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Ascension of the Lord, Year A - RCLB Lectionary



Lectionary: 58

Read: [Matthew 28:16-20](#)

Gospel Summary

The Gospel reading today concludes the Book of Matthew. It was at this point that Jesus, knowing he was about to return to the Father, commissioned the apostles to carry the message of the Good News into the whole world. They would baptize, make more disciples, and teach the message Jesus had taught them. Jesus made it clear that his ascension did not mark an absence; he would always be with them. This Gospel message is the foundation of the Church and makes clear what we are called to do and be.

Reflection for Families

We don't need to go to the four corners of the earth to be missionaries. We are called as parents to the same mission as the apostles. We are the first and most significant teachers of our children. We bring them to baptism and show them the Good News. Not only our actions speak to our children about what we believe and how we hope they live Christian lives, but our efforts to prepare them for the sacraments and come to the Lord's table every week helps them know the full depth of our faith.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

During the past weeks we have been reminded often by Jesus that he will not leave us alone. Sometimes it's hard to explain to children where someone is who we can't see. Like the people in the early Church we have faith, but we also have doubt. As if it were a scavenger hunt, let family members look for places they find Jesus this week. In what way can your family help others know Jesus' presence?

Discussion Starters

1. I need Jesus with me especially when . . .
2. I know how the disciples felt when Jesus left them. I remember someone leaving . . .
3. I think I would have been a great missionary because . . .

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