



Bible Pathway Adventures

WORD SEARCH

THE GREAT COMMISSION

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The Great Commission & The Ascension



Matthew 28:18-20

Having won the battle against sin and death by dying and rising from the dead, Jesus prepared to send his disciples into the world to spread the message of his great victory. People call these verses the Great Commission.

The word *commission* means to be given an important job or assignment. This commission was great because it was one of the most important jobs anyone has ever been given in the whole world. Jesus commissioned the disciples to spread the story about him into all the earth and then make disciples of those who believed.



Acts 1:9-11

Jesus came back from the grave and spent 40 days with his beloved disciples. He taught them many things and told them that he would visit again. He said, "Soon, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit and receive the power of God. You will tell my story to the people in Jerusalem and to people all over the Earth."

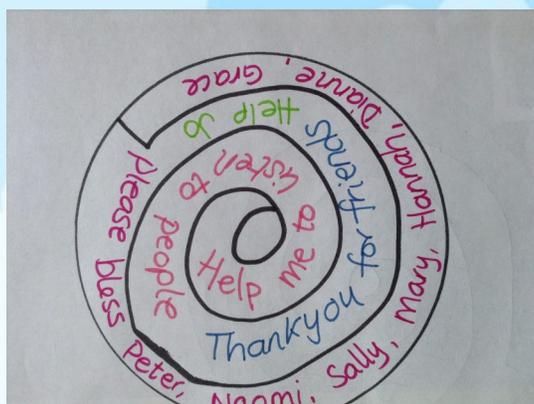
Jesus blessed his disciples. Then as they look at him Jesus became surrounded by bright light. He was taken into the heavens, and he disappeared. Two men appeared

and told the disciples that Jesus was in heaven, but that one day He would return.

Ascension: Jesus Christ's rising to heaven after the Resurrection. **Ascension Day:** celebration of Jesus Christ's ascent: the Thursday, forty days after Easter, when Christians celebrate the rising of Jesus Christ from earth to heaven after the Resurrection.

Ascension Spiral Prayers

Talk about Jesus' ascension in Acts 1. Even though he has ascended to heaven and we can not see him, he is still with us, hears us and helps us.



Draw round a CD and then draw a spiral inside it. Think about things you would like to pray to Jesus about- help, thanks, blessings for others etc and write or draw them inside the spiral.

Cut the spiral out and thread a piece of string through the top so that you can hold the thread and the spiral will dangle down (see picture).

when held over a bulb or source of heat, the spiral will spin much more because of the rising of hot air. Even though we can't see the hot air, it is still there, rising up.

The movement of the spiral gives a 'rising' or 'ascending' visual for the written or drawn prayers and a reminder that, even though we can't see him, Jesus is always with us.





Ascension Bubbles

You will need: A plastic bottle or glass jar, water, vegetable oil, food coloring, Alka seltzer tablets

Fill a bottle or jar halfway full with water and mix in some food coloring.

Now fill the rest of the bottle with oil, leaving a small space at the top.

The oil will separate from the water into a separate layer.

Drop an Alka Seltzer tablet (or try a quarter or half at a time if they are large tablets) into the bottle and watch as bubbles of colored water start to ascend into the oil layer in the style of a mini lava lamp!

Talk: Watch the bubbles rising and think about the sight of Jesus ascending and what that might have meant for the disciples. What might they have been thinking/ feeling? What

does it feel like to wait for something, as the disciples had been told to go and wait for the Holy Spirit to come?

Pray: Think about situations where you or people you know are waiting for something to happen.

As you drop the tablet into the liquid and see the bubbles ascending, pray that God will take the worries and stresses of waiting away and that they will feel God's presence with them as they wait.

The Day God Made Church! Pentecost, May 31

We wait together, people of all ages, fearful because Jesus has gone.

We are to wait for something he has promised.

Suddenly there is a noise like a wind, then something hot and blazing.

We feel ourselves change; something new is happening.

Words fall like raindrops, like drumbeats.

The Holy Spirit has arrived!

We hear many languages. We feel different. Then Peter begins to speak. "Jesus has given us a wonderful gift. We are called to something new. God is changing us so that we can see old things in a new way."

We all listen as Peter tells us again about Jesus, his life, death and resurrection. We hear and the Holy Spirit changes us. Rivers of baptism flow.

We become a new family, sharing, breaking bread together, worshiping God. This is the day of Pentecost when Church was born.



Pentecost Flames

You will need: yellow, red and orange paint, foil (for easy clean-up afterwards!), plastic forks, card or paper (we used black for a great effect).

Use a fork to blob some paint onto the paper and then swirl and pull or brush with the fork! Encourage color mixing as the flames flicker together...



Talk about: The power of fire reflecting the power of the Holy Spirit.

- What is fire like? What can it do?
- How might the disciples have felt seeing tongues of fire above their heads? How would you have felt?
- What do you know about the power of fire? What about the Holy Spirit?
Share your reflections on the story and your own experiences of the Holy Spirit

Pray: Create a group flame painting. As you paint the flames pray for other people and for each other to be touched by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Power of the Holy Spirit



You will need: wax crayons (wrappers off works best) strong glue (eg. from a glue gun or superglue), a canvas or foam core board (this really doesn't work on paper!), a protective sheet, a hairdryer.

Glue the crayons to the top of the canvas and let the glue set firm.

Set the hairdryer to the highest level and start blowing it across the bottom ends of the crayons. It takes a while but they eventually start to melt. Set the dryer down a heat notch and continue to melt the crayons. Watch as the colour is released!

When you have finished, the wax will dry quite quickly and you will have a group masterpiece!



Talk about: God, through the Holy Spirit has given us each gifts to help make the world a better, brighter place. The power of the Holy Spirit releases those gifts within us so that we can share them with the world (like the power of the heat from the hairdryer released the color in the crayons). Speak about the gifts of the spirit and think which gifts God might have given to you.

Prayer idea: Think of a color that represents the gifts God has given you or one you'd like to have. Gather round and put your finger on that color somewhere on the picture. Say a thank you prayer and ask God to release those gifts in you.

PENTECOST

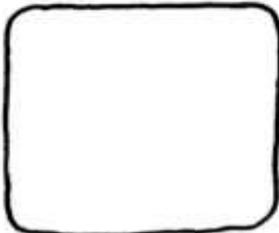
Reading from the Bible

Acts
chapter
2

LANGUAGES I
CAN SPEAK

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

(CONTINUE OVERLEAF)



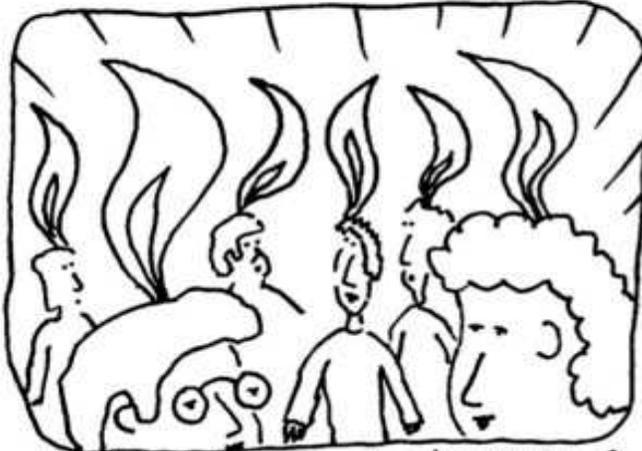
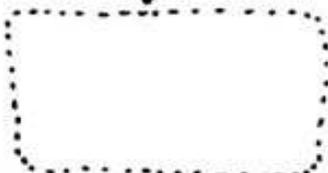
FIRE

Things that fall
over when it's windy

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

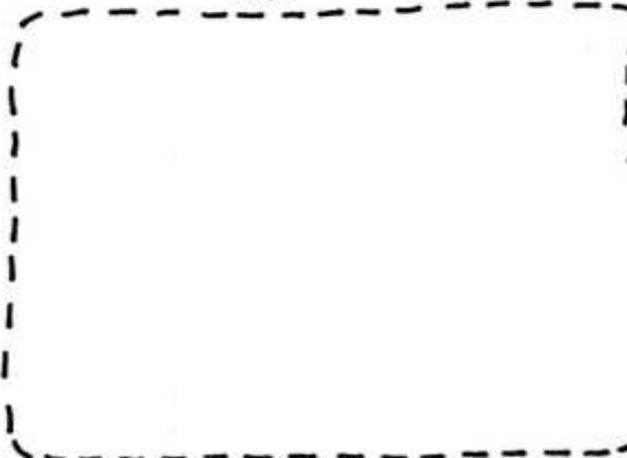
Why the hurricane
sound, fire and
different languages?

your ideas here



What seemed to be tongues of
fire came to rest on each of
them... I sound like a violent gale...
they were filled with the Holy
Spirit and began to speak in
languages from all around the world...

OR



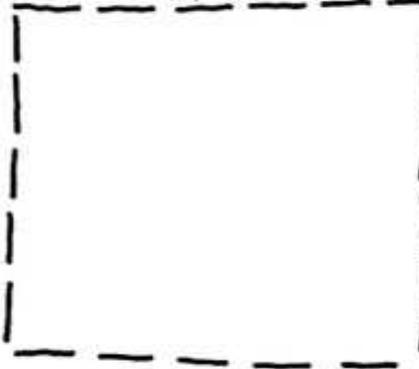
How do you imagine the scene?

I spend time listening to _____
but I would prefer to listen to _____

I would like
to speak to

what happened
before this story?

What happened next?



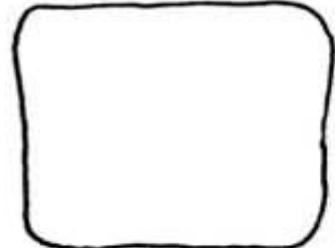
My name is

I prefer:

Flying a
kite

sailing

chasing
leaves



My hair on a
windy day

MARKS OUT OF 10

Ornate
fireplace

Fire alarm
going off

Fire Engine

Firefox

Bonfire
night

I would
like it
if the
spirit
helped
me to...



MESSY Church

MINI-MESS



Saul To Paul

Blindfold yourself or a family member, turn around a few times, then ask them to do something blindfolded like walk over to the sofa or pick up a book from the table. In order to complete the task, they will need to feel their way.

This is a picture of what we are like in our sin without God. It also give us an idea of what happened to Saul when God blinded him.

Now do the same things as above but without the blindfold. It is obviously so much easier to do things when we can see. When God gives us new life, he opens our blinded eyes to see our sin, so we can repent. Living for Jesus also became a lot easier too. When the Spirit opens our eyes to see the beauty of Christ and gives us a desire to follow him, we start wanting to do what is right. That is what happened to Saul.

One day Saul was traveling to Damascus to arrest followers of Jesus. Oh, how he hated those new Christians! He wanted to put them in jail or stone them to death. But then Jesus appeared to him on the road. Saul was a changed man after that. He spent the rest of his life as a missionary, spreading the gospel.

“Gospel” means “good news”—the good news of Jesus. Sometimes Paul was welcomed. Sometimes he was not. But he told people about Jesus’ love wherever he went. His missionary journeys took him to non-Jewish areas of the world and so he came to be known by his Roman name, Paul.

Frequent Flyer Miles

Q: How many miles did Paul travel on his three missionary journeys and his final journey to Rome?

A: About 9,200! That’s like walking, riding a donkey, and traveling by ship from Canada to the tip of South America!





Family Challenge: Join the Hall of Fame

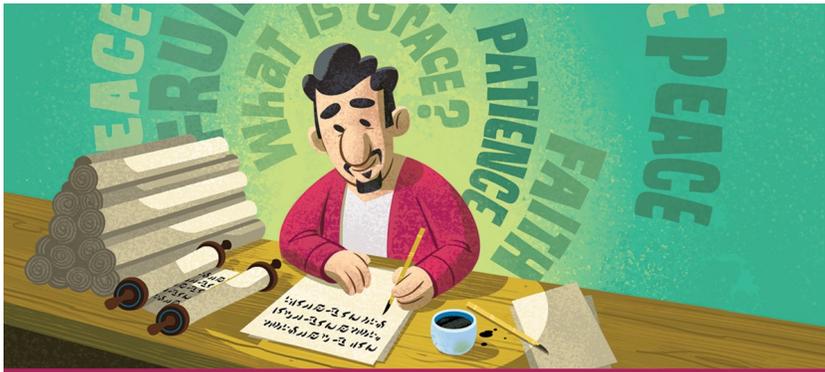
Read Hebrews 11 together as a family (this passage is sometimes called the Faith Hall of Fame, listing people who have trusted God). After reading, take a sheet of paper and add your family to that list, discussing and writing ways you've trusted God. (For example: "By faith, the Wilsons have...", or "By faith, Mom has...")

Hang this up in your house when you're finished.

Why?

The writer of Hebrews helps us understand that we're part of a great family who trusts God. It's encouraging to read, and even more inspiring to join.

(Tip: You can also use this time to discuss and write ways your family can trust God in the future. Begin with, "by faith, the Wilsons will...")



LETTERS FROM PAUL!

Romans through Philemon

Writing what it means to be a Christian and belong to Christ...



Approximately one third of the New Testament consists of letters, or epistles, written by the apostle Paul and addressed to the Christian churches of his day. Because these letters are older than any of the gospel accounts of the life of Jesus, they make up the most reliable source that we have today for information concerning the early history of the Christian movement. With few exceptions, these letters were written in response to conditions that existed in the particular churches with which Paul was associated.



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BIBLE QUIZ

Paul's Letters

Match the question with the answer on the right.

QUESTIONS

___ Children, _____ your parents. (Eph 6:1)

___ Bless those who _____ you. Bless and do not curse them. (Rom 12:14)

___ Let all you do be done in _____. (1 Cor 16:14)

___ Do not be conformed to this world but be _____ by the renewing of your minds. (Rom 12:2)

___ You are God's temple and God's _____ dwells in you. (1 Cor 3:16)

___ Give _____ in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Yeshua for you. (1 Thess 5:16)

___ The Torah is summed up in a single _____: You shall love your _____ as yourself. (Gal 5:14)

___ Bear one another's _____, This way you will _____ the law of Messiah. (Gal 6:2)

___ We brought _____ into the world and take nothing out of it. (1 Tim 6:7)

___ The _____ is holy, and the commandment is holy, just and good. (Rom 7:12)

ANSWERS

1. honor
2. commandment, neighbor
3. burdens, fulfill
4. persecute
5. nothing
6. Law (Torah)
7. transformed
8. thanks
9. spirit
10. love



ORIGINS OF MAY DAY

MAY DAY HAS ITS ROOTS IN ASTRONOMY. WE'RE (ABOUT) HALFWAY BETWEEN THE SPRING EQUINOX AND THE SUMMER SOLSTICE! IT'S ONE OF THE CELTIC CROSS-QUARTER DAYS, WHICH CELEBRATED THE MIDWAY POINTS BETWEEN ALL SOLSTICES AND EQUINOXES OF THE YEAR.

AS WITH MANY EARLY HOLIDAYS, MAY DAY WAS ROOTED IN AGRICULTURE. SPRINGTIME CELEBRATIONS FILLED WITH DANCE AND SONG HAILED THE SOWN FIELDS STARTING TO SPROUT. CATTLE WERE DRIVEN TO PASTURE, SPECIAL BONFIRES WERE LIT, AND BOTH DOORS OF HOUSES AND LIVESTOCK WERE DECORATED WITH YELLOW MAY FLOWERS.

LATER, CELEBRATIONS EVOLVED TO SPEAK MORE TO THE "BRINGING IN THE MAY" WITH THE GATHERING OF WILDFLOWERS AND GREEN BRANCHES, THE WEAVING OF FLORAL GARLANDS, THE CROWNING OF A MAY KING AND QUEEN, AND THE SETTING UP OF A DECORATED MAY TREE, OR MAYPOLE, AROUND WHICH PEOPLE DANCED. SUCH RITES ORIGINALLY MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO ENSURE FERTILITY FOR CROPS AND, BY EXTENSION, FOR LIVESTOCK AND HUMANS, BUT IN MOST CASES THIS SIGNIFICANCE WAS GRADUALLY LOST, SO THAT THE PRACTICES SURVIVED LARGELY AS POPULAR FESTIVITIES.

THE MAYPOLE DANCE



WRAPPING A MAYPOLE WITH COLORFUL RIBBONS MIGHT BE THE MOST KNOWN TRADITION THAT STILL EXISTS IN SOME SCHOOLS AND TOWNS. ORIGINALLY, THE MAYPOLE WAS A LIVING TREE BROUGHT IN FROM THE WOODS WITH MUCH MERRYMAKING. ANCIENT CELTS DANCED AROUND THE TREE, PRAYING FOR GOOD CROPS AND FERTILITY. FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE, THERE WAS THE POSSIBILITY OF COURTSHIP. IF PAIRED BY SUNDOWN, THE COURTSHIP CONTINUED SO THAT THE COUPLE COULD GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND MARRIED 6 WEEKS LATER ON JUNE'S MIDSUMMER'S DAY. THIS IS HOW THE "JUNE WEDDING" BECAME A TRADITION.

IN THE MIDDLE AGES, ALL VILLAGES HAD MAYPOLES. TOWNS WOULD COMPETE TO SEE WHO HAD THE TALLEST OR BEST MAYPOLE. OVER TIME, THIS OLD ENGLISH FESTIVAL INCORPORATED DANCE PERFORMANCES, PLAYS, AND LITERATURE. PEOPLE WOULD CROWN A "MAY QUEEN" FOR THE DAY'S FESTIVITIES.

THE STRICT PURITANS OF NEW ENGLAND CONSIDERED THE CELEBRATIONS OF MAY DAY TO BE LICENTIOUS AND PAGAN, SO THEY FORBADE ITS OBSERVANCE, AND THE SPRINGTIME HOLIDAY NEVER BECAME AN IMPORTANT PART OF AMERICAN CULTURE AS IT HAS MANY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

WAYS TO CELEBRATE MAY DAY

WHY NOT CELEBRATE MAY DAY? HERE ARE SOME JOYFUL MAY DAY TRADITIONS MARKING THE RETURN OF SPRING AND THE RENEWED GIFT OF LIFE.

- 1) AMONG THE MANY SUPERSTITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH MAY DAY WAS THE BELIEF THAT WASHING THE FACE WITH DEW ON THE MORNING OF MAY 1 WOULD BEAUTIFY THE SKIN AND BRING GOOD LUCK. WE SAY, GO AHEAD! WALK OUTSIDE AND SPRINKLE YOUR FACE WITH THE MORNING DEW (OR SNOW!).
- 2) ON MAY 1, PEOPLE IN BRITAIN WELCOME SPRING BY "BRINGING IN THE MAY," OR GATHERING CUTTINGS OF FLOWERING TREES FOR THEIR HOMES. BRING IN BRANCHES OF FORSYTHIA, MAGNOLIA, REDBUD, LILAC, OR FLOWERING BRANCHES IN YOUR REGION!
- 3) MAKE THAT MAY DAY BASKET OF FLOWERS! GET THE KIDS INVOLVED. WE LIKE THIS LITTLE FELLOW'S HOMEMADE BASKET WHICH HE'S PROBABLY LEAVING FOR MOM (SHHH!).
- 4) IN PARTS OF IRELAND, PEOPLE WOULD MAKE A MAY BUSH, WHICH TYPICALLY WAS A THORN BUSH OR BRANCH DECORATED WITH FLOWERS AND RIBBONS. CREATE YOUR OWN MAY BUSH OR TREE! JUST DECORATE WITH COLORED RIBBONS!



May Day (May 1st) is celebrated in many places around the world. The traditions and stories surrounding May Day vary from place to place. There is, however, one thing that is similar in most celebrations - the use of Flowers!

One of the most popularly known May Day traditions is to hang a basket full of spring flowers and/or other small gifts on a neighbor's doorknob. The trick is you don't want the neighbor to see you! If you get caught, you are supposed to get a kiss.

Make a May Day Basket



Supplies:

- piece of 8.5x11" construction paper made in to a cone shape (no cutting involved)
- Stapler or Tape
- Yarn or Ribbon
- Stickers for decoration
- Markers

Directions:

1. Roll the construction paper into a cone shape and secured with a staple in the back and a piece of tape at the bottom.
2. Braid yarn or use ribbon for the handle and stapled to the sides.
3. Write "Happy May Day" on the basket decorate it with spring stickers.
4. Fill out with some popcorn (in snack size baggies), lollipops, fruit snacks and a crepe paper flowers.

Hang them on doorknobs of neighbors, friends and family. Then knock and running away. See if you can get away without being caught.

Coffee Filter Flower Bouquet

- Supplies: 5-6 coffee filters
markers or crayons
elastic band or loom band
straw or wood dowel
washi tape



1. Start by coloring your coffee filters. You can simply decorate them with crayons or marker. Or give them rainbow colors with water and markers.
2. Once you have your coffee filters colored, gather each one in the center and twist it tight. This will gather the top and give it a bunched look.
3. Group all your twisted coffee filters together and attach them with a band to keep them in place.
4. Press your straw into the center of the band.



5. Add washi tape to the base of the flowers and the top of the straw to make it look clean and to keep all of the coffee filters in place. Use your favorite color and design of washi tape to personalize it.
6. Place your finished bouquet in a vase or in your May Basket.

