### Sunday 21st May 2023

## **Easter 7** Sunday after Ascension Day



Last Thursday was Ascension Day, when Jesus ascended into heaven, after telling his disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit.

In today's first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear the story of Jesus's Ascension and then about the disciples returning to Jerusalem, where they waited in the upper room, where they were staying. We are told that, while they were waiting, they devoted themselves to prayer.

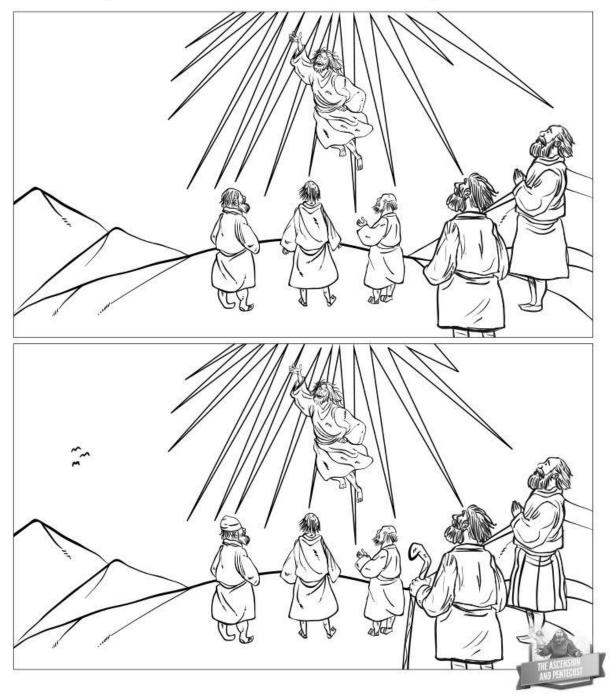
Just like Jesus's first disciples, we, too, can pray for his Holy Spirit to come to us. As we wait for Pentecost, next Sunday, we can devote ourselves to prayer.

#### **A** prayer for this week:

Lord Jesus, we pray for your Holy Spirit to come to us at Pentecost, and to bless us with your gifts of faith and hope and love. Amen.

### THE ASCENSION AND PENTECOST

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



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## The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:51 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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	22-8-18-4-10
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5.	7-8-10-13
6.	7-13-16-13-18-26
7.	9-20-13-10-10-8-18-21
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RISE	REPENT	PROPHETS	TAKEN
SUFFER	PSALMS	OPENED	FORGIVE
HEAVEN	SCRIPTURE	FULFILLED	MOSES
WORSHIPED	BLESSING	UNDERSTAND	MINDS

