

Sunday 24th May: Ascension

Gathering prayer – ask your Junior Church kids to teach you the actions!



From the top of my head to the tips of my toes
From the lobes of my ears to the end of my nose
From my back to my front to my wiggly fingers
God loves me!



John 17: 1-11 Ascension

Jesus prays for Himself and for His disciples one last time before ascending to be with God the Father. Share the story together in your own bible or you can find it online

(<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+17%3A+1-11&version=NIV>)

Words in this story

Glorify – to praise and worship greatly

Eternal – lasting forever

Thinking about this story

- What does it mean to glorify someone or give them glory?
- How do you think you could give Jesus glory in your life?
- How does God demonstrate his glory in the world today?
- How do you think you would respond if you were hearing Jesus pray this prayer?
- What would you expect Jesus to pray about?
- What do you think it means for Jesus to be glorified?

Activity 1 – for all ages: Be a hymn writer!

This week we are remembering 18th century Christians John and Charles Wesley. Charles was a famous hymn writer, and we still sing many of his hymns today. Your challenge is to write a new verse to the tune of Charles Wesley's 'Come thou long expected Jesus' on the theme of The Trinity – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The familiar words are here: https://hymnary.org/text/come_thou_long_expected_jesus_born_to

Or listen to St. John's College choir here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEEedOuWnDGs>

This hymn's meter is 8787 so it has 4 lines per verse with 8, then 7, then 8 then 7 syllables.

Please save your new verse here <https://www.dropbox.com/request/w2RbQABc9rsJ7NgHQwrI> by the end of next Sunday (31st May). You won't need to sign up for a Dropbox account to do this. Hopefully we can put them together and sing a few verses on Trinity Sunday (7th June).

I look forward to reading your verses!

Activity 2: 'Roots' Colouring sheets

Roots have a collection of resources for families at home:

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/i-am-looking-for/public-copies/worshipathome24may#activity>

activity sheet: <https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/20955/24-may-2020-childrens-sheet.pdf>

and colouring: <https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/20935/24-may-2020-colouring-sheet.pdf>

A prayer to use this week

Dear God,

we thank you that you are always with us.

When we see the sun in the sky,

we remember **you are there.**

When we feel the rain on our faces,

we remember **you are there.**

When we watch the birds flying,

we remember **you are there,**

When we sing and pray together,

we remember **you are there.**

When it is dark and we feel alone,

help us to remember **you are there.**

Amen.

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