

## FAITH IN 5

Easter: Week 7

Ages 3-8

1. **Who is God, the Father?** God is above all creatures, He always was and always will be- he is always the same. God is also all-knowing- he knows everything that happened, is currently happening and will happen in the future. He knows our thoughts, words and actions. God knows everything! And God is everywhere! He is with us all the time- we are never alone! We can thank and love God by praying to Him, following his commandments, and going to Mass as much as possible!
2. On this Sunday, we continue to celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. It says in today's reading (Luke 24:46-53), after Jesus was taken up into Heaven, his friends "were filled with great joy, and spent all their time in the Temple giving thanks to God." **How can we give thanks to God?** Just like Jesus's followers, we can give thanks to God in prayer, but especially by going to Mass! Jesus gave us the Mass and it is still practiced the same way! Jesus told us to celebrate Mass and we always want to do what He asks of us. Jesus is always present at Mass!
3. **Who is the only other person whose whole body was taken into Heaven?** Mother Mary was raised from the dead and taken into Heaven. This is known as the Assumption. We celebrate the assumption in August!
4. Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, He gave his disciples (his followers) a mission. He tells them, "Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you." (Mt 28:18-20) **What do you think this means?** Jesus wants us to tell others about God! He wants us to share with them how much God loves us and wants to be close with us. We want to live like Jesus so that others are inspired and become friends of Jesus too!
5. **What makes us happy? Do you think having lots of toys make us happy? How about being able to do whatever we want?** Jesus wants us to be happy, but these things don't lead to true happiness. Jesus gives us the beatitudes and tells us that by following them, we will be happy. We must open our hearts to God, do what is right, show mercy instead of anger and make peace with others. We are truly happy

when we open ourselves to God and to others the way that God wants us to. It is not easy to follow Jesus and His example, and because of sin, we will mess up! But Jesus sent us his Holy Spirit, his "helper" to give us strength and to help us persevere (keep trying!)

**Review Question: We pray the Nicene Creed at Mass every Sunday. Why do we say this prayer?** The Creed is a summary of all the big things that we believe! The word creed translates to "I believe!"

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