

MAY 25, 2017
ASCENSION OF
OUR LORD



Jesus has ascended to heaven.

ASCENSION DAY BIBLE READINGS

Take time to read and reflect upon these Bible passages as part of your Ascension Day celebrations.

Thursday	Luke 24:44-53	The Ascension of Jesus
	Acts 1:1-11	Jesus is taken up to heaven
	Psalm 47	God has ascended

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR ASCENSION DAY

“Jesus has been taken to heaven. But he will come back in the same way that you have seen him go.” **Acts 1:11b (CEV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for Ascension Day:

Lord Jesus, open our minds to understand the Scriptures and our hearts to worship you with joy. Amen. (Luke 24:45, 52)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord Jesus on high, thank you for the gifts of this table. As we share them together, please give us the gift of your presence and the hope of your coming again. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you power from heaven, opening your mind to understand the Scriptures and your heart to worship him.



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A HYMN FOR ASCENSION DAY

*Holy Spirit, Truth
Divine*



CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home or small group:

- Share about a time when you were waiting for someone. What were you thinking and feeling?
- When Jesus ascended into heaven, his followers were told that he would return someday. How do you picture his return?
- Are you looking forward to the return of Jesus? Why or why not?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Acts 1:8-10.

Before Jesus ascended he told his followers that they would be his witnesses, and that through them people across the world would be told to turn away from their sins and be forgiven. In your devotions times this week, discuss how you can be witnesses for Jesus. Write your ideas onto a balloon or balloons (preferably helium-filled) and let them float to the ceiling of your home. Throughout the week pray for opportunities to be witnesses for Jesus and share ways in which God has used you each day.

SERVICE



Caring for our earth is important. Decide on an act of service you can undertake as a household this week to care for or improve your local environment (e.g., collect litter from a park or a roadside near your home).

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



In an old Ascension Day tradition from England, churchgoers carried a banner bearing the symbol of a lion at the head of a procession and a second banner bearing the symbol of a dragon at the rear. This represented Christ's victory over the devil through his resurrection and ascension. Work together to make a poster or banner featuring a lion and another featuring a dragon. Write the words “Christ has won the victory” on each and post them on the front (lion) and rear (dragon) doors of your home this week.



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