in God's love and encouragement, we pray for the needs of the world.

*Reader 1:* We pray the energy to spread joy and love wherever we go. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 2:* We pray for those who are searching for Jesus. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 3:* We pray for the sick, the suffering and all who care for them. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 4:* We pray that our hearts will be filled with faith. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 5:* We pray that we will ask Jesus for help in all we do. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.*

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Loving God, listen to our prayers in the name of the risen Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

## Prayer



Lord Jesus,  
We know that you are with us  
always. Bless us today as we do  
good things in your name.  
Amen.

## Group Activity

*You will need: a worksheet for each child, and coloured markers or coloured pencils.*

**Jesus went up to heaven. What do you think heaven is like?**

Heaven has been described as the 'coming true' of all our hopes and dreams.

What are your hopes and dreams for yourself, for your family and friends, or for the world?

Draw or write about these on the page below.



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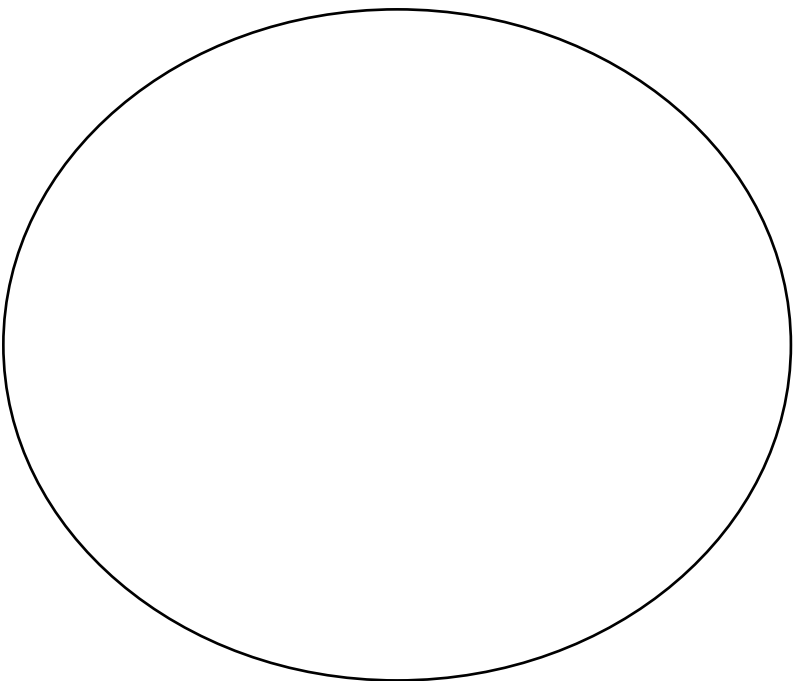
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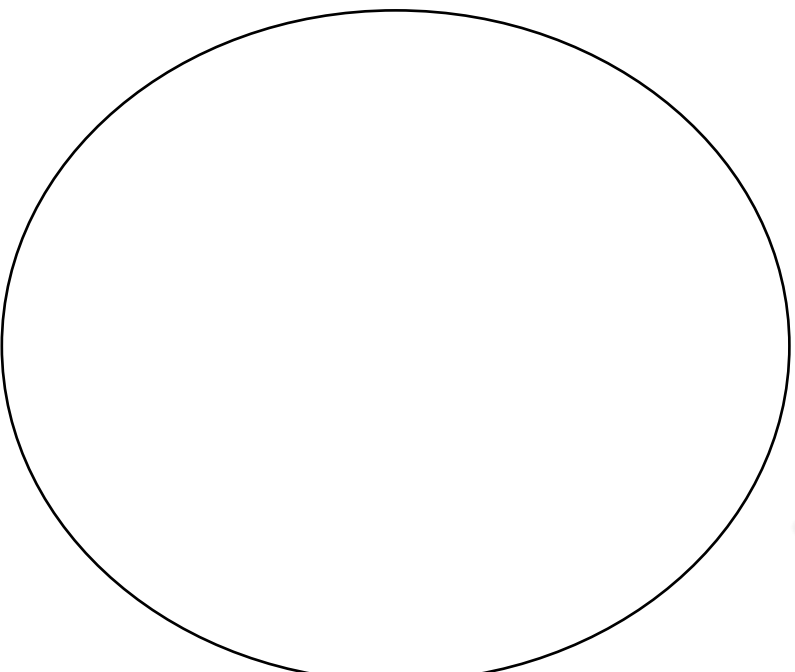


## My hopes and dreams...

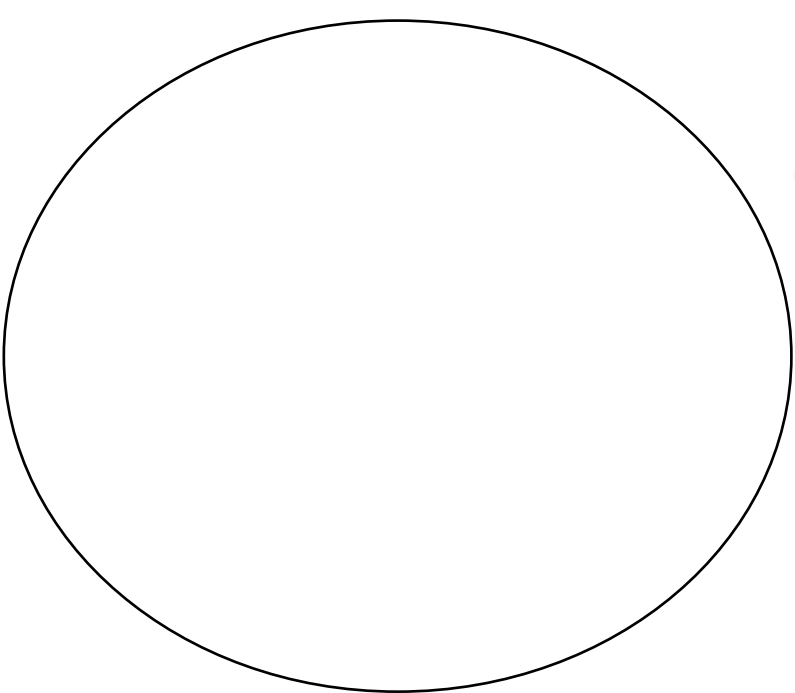
*For myself*



*For my family*



*For the world*



# JESUS SAYS GOODBYE TO THE DISCIPLES AND GOES TO HIS FATHER IN HEAVEN...

THINK OF TIMES YOU HAVE  
SAID 'GOODBYE'

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WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE TO SAY  
'GOODBYE'

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HOW DO YOU STAY IN TOUCH  
AFTER YOU SAY 'GOODBYE'

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