



ASCENSION

GOD SPEAKS TO US (Acts 1:3-5, 8-11; Matthew 28:16-20)

After Jesus died and came back to life, he appeared to his followers many times. He wanted to show them that he was really alive. One day, Jesus said,

"I promised you that I would always be with you.

Go to the city of Jerusalem and wait there. Soon I will send you a wonderful gift—the Spirit of God."

Then, suddenly, Jesus was taken up into the clouds.

His followers watched even after they could not see him anymore. Then, two men appeared and said,

"Jesus has gone to heaven. But he will come back to you."



WE RESPOND

Thank you, Jesus, for keeping your promise. We feel you are always with us, even this very minute. We feel the Spirit of God in our hearts. You fill us with joy.

MORNING PRAYER

This is the day our God has made. Let us be glad and give thanks. In the name of the Father (+), and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit (+). Alleluia!





EVENING PRAYER

Jesus, you are my Lord and my God. Your Spirit brings me joy and peace. I want to share your Spirit with all people. Bless . . . *(Include those for whom you want to pray.)* Amen.
Parent's Blessing (while making the sign of the cross on your child's forehead): (+) _____, may you rest in the Spirit of joy and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

PARENT/CHILD REFLECTION



 **Conversation:** Listen to your child's thoughts about feeling close to someone we cannot see.

 **Reflection:** Let's listen quietly in our hearts to Jesus. Guide me, Jesus, in the ways to help others feel the joy of being close to you.