

FAITH IN 5

Easter: Week 6

Ages 3-8

1. The Gospel reading this week comes from John, Chapter 14. Jesus tells His disciples that He will leave soon to be with His Father in Heaven, but not to worry because He will send His Holy Spirit, his "helper" to teach and guide them. **How do you think His friends felt when they knew He would be leaving?**
2. This week we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord. Remember that a Solemnity is an extra special feast day. We usually go to Mass on these important days! **Do you know what happened at the Ascension of Our Lord?** There came a time after Jesus's death and resurrection, when he needed to leave His friends on Earth and go be with His Father in Heaven. So after 40 days on earth, Jesus was lifted up in a great white cloud into Heaven! It was an incredible site!. The Ascension is glorious because it shows us that we too can be with Jesus and His Father in Heaven one day!
3. **What was The Church like after Jesus went to Heaven?** After Jesus ascended into Heaven, His friends and followers continued to love Him and obey His teachings. They went to Mass and received Holy Communion. They lived together and prayed together in one community!
4. We know that we are Christians and as Christians, we are followers of Christ and believe that He is our Lord and Savior. He came to save us from our sins so that we can live with Him forever in Heaven. **Do you know what it means to be Catholic Christians?** To be Catholic means that we are members of the Catholic Church! . We have been baptized and will receive our Sacraments in the Catholic Church. **Who started the Catholic Church?** Jesus did! Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, He gave special permission to Peter to lead the Church on Earth. Saint Peter became our first Pope. The pope, also known as the Holy Father, is the head teacher and leader of the Catholic Church on Earth. He is called the successor of St. Peter because his special job has been passed down over the years from St. Peter. Those Christians who don't accept the pope as their leader belong to other churches. **Do you think we should pray for our pope?** Yes! It is a great idea to pray for our pope, our priests and for all the religious men and women!

5. Have you ever prayed the Nicene or the Apostles Creed? Why is this prayer important? The creed is our "profession of faith." The word creed means "I believe." It is a summary of all the most important things we believe as Catholics!
When during the Mass do we say the Nicene Creed? We pray the Nicene Creed as a church after the priest speaks to us in his homily. We all stand and say it together! The Apostles Creed is a little different, but very similar. It is the first prayer we say when praying a rosary!

Review Question: The Bible is divided into two different books. Do you remember what they are? The Old Testament and the New Testament!

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