

Year A - 7th Sunday of Easter: The Ascension

Matthew 28:16-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.



Jesus' eleven disciples went to a mountain in Galilee,
where Jesus had told them to meet him.

They saw him and worshiped him,
but some of them doubted.

Jesus came to them and said:

"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth!
Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples.

Baptise them in the name of the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
and teach them to do everything I have told you.

"I will be with you always,
even until the end of the world."



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The great commission!



Introduction The words from today's gospel are the last things Jesus says to his disciples, we call it the 'Great Commission'. Who knows what a commission is?

Message

- It's an instruction or a command given, this is the last command that Jesus gives his followers - to go out and teach people about all the things he had told them and baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- That's what they did! They went out across the world sharing the good news. The disciples told others who were baptised and they shared the good news with their families and they were baptised.
- And 2000 years later, that's what your families did when you were baptised.
- At your baptism the priest poured Holy water over your head and said "*I baptise you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.*" Just like Jesus said too.
- Which makes each one of you a disciple of Christ and now it is your job to go and teach people about Jesus. What are some ways we can do that?
- Ask the children for ways they can be disciples, here are some examples: be kind to others, tell them you go to Church and invite them to join you, include others in your games etc...



- Discussion**
- Who has been to a baptism? What do you remember about it?
 - What do you think it means to be a disciple?