



Faith in Five- Children
Easter Week 7

- 1. Read John 17:1-11 as a family. What is Jesus doing?** Jesus is praying to His Father in Heaven. **What did Jesus do while on earth?** Jesus glorified the Father, and offered eternal life- to know God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son. He accomplished the work of His Father. **Who does Jesus pray for?** Jesus prays for those who accepted His words and truly believed in Him and understood where Jesus came from. He was praying for His disciples and followers but also for you and me! We have accepted Jesus and truly believe in Him. We strive to understand and carry out all His teachings. **How will Jesus be glorified?** Jesus will no longer be in the world but will ascend to His Father in Heaven!! This is Ascension Sunday!!
- 2. What do you know about the Ascension of our Lord?** Jesus' Ascension into Heaven happened 40 days after Easter, which is a Thursday. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, but most dioceses move the observation of this feast to the closest Sunday. **Did Jesus need God the Father to bring Him up to Heaven?** No, Jesus ascended to Heaven by His own abilities. **What does the Resurrection mean for us?** The Ascension of Christ fills us with hope for where we will spend eternity! **How can we celebrate the Ascension at home?** Pray the second decade of the Glorious Mysteries. Go for an uphill hike as a family! Eat cotton candy, marshmallows or whipped cream to remind you of Jesus' Ascension into the clouds.
- 3. Did you know that each decade of the Rosary invokes a virtue?** The virtue we pray for when we meditate on the Ascension of our Lord is HOPE! **What is hope?** From the Baltimore Catechism, hope is "the theological virtue that makes us trust in God and His promise of eternal life to those who love and obey Him. **Do you know the Act of Hope?**
O My God, relying on Your almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen.
- 4. Who is St. Philip Neri?** St. Philip Neri was born in Florence, Italy in 1515. He had a cheerful, gentle and obedient disposition from the time he was a little boy. When he was 18, he experienced a mystic vision, an encounter with the Lord that changed His life! Instead of inheriting a wealthy family business, he was called by the Holy Spirit to go to Rome and serve the Church. **What did he do in Rome?** He first tutored a few boys, but mostly prayed and fasted. He studied theology but decided instead of becoming

ordained a priest, he would preach to the people of Rome who had lost their faith. He had an incredible sense of humor and an inviting warmth. He was always surrounded by people and respected and befriended by everybody. He spent time in deep conversations of faith, conversion, prayer and sacred music. Eventually St. Philip founded a confraternity of poor laymen to pray and serve the poor- the Congregation of the Oratory. He was also finally convinced to be ordained! He became a priest in 1551. His main mission field became the confessional. St. Philip's feast day is May 26th. He is the patron saint of Rome. *St. Philip Neri, pray for us!*

5. **Have you ever heard of a Marian Garden?** A Marian Garden is a garden made up of flowers that represent Mary. This is a beautiful way to honor our Blessed Mother during her special plant. **What types of flowers should you plant?** Here are some traditional ideas: Begonias and Geraniums represent Mary's heart, Baby's Breath is for Our Lady's veil, Violets remind us of Our Lady's modesty and Carnations of our Mother's love. Forget-me-nots represent Mary's eyes while cornflowers are for Mary's crown. Larkspurs and Lilies-of-the-Valley are for Mary's tears and sorrows. Sunflowers and Marigolds represent Mary's golden royalty. [This is a wonderful book about a Marian Garden!](#)

REVIEW QUESTION: Catechism- From whom do we know to learn to know, love and serve God? We learn to know, love and serve God through Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who teaches us through the Catholic Church. (Baltimore Catechism, Lesson 1) The Catechism explains "The Church is the flock of Christ. In this flock we follow the Good Shepherd."

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