

Happy Ascension Day!!

Well it's the last day of the school week before we 'break up' for half term and have a rest from home learning! How lucky Friday was a non-pupil day too! :-)

Speaking to some of your fellow classmates at school on Tuesday, they hadn't seen the special message videoed for you from the Peruvian prime minister! It was put on the home learning page on Sunday, ready for you on Monday 18th, with some other files. It's a yellow link that you click and download the file to watch. Do watch it, as a prime minister's time is costly!... *It cost me two packets of Skittles, a Snickers bar and a family bag of Doritos!... with postage to Peru!!! :-D*

I've added a fair bit this week, so this will be a short one, as you will no doubt have things to catch up on... *(especially after speaking to some of your friends on Tuesday! Ha ha!)* The only thing new I want you to look at is the next part of our journey with Jesus and His disciples.

Today is **Ascension Day** - 21st May. What does *Ascension* mean?

To 'ascend' is to go upwards, so Ascension Day is a celebration of the day that Jesus left His disciples and left the world to be with His Father and The Holy Spirit in Heaven, joining them to make God complete - in all its three parts!



If you kept on reading John's Gospel (which would be a good thing to do anyway - it's very interesting!) we read how Jesus is preparing the disciples for his ascension into Heaven. He's getting them ready to go out into the world and tell everyone about Him, and His sacrifice for the world. However, today's reading comes from St Luke, an on-looker, not a disciple, but someone who was deeply moved by Jesus, and felt the need to let everyone know the things He said and did, by writing it down to share with everyone... *literally!!* He was a 'doctor' - not like doctors today, but an educated man who had dedicated his life to helping and healing people. Anyway, here is his account of Jesus' Ascension into Heaven:

Luke 24:44-53 (*Easy-to-Read Version*)

Jesus said to them, "Remember when I was with you before? I said that everything written about me must happen - everything written in the Law of Moses, the books of the prophets, and the Psalms."

Then Jesus helped the followers understand these Scriptures about him. Jesus said to them, "It is written that the Messiah would be killed and rise from death on the third day. You saw these things happen - you are witnesses. You must go and tell people that they must change and turn to God, which will bring them his forgiveness. You must start from Jerusalem and tell this message in my name to the people of all nations. Remember that I will send you the one my Father promised. Stay in the city until you are given that

power from heaven."

Jesus led his followers out of Jerusalem almost to Bethany. He raised his hands and blessed his followers. While he was blessing them, he was separated from them and carried into heaven. They worshiped him and went back to Jerusalem very happy. They stayed at the Temple all the time, praising God.

Wo!! What a day for the disciples!!

**Watch these short videos showing different interpretations of what Jesus' Ascension may have been like to witness (ask permission first please!)*

1. <https://youtu.be/RD0LNtc1UE4>
2. <https://youtu.be/4qBbr1D-OIU>
3. <https://youtu.be/cF2IK-MAicY>

Each video has a slightly different slant on what might have happened. There are three accounts of Jesus' Ascension in the bible:

Mark mentions it briefly in **Mark 16:19** - *So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.*

Luke (above)

And also in the **Book of Acts 1:6-11** (or Acts of the Apostles) - *When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.*

Although no one is absolutely sure who wrote the Book of Acts, many scholars believe that Luke wrote it, following on from his Gospel.

1. Which video do you like best? Why?
2. Read both **Mark 16:19** <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+16%3A19&version=ERV> and **Acts 1:6-11** <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+1%3A6-11&version=ERV> and see if you can spot any words or phrases in the videos above. The last video seems to have all three readings mixed in!
3. What is Jesus referring to when he said: *"Remember that I will send you the one my Father promised. Stay in the city until you are given that power from heaven."*
4. Imagine you were one of the disciples. Write about how you felt when Jesus left. Think about this carefully, and link it to what Jesus told them!
5. What did Jesus expect of the disciples after he had ascended?
6. Draw a picture showing this scene. How will you interpret it? I liked the one with the 'angels' positioned around in the clouds, looking more like Roman soldiers than the images we often imagine when thinking of angels!

Ok - there we have it for today! There are lots to do from earlier in the week (or from previous weeks!)

I may be seeing some of you on the 1st June (which will be wonderful!), but I may not. If you're staying home, don't fret! I will still be keeping in contact with you on a weekly basis, and do still keep sending me what you've been up to. I'll try and make sure I do a video too! :-)

Challenge of the day: Phone a relative who may not know that is Ascension Day, and tell them what you have learnt about!

But before you go...

What did one wall say to the other wall?

I'll meet you at the corner!

Why are fish so clever?

Because they live in schools!

Why do bees have sticky hair?

Because they use honey combs!

Take care and enjoy having a rest from home learning!

See some of you very soon!!!

God bless,

Mr Hill :-)