Ascension Day

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Aim

- To recognise the significance of Ascension Day.

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The Resurrection

Jesus died on Good Friday. A few days later, he rose from the dead. This is called Easter Sunday and it is celebrated by Christians.

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Forty Days

For the following forty days after Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to the disciples and other followers.

The fortieth day was the last time he did this before being taken up to heaven.
We call this fortieth day, Ascension Day.

Think about it: Why do you think it is called this?

Discuss it: How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus ascended into heaven?

The Bible mentions this event in both Mark and Luke's gospels.

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The Ascension

Ascension Day is also known as the Feast of Ascension or Ascension Thursday, as it always falls on this day of the week.

On Jesus' final meeting with his disciples, he told them that he would always be with them - promising the gift of the Holy Spirit.

10 days later, they were indeed visited by the Holy Spirit. This is now known as Pentecost.

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Celebration!

Ascension Day is the time when Christians celebrate Jesus ascending into Heaven to be with God.

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