



Lesson One and Two

Jesus returns to his Father

The Ascension



After Easter Sunday, Jesus stays with his friends for a while, but then it is time for him to be one with God. He says a special prayer with his friends, a blessing, then he returns to be with God. Being with God is called heaven.

How do you think Jesus' friends feel?

Lesson Three and Four

Celebrating Pentecost



Think about why is Pentecost an important day for Christians. How do things change? The Christian community goes from being a roomful of people to thousands. Christians today want the Holy Spirit to inspire them to share Jesus' message, following the example of the disciples. How might Christians celebrate this special day?

Lesson Five and Six

Spreading the Good News about Jesus

How do Jesus' friends continue to share his message?



As Jesus' message spread and time passed, people started to write down the things Jesus said.

Jesus' first friends showed how they loved each other by treating everyone like family members, sharing, caring for each other and saying prayers. These actions also share Jesus' message.

Ascension, Holy Spirit, Pentecost

Pentecost

This story is from the Christian special book, the Bible. It happens 10 days after Jesus returned to heaven. It happens 50 days after Easter Sunday. This story is from the Acts of the Apostles.



People cannot see God, but when they think about it, God is everywhere!

Pentecost, apostles, solidarity

The community of believers

It happens after Pentecost when lots of people had decided to follow Jesus' teaching. This story is from the Acts of the Apostles.



- They listened to the Apostles' teaching
- They shared bread
- They said prayers

They gave things to people in need

Good News, church, Christian, pray, communion

Jesus' friends today

People passed on Jesus' message through reading the Bible and sharing Jesus' story but also through actions. Jesus' friends today are called Christians because they follow Jesus Christ.



The members of the early Church listened to stories about Jesus, then shared bread. Christians today still share bread. This is called communion.



Lesson Seven and Eight

Inside a church



Churches may look different but they all contain the same things, so Christians should feel that they belong in any church they visit, especially on Sunday when they go to Mass.

What things are always in a church? Make links with the actions of the first followers of Jesus (listen, pray, bless, break and share bread) . Explain that in church the words of the Bible are read from a special stand called the ambo. It means that, on Sunday, everyone can see and hear when God’s word is read.

altar, candle, common good

Family and community: caring for everyone

Invite the children to think about their family. Families come in all shapes and sizes. Can they name some ways families show care for each other? Is it possible to do this for everyone in the whole world? How do we do for other people . Can you remember any stories Jesus told about caring for other people?



Why should we care for other people?  
What is our common home?  
Why should people care about the common good?

Lesson Nine and Ten

Caring for people around the world



Think about the things people need to live well. Everyone needs a safe place to live, food and clean water. Everyone needs to feel loved and cared for.

Discuss other things it is good for people to have, such as access to doctors and medicine, going to school to learn etc. We can pray for everyone to have the things they need.

What would you say in a prayer for people to have the things they need to live well?  
What words do you know to start a prayer?

solidarity, Amen

God’s gifts



Everything comes from God and God gifts creation to all people. God said everything was good.

What can you remember about Jesus?  
What did Jesus do?  
What did Jesus say?



