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#### **Youth News**

#### The Feast of the Ascension

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#### This Week's Edition:

Jesus Ascends to Heaven



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#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Ascension means "to go up". Today we celebrate Jesus going up to heaven after His resurrection.

An old custom was to bless the firstfruits of the spring season on Ascension Day—just as Jesus blessed the apostles, who were the firstfruits of His labour.

If you have a garden, harvest a few of the "firstfruits" of springtime—vegetables, herbs, or flowers. Before dinner, pray this blessing with your family:

Bless, O Lord, these new fruits that you have brought to maturity by the dew of heaven and plentiful rains. You have given us this food for our use that we may receive it with thanks in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever, Amen.

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Lk. 24: 44-53

#### Jesus said to His disciples...

... "While I was with you, I told you about all that was going to happen to me."

Then He helped them understand all that was written about Him in the books of Moses, the prophets and the Psalms.

He said, "It was written in those books that Christ would have to suffer and die, but that He would rise from the dead on the third day. It was also written that everyone in Jerusalem and in every part of the world should be told to turn away from their sins, and God will forgive them. And you are witnesses of this because you have seen all of this happen. Now you must stay in Jerusalem until I send you the power from heaven that God has promised."

Then Jesus led the disciples to Bethany. When they were there, Jesus raised His hands and blessed them. As he blessed them, he was taken up to heaven. The disciples went back to Jerusalem filled with joy and went every day to the temple to praise God.

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#### What do YOU Think About this Story?

1.	I wonder whether Jesus missed His disciples after He ascended into Heaven
2.	I wonder why the disciples were joyful instead of sad when Jesus ascended into Heaven
3.	I wonder who Jesus was talking about when He said "I will send you power from heaven"



## **Never Forget**

Once Jesus had gone, the disciples journeyed all over the world to tell people about Jesus. There was one special message that Jesus left with them. If a=1, b=2 and c=3, can you work out what it was?

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1 14 15 20 8 5 18 1 19 9

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8 1 22 5 12 15 22 5 4

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25 15 21.

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## **Boredom Busters!**

#### Materials

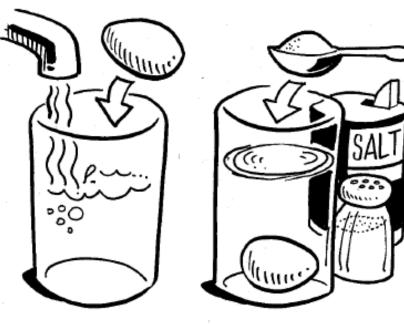
Egg

Salt

Glass of water

#### Directions

- 1. Put the egg in a glass that is half full of water.
- Now add several tablespoons of salt, stir gently, and watch what happens!



# The "Eggscension" — Jesus Ascends

On Easter Day we celebrate how Jesus overpowered death and came back to life. On Ascension Day we remember that He ascended into heaven. To ascend means to go up. Perform an "eggscension" of your own with this neat experiment.





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