

Ascension and Pentecost

Youth Group Session Five

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After Jesus' Resurrection from the dead He came back to earth for two final events. Open and read page 53.

We just read about the Ascension of our Lord. Do you know what the word ascend means?

The Ascension of our Lord shows us that both Jesus' body and spirit went to heaven. Why did Jesus leave the earthly world in body and spirit? What does it mean?

If you look at the icon on page 52 we get a better understanding of why. Where is Mary in the icon?

She is in the most important spot (other than Christ) for a reason. Jesus is at the top center of the icon and He is the first thing that you see. Directly beneath Him is His mother, Mary. Her arms are upraised toward Him. Mary isn't just saying good-bye to her son. She symbolizes Jesus' connection to human nature on earth.

Jesus ascends into heaven both body and spirit because He can!! He is reuniting God's creation, His body, with its creator. This has been the promise since Adam and Eve left paradise. Adam and Eve, God's creations were sent away from God the Creator and since that time man and woman were separated from God. Now, because of Jesus, we can be reunited with him. The door is open and none of this could have happened without Mary accepting God's will! Ascension takes place 40 days after Pascha.

Someone else is taken into heaven body and soul, who is that?

At the Ascension, Jesus told those present not to be sad because He would send the counselor to them. This brings us to page 55.

The Feast of Pentecost takes place how many days after Ascension?
How many days after Pascha?

How did you know this?

Who was the counselor that Jesus spoke of on Ascension?

What exactly happened on Pentecost?

Mary the Birth-giver of God, was present during the descent of the Holy Spirit. Do you think this was important? Why?

We once again are shown the honor and importance of Mary the Mother of God – that she would not be left out of the special gift of the Holy Spirit.

A Phrase of Many Languages Worksheet

Hello	Good-Bye	Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!
1. "Dobry Den" Ukrainian	1 "Do Pobachanya" Ukrainian	1. "Hristos Voskres" "Voistinu Voskres" Ukrainian
2. "Hello" English	2. "Good Bye" English	2. "Christ is Risen" "Indeed He is Risen!" English
3. "Hola" Spanish	3. "Adios" Spanish	3. Cristo ha resucitado! Verdaderamente ha resucitado! Spanish
4. "Konnichi wa" Japanese	4. "Ja ne" Japanese	4. "Harisutosu Fukkatsu" "Jitsu Ni Fukkatsu!" Japanese
5. "Ciao" Italian	5. "Ciao" Italian	5. "Cristo è risorto!" "È veramente risorto!" Italian
6. "Shalom" Hebrew	6. "Shalom" Hebrew	6. "Ha Mashiyach qam!" "Ken hoo qam!" Hebrew
7. Urdu Arabic	7. "Ila Lika" Arabic	7. "Al Maseeh Qam!" "Haqqan Qam!" Arabic
8. "Bon Jour" French	8. "Au Revoir" French	8. "Le Christ est Resuscite" "En verite il est resuscite!" French
9. "Ni Hao" Chinese	9. "La Revedere" Romanian	9. "Hristos a-inviat" "Adevarat a inviat!" Romanian
10. "Aloha" Hawiiian	10. "Aloha" Hawiiian	10. "Ua ala hou `o Kristo!" "Ua ala `I `o no `oia!" Hawiiian
11. "Geia sou" Greek	11. "Khairate" Greek	11. "Christos Anesti" "Alithos Anesti" Greek
12. "Jambo" Swahili	12. "Tot Siens" Afrikaans	12. "Krisu Amefufuka" Afrikaans
13. "Dia Dhuit" Irish Gaelic	13. "Slán go fóill" Irish Gaelic	13. "Tá Críod ar éirigh!" "Go deimhin, tá e ar éirigh!" Irish Gaelic
14. "Guten Tag" German	14. "Auf Wiedersehen" German	14. "Christus ist auferstanden" "Er ist wahrhaftig erstanden!" German

Lord Have Mercy – English
Senior Ten Piedad – Spanish

Kyrie Elison – Greek
Bwana Udu Mea – Swahili

Hospodi Pomiluy – Ukrainian
Doamne Miluieshte - Romanian

Yarab Burham – Arabic