

# TEACHER'S NOTES

6 year olds	<b>OUR HEAVENLY FATHER</b>
Chapter 21	<b>JESUS GOES BACK TO HEAVEN</b>
Lesson 1	<b>JESUS PREPARES TO RETURN TO THE FATHER</b>

## AIMS

1. Children will learn that Jesus stayed with the Apostles for forty days after the Resurrection.
2. They will learn that Jesus used this time to teach the Apostles.
3. They will also learn that Jesus was going to return to the Father.

## BEGIN

Review with the children the Resurrection of Jesus. Remind them that He rose and took up His body (He was not a ghost), and that He wanted His work to continue on earth. Ask the children what Jesus' work was: to open the gates of Heaven and to save us from hell, to teach, to bring grace and to rule in God's name. Ask the children How Jesus wanted to continue His work: through the Apostles, led by the Pope, in the Church, by the priests and faithful. Jesus needed to prepare the Apostles who were to be the first Church leaders and this is what the children will learn about today.

## STEP 1

Read the Special Paragraph 1 from the children's pack with the children.

## STEP 2

Explain to the children that leaders need to be prepared to lead. You may use yourself as an example. You are a teacher, you lead the children in instruction and the faith. You first had to learn your faith, then learn how to teach and be guided by a lesson plan. You had to accept the responsibility to teach also. So too, the Apostles had to be taught and prepared for their role as leaders of the Church. They had to understand the Scriptures and all that Jesus wanted them to know. They had to understand Jesus' work and how He wanted it to be accomplished.

## STEP 3

Explain to the children that Jesus spent forty days with His Apostles after His Resurrection in order to prepare them to be leaders of His Church after He returned to the Father. The Bible tells us that Jesus spent time with the Apostles as they gathered in an upper room in Jerusalem, He walked with them and talked to them, and one day when they had breakfast on the beach, Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him. Jesus just asked Peter, three times, if he loved Him. This is significant because Peter was the first Pope. When Peter said he did love Him, Jesus gave Peter charge of His flock, He asked him to take care of His sheep, meaning He wanted Peter to take care of the Church.

## STEP 4

- Now read the two stories from the Bible in the children's pack.
- John 20:19-30 (The Upper Room)
- John 21:1-17 (Jesus with Peter on the beach)

### **STEP 5**

Stress that Jesus spent this time with the Apostles to prepare them for His work. He taught them, let them know that they were important to His work, and helped them to understand all they had seen and heard.

### **REINFORCE**

1. Assign the word search in the children's pack.
2. Have the children memorise Question 45 in their packs.

### **CONCLUDE**

1. Discuss the painting in the children's pack with the children (
2. Say a prayer for the Church.
3. Teach the children to sing an appropriate hymn such as "Hail the day that sees Him rise." Adoremus Hymnal, #430 (Charles Wesley 1742)

### **PREVIEW**

In the next lesson we will learn about Jesus' Great Commission to baptise all nations.