

Children's Church at home 24 May 2020

Acts 1:6-14 the Ascension.

Craft ingredients: card, string, Sellotape, a plastic drinking straw (I hope you still have such a thing!) 3 beads if you have them, pens, scissors.

Ask the children if they remember last Sunday's story (it was about loving Jesus, doing what he asks us to do and keeping him, and the Holy Spirit and God the Father in our hearts always)

Introduction: how does it feel at the end of a really fun playdate, or even sleepover? Is it different when you've been to someone else's house or when your friends have been at yours?

Story: Read about how Jesus gives his final instructions to his friends and then leaves them to go and live with his father, God. Sad ... but he makes them a promise! Acts 1:6-14. In the Lion First Bible it's Pages 452-5

Video: <https://youtu.be/UcFw8pLBSIo>

Quiz: where did Jesus and his friends go? Jesus told them that someone was coming: who? What did they have to do then? What happened to Jesus afterwards? Who spoke to them at the end?

Activity: play hide and seek with a small toy. One person hides it for the other(s) to find. (It's a good idea to hide it somewhere it can be seen without climbing on anything or moving anything!) You could give clues by saying 'you're getting warmer' when they get near, and 'you're getting colder' if they move away from it.

Craft: see video.

Prayer: Father God. It's always sad when someone we love leaves. Thank you for the special helper Jesus promised us all. Help us to do what Jesus asks and wait patiently for the special helper. Please bless everyone in our family and all our friends, near and far, and keep them safe and happy. Amen.

PS More about the special helper next week!