

Heathfield Baptist Church  
Family Devotions  
Title: The Significance of the Ascension Of Jesus Christ.

Prayer: Dear Lord please bless this time that we spend as a family, reading Your Word and discussing it to learn more about You and what You would have us do in obedience to what we learn from Your Word. Amen

Reading: John 7:33 ‘Therefore Jesus said, “ For a little while longer I am with you, then I go to Him who sent me.”

John 20:17 ‘Jesus said to her” Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them. I ascend to My Father and your Father and My God and your God.”

John 14:2 “ In my Fathers house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you, for I go to prepare a place for you.”

John 16:7 “ But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper/Holy Spirit will not come to you, but if I go I will send Him to you.”

John 14:12 “ Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also, and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.”

Acts 2:33 “Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you and I see.”

Ephesians 4:8 ‘Therefore it says “When He ascended on high, He led captive a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men and He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers.”

Explanation: Jesus told His disciples that he would leave them to return to His to go and prepare a place in heaven for all who accepted Him as Lord and Saviour. He emphasises that he would return to His God and Father, who had also become their God and their Father because they believed in him and accepted Him as their Messiah, who would save them from their sins. Jesus went away so that He could send the Holy Spirit whom God had promised them. The Holy Spirit would enable us as disciples of Jesus to do greater things than He did when He was on earth. Jesus also went to be with His Father to take His place of authority on the right hand side of God as King Of kings and Lord of lords, His Name would also be a Mighty and powerful name by which all knees will bow and all tongues will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. When we use the name of Jesus we can heal the sick and tell demons to flee. The Holy Spirit sent from God Gave all believers gifts to use in God’s kingdom for His glory as we serve one another. The Holy Spirit enables all believers, disciples , followers of Jesus Christ to do extra ordinary things. To speak in tongues, see visions, dream dreams and to heal the sick, drive out demons and to preach and teach God’s Word with courage and conviction. He gives us discernment, wisdom and guidance to live Holy lives that are pleasing to God and for His glory.

Discussion: Why was it important for Jesus to ascend to heaven? What benefit do Christian derive from Jesus being in heaven. Which verses in the Bible tell us of these benefits. Has Jesus really gone to prepare a place for us in heaven? When will we go to heaven? Who will be allowed to go and who will not be allowed? Why? Is it true that The Name of Jesus is a powerful name? How and where can we use the name of Jesus. What are the gifts that all Christians receive from the Holy Spirit? Are we able to live without the Holy Spirit?

Activity: Draw a picture of the symbol for the Holy Spirit. Make a collage to depict the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Application: Walk in the truth, which is God’s Word, obey it, live it. Know that we serve a living God and Saviour, who is seated at the right hand of God. He is King of kings and Lord of Lords. Ask God to reveal which gift/s He has given you and practice the gift/s to the glory of God. Live in the power ,discernment, wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit daily. Pray/Call on the Almighty and Powerful Name of Jesus at all times.

Prayer: Father God may Your Word dwell in us richly so that we may worship and serve You in the power of Holy Spirit. Thank You that You sent us Holy Spirit to dwell within so that You may be with us in our hearts minds and spirits. May we use our gifts to Your glory and honour and for the extension of Your Kingdom. Amen.