



**NINIAN'S UNITING CHURCH
ASCENSION SUNDAY
PEBBLES MAY 17TH 2026**

ACTS 1:6-14



The Ascension of Jesus

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and ***you will be my witnesses*** in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Hello friends! Welcome to Pebbles again after our short break. This week we’re learning about Ascension Sunday. That is the day we remember that Jesus went up to heaven after his Easter resurrection. Even though the disciples couldn’t see Jesus anymore, they were not alone. Jesus promised that God would be with them and help them. That is good news for us too!

You see, after Easter, Jesus spent time with his disciples. He talked with them, taught them, and helped them understand God’s plan. One day, Jesus told them to wait for God’s Holy Spirit. Then, while they were watching, Jesus was

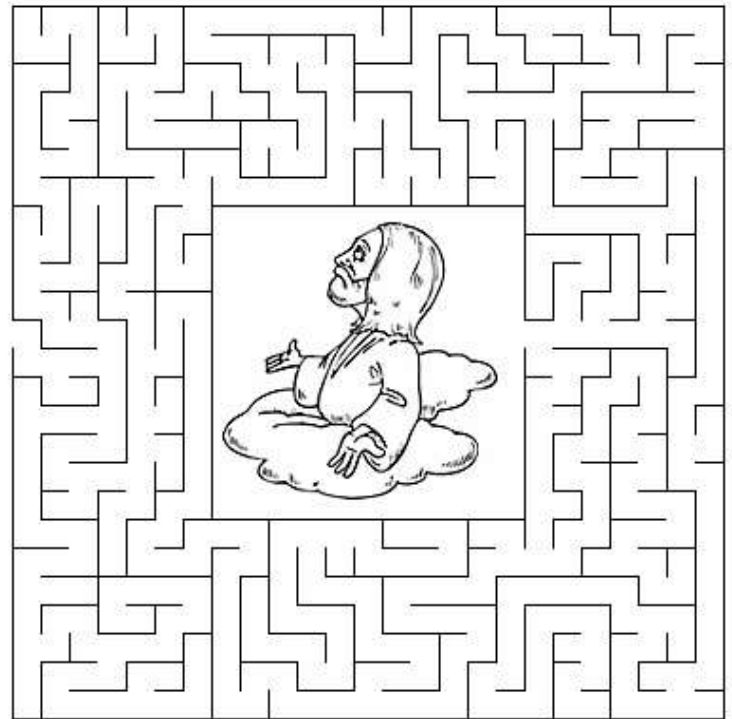
lifted up and a bright light came, a cloud formed hiding him from their sight. The disciples stood looking up into the sky. Two messengers from God said, “Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus will come again.” So, the disciples went back into their communities full of hope.

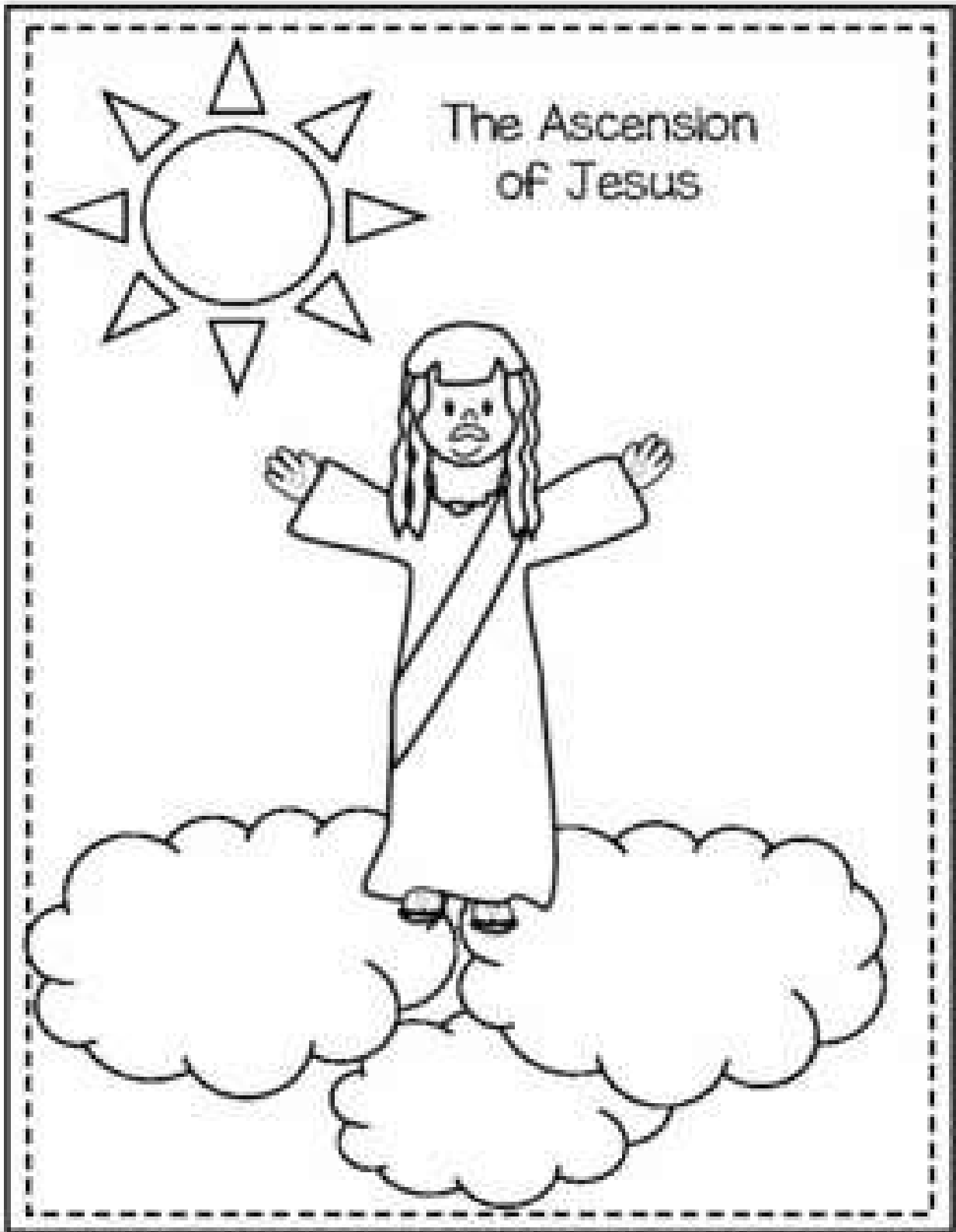
Ascension Sunday reminds us that Jesus is Lord. He finished his work on earth and returned to heaven, but he didn’t leave his friends alone. Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would come to help, guide, and comfort them. That means we can trust Jesus, follow him, and share his love every day at home, at school, and at church.

There is a verse we all can try to remember and to follow as well. **“You will be my witnesses.”** Acts 1:8. A witness is someone who tells what they have seen and heard. We can all be witnesses for Jesus when we tell others about his love, show kindness, and help people around us.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you that you are with us always. Thank you for your love, your peace, and your promise to help not just me, but Max, Addy, and our other friends at church as well and all our friends at school and our family. Please help us, be brave, kind, and ready to share your good news. Love you and thank you Jesus. Amen

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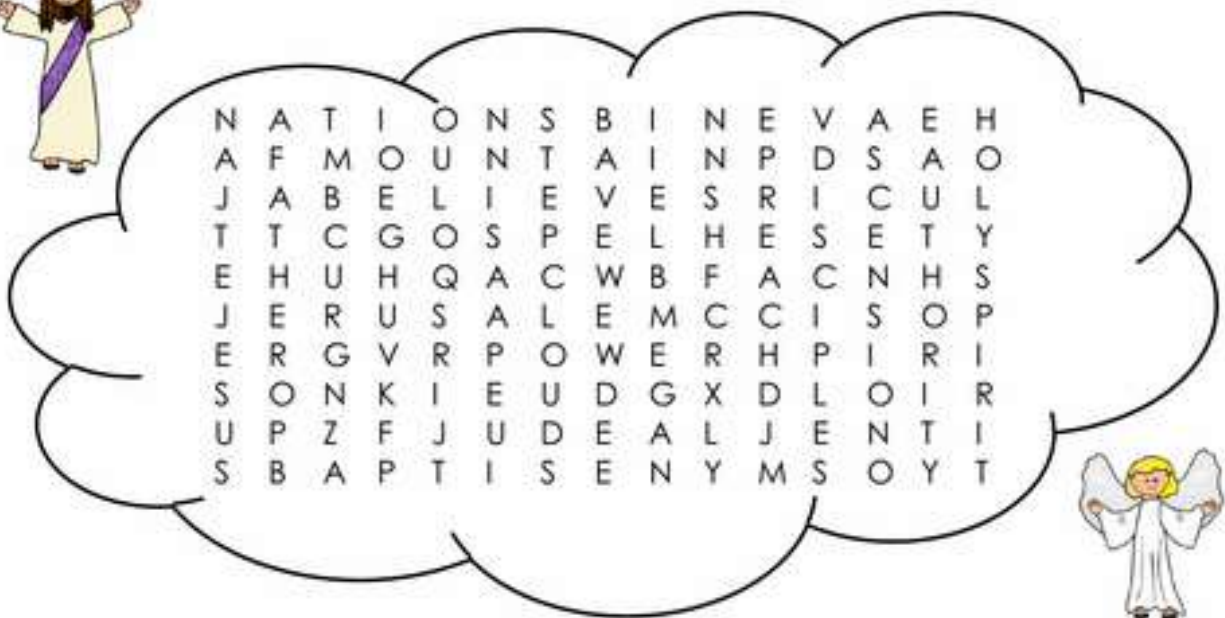




JESUS IS WITH US



Ascension Day Word Search



JESUS
ASCENSION
POWER

JERUSALEM
AUTHORITY
MOUNTAIN

HOLY SPIRIT
DISCIPLES
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CLOUD
FATHER
BELIEVE

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SON
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BAPTISE
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