



Seventh Sunday after Easter

Father Peter always calls this "Hanging Around Sunday" (this isn't its proper name!). Jesus's friends, the disciples, had been told to wait in Jerusalem for the gift of the Holy Spirit (hint: this comes next week).

Last Thursday we celebrated Ascension Day. If you 'ascend' it means you rise up. In this case Jesus goes up to Heaven to be with his Father. This is the last time his disciples will see him on Earth.

How must they have felt? How would you feel if one of your dearest friends moved away forever? Wouldn't you be sad? Wouldn't you want to say goodbye? The Bible doesn't tell us how they feel. They know Jesus has to leave them, but now they must just wait ... hanging around.

Farewell!



God Speed!

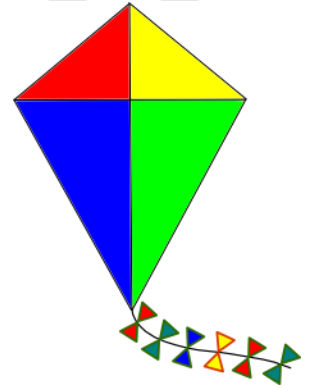
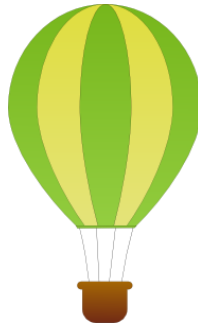
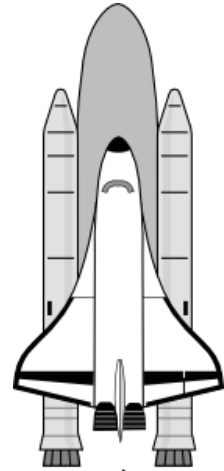


Au revoir!



Bye Bye!

Draw a circle round the things that can ascend (that is, go up)



An Ascensiontide Experiment

You will need:

Two glasses of a clear fizzy drink

Some grapes

Some raisins

Method:

Carefully drop a grape into one glass of a clear fizzy drink, and a raisin into the other glass.

One of them will rise to the surface.

Will it be the grape or the raisin? Why?

A Prayer

Father, at this time of sickness and worry, we must remember,

Jesus said, "I am always with you."

When we feel lonely, we must remember,

Jesus said, "I am always with you."

When we miss our friends, we must remember,

Jesus said, "I am always with you."

When we cannot see our wider family, we must remember,

Jesus said, "I am always with you."

When we know people who cannot work, we must remember,

Jesus said, "I am always with you." Amen