

LO: To describe and explain the events of Jesus's Ascension into heaven.



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Answers on the next slide...



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Answers...

1) rising, or, going up

2) Jesus is rising to heaven



40 days after his Resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven.

Saint Luke (Luke 24: 49-53) writes in his Gospel that, *"Jesus said, 'I myself will send upon you what my Father has promised. But you must wait in the city until the power from above comes down upon you.'*

Then, he led them out of the city as far as Bethany, where he raised his hands and blessed them. As he was blessing them, he departed from them and was taken up into heaven. They worshipped him and went back to Jerusalem, filled with great joy, and spent all their time in the Temple giving thanks to God."

The events of Jesus's *Ascension* are very important because they show us that his work on earth was now completed.

Jesus was now leaving his disciples the task of spreading the good news about his life, death and Resurrection.

It is important to remember that Jesus promised the disciples that he would not leave them alone; he will send "what my Father has promised." We understand this to mean the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus will send at Pentecost.



Activities

All - Your challenge is to create an image to show your understanding of what happened at the Ascension Sunday. Once you have completed your image, you will need to label it with key information, e.g., forty days after the Resurrection, and some of the key words that Jesus spoke. You can be as creative as you like. Perhaps use collage, drawing, or painting. If you would prefer, I have saved some Ascension colouring pages in this folder.



Success Criteria



How will you make it clear that your image shows the Ascension?

Which words did Jesus use?

How will you show that Jesus is rising towards heaven?

AfL

Now that Jesus has risen from the dead, appeared to his disciples and then ascended into heaven, what do you think will happen next?

What do you think we will be learning about next lesson?

Reflection

Watch this video - the hymn will be very familiar to you!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COQ6cni_TG8

As I always say to you, please remember that this hymn leaves out the most important part of Jesus's journey - the Resurrection!

*We should sing - from the grave, he raised he raised to life, from the earth to the sky!