

TALKING ABOUT ASCENSION >>>

Catholics celebrate the Feast of Ascension Thursday forty days after Easter. In some dioceses and parishes, the feast is moved from Thursday to the seventh Sunday of Easter. The Feast of the Ascension celebrates the Risen Jesus returning to his Father in Heaven. In the United States, Ascension Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Scripture

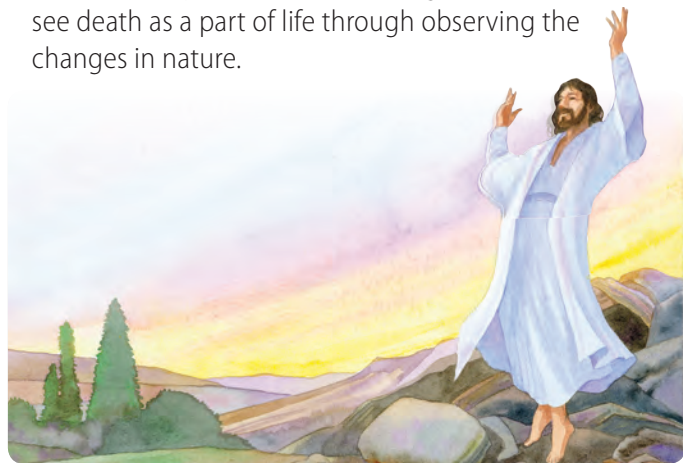


Read **John 11:25–27**. It says that those who believe in Jesus will live, and that everyone who lives and believes in Jesus will never die. Which of your loved ones do you hope to see again after death?

HELPING YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND >>>

Ascension

- Often children this age picture only the wondrous elements of the story of the Ascension. They need assistance making it appropriate to their own lives.
- Sometimes children this age find it difficult to talk about death and dying.
- For the most part, children can be guided to see death as a part of life through observing the changes in nature.



FEASTS OF THE SEASON >>>

Saint Mathias

On May 14, the Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Matthias. He was the Apostle chosen to replace Judas. He was chosen because he was with the disciples throughout Jesus' life, and he was a witness to the Resurrection.

FAMILY PRAYER >>>



Pray this traditional prayer to the Holy Spirit as a dinner or bedtime prayer every day between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday. Each time, make note of the names of family members or friends who have died.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.

Amen.



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