

WELCOME THE GOOD NEWS

JESUS LEAVES HIS FRIENDS

Living the Good News
7th Sunday of Easter – B

Jesus said to his friends, “Today is the last day you will see me. I will still be with you, but you will not see me, because I am going to live with God.”

The friends were sad to hear this. “Don’t leave us, Jesus,” they said.

“I have to,” said Jesus. “But I will send you the helper that I have promised. **I WILL SEND YOU THE HOLY SPIRIT.**”

“When will the Holy Spirit come?” asked another friend.

“Soon!” said Jesus. “Go to Jerusalem and wait together. The Holy Spirit will come to you when you are all praying together.”

Then, as his friends watched, Jesus was taken up to heaven. They could not see where Jesus went; a cloud hid him.

But two men in white appeared and said, “Why are you looking up at the sky? You will not make Jesus come back that way! Jesus will come again on a day that no one knows.”



WELCOME GOD'S WORD

**"You will be witnesses for me."
(Acts 1:8, Good News Translation)**

- * Can you remember the last thing you heard from a friend?
What was it?
- * Jesus had some last words for his friends, too.
With a family member, read Acts 1:8 in your Bible.
 - A witness is a person who tells about someone or something important.
 - The disciples were witnesses of Jesus' life, death and new life.
- * Look at the pictures below. Who could be a witness for Jesus in each picture?
- * What could the witness tell about Jesus?
- * Jesus calls you a witness, too.
What could *you* tell about Jesus?



In today's story Jesus tells his friends to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The friends of Jesus waited together. The friends of Jesus prayed together.

Each day this week ask your family to pray together. You could use your own words or this prayer:

Come, Holy Spirit. Come to our hearts. Fill our hearts with love. *Amen.*