

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

The Ascension  Easter 7
from Acts 1:6-14.

Jesus asks us to share his story with others.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Witness
- Ascending
- Heaven
- Holy Spirit

Jesus and his disciples were on the Mount of Olives when he ascended into heaven. The Mount of Olives is a mountain ridge on the east side of Jerusalem. The Garden of Gethsemane is at the bottom of the Mount of Olives.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 498-499

Spark Bible pages 1203

Family Prayer

Dear Giving Father,

Thank you for giving your Son to everyone.

Thank you for giving gifts to each of us. Help us to use our gifts in your name. Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT

Family Conversations

- 1 Where did Jesus go in today's story?
- 2 How do you feel when someone you love leaves? How did the disciples feel after Jesus left?
- 3 Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus gave his disciples some directions. What were they? Do they still apply to us today? How?
- 4 What are some "to do" items that you would like to accomplish as a disciple or witness of Jesus? Make a family list and work toward completing one task each month.

Eye Spark

Do some cloud-watching this week. Spend time together picking out shapes and figures in the clouds and talking about what it must have been like to watch Jesus ascend into the clouds.

Ear Spark

Listen for compliments this week. Take notice when others tell you that you do something well or appreciate your actions. These compliments can tell you about your God-given gifts. Think about how you can use your gifts to glorify God.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Choose a quiet spot for a family walk where you can look for the Holy Spirit in nature. As you walk, take time to focus on the sights, sounds, smells, and textures of nature. Look at all the different plants and animals — each of them is special. Let them remind you that of us is special, too!

For younger kids

Use the gifts God has given you to spread the word of God to others. Make a card, draw a picture, or make a treat to deliver to a neighbor. When you deliver your art, tell them about God's love for all people.

For older kids

With adult permission, use an online search engine to research charities in and around your hometown. Choose one charity that looks interesting to you and ask your family to help you serve that charity sometime soon.