



Growing FAITH at home

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR A

The Holy Spirit is our helper



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CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. Who has been helpful to you this past week? In what ways have you helped others?
2. Jesus called the Holy Spirit our helper or counsellor. What does the Holy Spirit help us to do?



BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

S	John 14:15-21	The promise of the Holy Spirit
M	John 14:23-27	The Spirit will teach you
T	John 16:5-16	The work of the Holy Spirit
W	1 Peter 3:13-22	You are blessed
T	Acts 1:1-11	The ascension of Jesus
F	Acts 17:22-31	God commands people to repent
S	Psalm 66:8-20	Praise be to God

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Then I will ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit who will help you and always be with you. The Spirit will show you what is true.

JOHN 14:16-17A



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Ascension Day marks the last appearance of Jesus to the disciples after his resurrection at Easter, and his bodily ascension into heaven. It is the fortieth day after Easter Sunday and always falls on a Thursday.

The book of Acts (1:12) suggests that Jesus' ascension took place from Mt. Olivet, located northeast of the town of Bethany.

Plan a trip (by car or foot) to a 'high place' in your area. While there, discuss what it might have been like to see Jesus ascend into heaven, and what you think his return at the end of time might be like.

Take time to notice the clouds and see what shapes you can find (there is an old tradition that the clouds on Ascension Day take the form of lambs, in honour of the Lamb of God).



ACTION RESPONSE

The Holy Spirit is our helper. How can we show ways to help others this week? Make a list and put it on the fridge to remind you.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Come Holy Spirit, be our guest and let this food to us be blessed.
Amen.



PRAYER

Jesus you are Lord of our hearts, help us to be gentle and respectful of others so they see you alive in us.
Amen.



BLESSING

May God give you the Holy Spirit as a helper and guide.