**A Sunday service for families – the feast of the Ascension**

**Our theme today is - Jesus goes to his father**

**Craft activity – make a mode of the ascending Jesus.**

You will need – paper/plastic/polystyrene coffee cup; 30cm string or other yarn; Jesus figure from separate attachment to my email; crayons; card; glue; sellotape; optional – cotton wool

Take your blue-coloured paper coffee cup (or colour it blue now), pierce a small hole through the centre of the base, thread the string through the hole & tie a big knot on the outside of the cup – most of the string dangles down inside cup. Stick a Jesus-figure onto card, cut out & colour in. Stick the string vertically down the back of the Jesus figure so it dangles head-up at the lowest end of the string. Optionally make some small clouds out of cotton wool, and stick them on the outside of your coffee cup. To mke \jesus ascend, hold the upside down cup in one hand, and pull the knot on the string upwards with the other. Jesus should disappear into “heaven”.

**If you have a candle you could light it now**

**Prayer Lord, today we remember your work on earth as you ascend to be with your father in
 heaven. Help us to continue the work of your kingdom on earth Amen.**

**Song** Morning has broken <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNf6GeyvUr8>

 (Don’t be put off by the solo in verse 1 – the rest is choral)

**Here’s a story for you -** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nnRJa4cZQIE>

Here’s something to think about (sorry – no chat mat this week)

*Ascension Day is the day when Jesus started working from home. Do you agree? What do you think he is doing?*

*You could also have a look at the family prayer adventure map for the days between Ascension Day and Pentecost*

[*https://www.thykingdomcome.global/sites/default/files/2020-04/TKC%20Digital%20Family%20Prayer%20Adventure%20Map%202020%20A4.png*](https://www.thykingdomcome.global/sites/default/files/2020-04/TKC%20Digital%20Family%20Prayer%20Adventure%20Map%202020%20A4.png)

**Let us pray …**  Lord we know that Christ has no body now but ours. No hands, no feet on earth but ours. Ours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Ours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Ours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Help us to be Christ’s body on earth, working to bring about the kingdom of God

 Amen.

***Let us say together***

Our Father in heaven, hallowed is your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

**Song: and now let’s sing the Lord’s prayer – it’s a prayer that we can’t use too often!**

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QgP0jI5hghU**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QgP0jI5hghU)

**Let’s say The Grace together, thinking about our friends at church, and about all who love us and look after us.**

**The grace of our lord Jesus Christ**

**and the love of God**

**And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit**

**Be with us all evermore**

**Amen**

***Blow out your candle***