

Thursday 21st May

Ascension Day

Today is Ascension Day. Christians celebrate Ascension Day forty days after Easter. Have a look at the information below to learn more. You might like to create some artwork about Ascension Day- see the examples on the second page for some ideas.

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On Easter Sunday, Christians remember that Jesus rose from the dead; this is known as the resurrection. It is a happy occasion.

It is written in the Bible that, after the resurrection, Jesus appeared many times to his disciples and followers.

Why did Jesus return after his death?

Through their sadness, the disciples realised that Jesus had returned to them, and they were so happy. Despite having spent many hours listening to Jesus' stories, telling them of his death and resurrection, they had not really understood what he meant.

Jesus returned to them after his death, showing them that what had been said was true. For the next forty days, Jesus lived with his disciples and appeared to them at different times. They were delighted to have him with them once again.



On the mountain

On the fortieth day, Jesus and his disciples were walking up a mountain. Jesus asked his disciples not to leave Jerusalem until they had received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

A huge cloud came down upon the mountain and, as the disciples watched in amazement, the cloud surrounded Jesus. He was taken up into heaven before their very eyes.

The disciples continued to look at the sky when two men dressed in white stood beside them and asked,

"Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky? This is the same Jesus who has been taken into heaven".

The disciples returned to Jerusalem and went upstairs to the room where they were staying, and prayed.

The disciples would receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit would help them travel the world teaching people and spreading the good news about Jesus.

Did you know?: Ascension means to 'go up'.

