



Service Order for Worship with Children **24th May, Commemoration of the Ascension**



God's grace be with you as you worship together.

The following Resources are produced for families with young children.

*It may be best to work through these resources before a 'Worship Time'
to determine which may be best to use in your family context.*

May you experience God's blessings in your worship.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The following is a prayer you may wish to pray for Worship

LORD God, loving Father:
help us see that Jesus is with us.

Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES: 1 Peter 5:7

You may wish to say the following aloud:

Give all your worries and cares to God,
for He cares about you.

INVOCATION

You may wish to say the following aloud (perhaps making the Sign of the Cross):

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SONG

You may wish to listen to the song "Alive" [CLICK HERE](#)

Or you may wish to listen to the song "Ask Seek Knock" [CLICK HERE](#)

Or you may wish to listen to the song "Jesus Loves Me" (preschool, with actions) [CLICK HERE](#)

BIBLE READING

You may wish to Read the following from your Bible, or a from a "Children's Bible"

READING: [Acts 1:1-11](#) Jesus' ascension, promise and commission

After the Gospel you may wish to pray this prayer

Dear Jesus, we thank You that You love us.
Help us know the Holy Spirit as our Helper.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

You may wish to access the Children's Message Video [CLICK HERE](#)

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

You may wish to utilise one of the following activities, either today, or in the following week

Some ideas on exploring the meaning of the Bible Story [CLICK HERE](#)

For more ideas on exploring the meaning of the Bible Story [CLICK HERE](#)

For some craft ideas [CLICK HERE](#)

For another craft activity (tongues of fire – pre-school, junior primary) [CLICK HERE](#)

For a crossword activity (junior primary) [CLICK HERE](#)

For another crossword activity (junior primary) [CLICK HERE](#)

For a word search puzzle [CLICK HERE](#)

For a 'colouring in page' activity (junior primary) [CLICK HERE](#)

For another 'colouring in page' activity (junior primary) [CLICK HERE](#)

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For a 'Decoder activity' (Junior Primary) [CLICK HERE](#)

For a 'Maze' activity (Junior Primary) [CLICK HERE](#)

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

The Account of Jesus' Ascension into heaven is recorded in Luke 24:50-53 and Acts 1:1-11.

The following are some questions you may wish to discuss (in an age appropriate way):

- Have you ever had someone you care about move away? How did you feel?
If someone does move away, do we stop being friends with them?
Do you still keep in contact with them? If so, how?
- When Jesus 'ascended into heaven' the Bible says "a cloud hid Jesus from disciples".
How do you think the disciples felt about Jesus leaving them?
Why do you think it may be good for Jesus to physically leave them?
- Is Jesus in heaven since the Ascension, or is He in your heart?
Where do you think He is?
Are there times when you feel abandoned by Jesus? When were they?
When have you felt Jesus especially close to you?
- The Bible says that because Jesus ascended into heaven, He ruling as King.
If Jesus is in heaven ruling, what does He rule over?
If Jesus is King, what are some requests you for Him?
Does Jesus hear every prayer?
- If Jesus is in heaven ruling, what do you think Jesus wants you to be doing until He comes back?
Jesus said His disciples are to be His 'witnesses'. What do you think it means to be Jesus 'witnesses'?
How does knowing Jesus also gives us hope and joy?

APOSTLES' CREED

You may wish to say the following together as a family

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

SONG

You may wish to listen to the song "Jesus You are my Best Friend" [CLICK HERE](#)

Or you may wish to listen to the Song "Jesus, Strong and Kind" [CLICK HERE](#)

Or you may wish to listen to the Song " Jesus is my best Friend" [CLICK HERE](#)

Or you may wish to listen to the song "God made me" (preschool) [CLICK HERE](#)

PRAYER TIME

You are invited to spend some time in Prayer

*Maybe you could first discuss some things you would like to pray for in the world, and the church,
and your life. Take some time with this....*

A final prayer you may also wish to share...

**LORD God, we give all our worries to You.
Help us rest easy in Your care.**

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

After the Prayers, pray aloud

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Say aloud:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all.

Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES: 1 Peter 5:7

You may wish to say the following aloud:

Give all your worries and cares to God,
for He cares about you.

GROWING FAITH AT HOME BLESSING

You may wish to say the following aloud, or share with one another:

May God always keep you safe.
May He keep your faith in Jesus strong,
and give you eternal life.

SONG

You may wish to listen to the song "Strength and Shield" [CLICK HERE](#)

Or you may wish to listen to the song "This little light of mine" [CLICK HERE](#)

You may wish to listen to the song "The Lord is my Rock" (with actions – pre-school) [CLICK HERE](#)

*We pray that you experience God's presence in your worship as you meditate on His Word.
If you have any Prayer or Praise points, or any suggestions, please send an email to Pastor Mark
(mark.brinkmann@lca.org.au). May God's grace and blessing be with you.*
