

# TEACHER'S NOTES

6 year olds	<b>OUR HEAVENLY FATHER</b>
Chapter 21	<b>JESUS GOES BACK TO HEAVEN</b>
Lesson 3	<b>THE ASCENSION</b>

## AIMS

1. Children will learn that Jesus promised to stay with His Church and to send the Holy Spirit.
2. They will learn about the Ascension.
3. They will pray the Second Glorious Mystery

## BEGIN

Remind the children that after the Resurrection Jesus prepared to return to His Father. Remind them also that the Father is God; He is everywhere, but He is also in Heaven. After Jesus rose from the dead, it was time for Him to return body and soul to Heaven. Tell the children that today we will learn about this great and miraculous event.

## STEP 1

Read the two Special Paragraph from the children's pack with the children.

## STEP 2

Read the account of the Ascension from the children's Bible that is in their packs

## STEP 3

Discuss the painting in their packs with the children.

Where are Mary and the Apostles?	They look like they are on top of a hill or mountain.
Where is Jesus?	Floating in the sky.
Why is He in the sky	He is ascending to His and our Father.
What does "ascend" mean?	To rise up.
Is Jesus like a ghost?	No, He has a body; He is ascending body and soul.
Did Jesus leave His Church alone.	No, He left the Apostles to look after His Church.
Did Jesus go back to Heaven forever?	No, He promised to return one day, just as He left.
What else did Jesus promise the Apostles?	That He would send the Holy Spirit.

#### STEP 4

Discuss the promises of Jesus with the Children.

1. Jesus promised the Apostles that He would remain with them always. How is this possible?

He does this through:

- i. His Church
  - ii. The Eucharist
  - iii. Through the teachings of His Church
  - iv. Through prayer and liturgy
  - v. Through the sacraments
  - vi. Through His grace
  - vii. And by the Holy Spirit
2. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit. Who is the Holy Spirit?
    - a. The Holy Spirit is God.
    - b. We know the Holy Spirit is God because Jesus said so. Jesus said we are to be baptised in the Name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - One God in three persons

#### STEP 5

Promise the children that they will learn more about the Holy Spirit in a later lesson.

#### REINFORCE

1. Assign the children the colouring the picture of the Ascension in their packs, which can be added to their Rosary Books..
  - a. Show the 30 minute video, "Jesus Ascends into Heaven" from the series: A Kingdom without Frontiers (available through Ignatius Press).

#### CONCLUDE

1. Pray the Second Glorious Mystery of the Rosary, the Ascension, as a way of saying "thank you" to Jesus for His promises.
2. Teach the children to sing an appropriate hymn such as "Hail the day that sees Him rise," Adoremus Hymnal, #430
3. Say a prayer for the Church

#### PREVIEW

In the next lesson, we will learn more about Jesus coming again in glory.