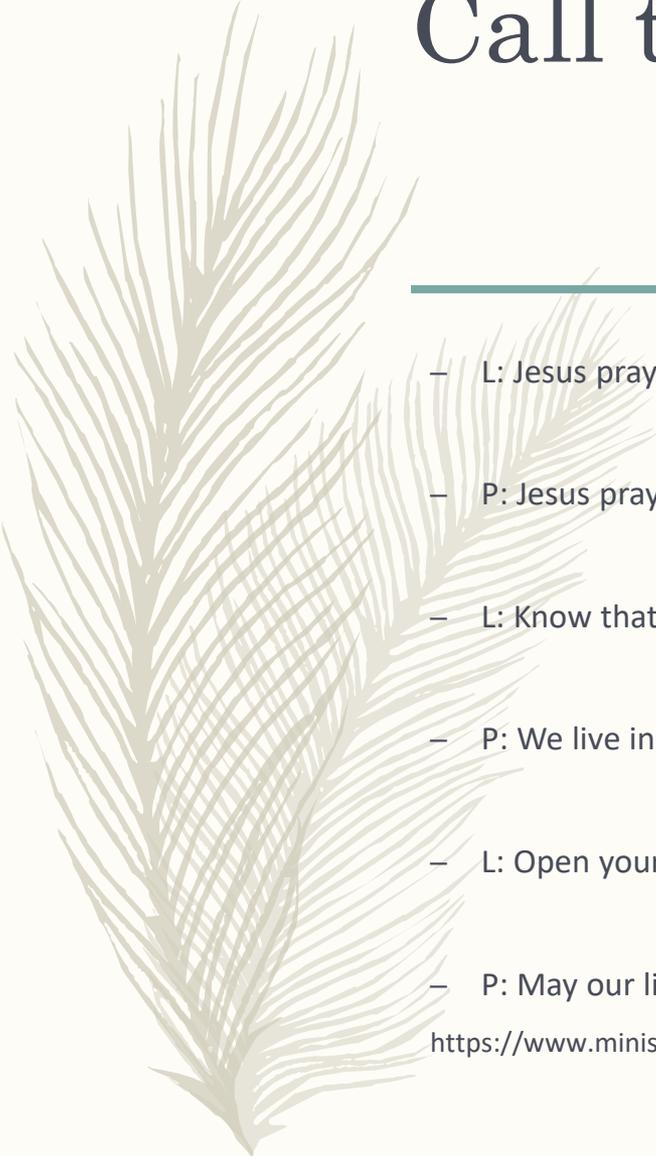




Ascension Family Worship

May 24, 2020

Call to Worship



- L: Jesus prayed for his disciples, giving them into God's eternal care.
- P: Jesus prays for us, giving us into God's care.
- L: Know that you have been blessed with the love of the Savior.
- P: We live in that love and seek to serve God.
- L: Open your hearts and spirits now to hear God's word.
- P: May our lives be open to God's Spirit and reflect God's love. AMEN.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2785/classic-worship-connection-ascension-sunday-2017-option-1>

Kids Worship song ~ Give it away

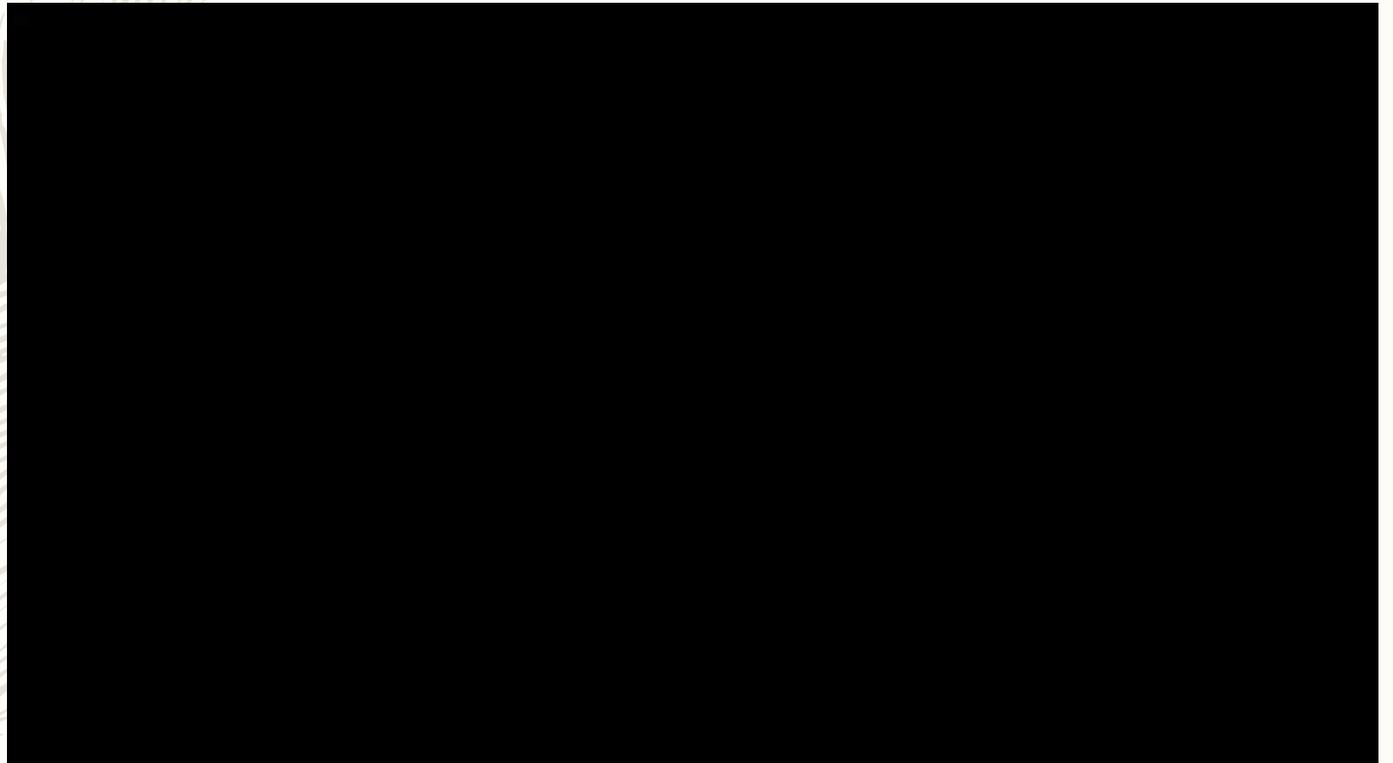
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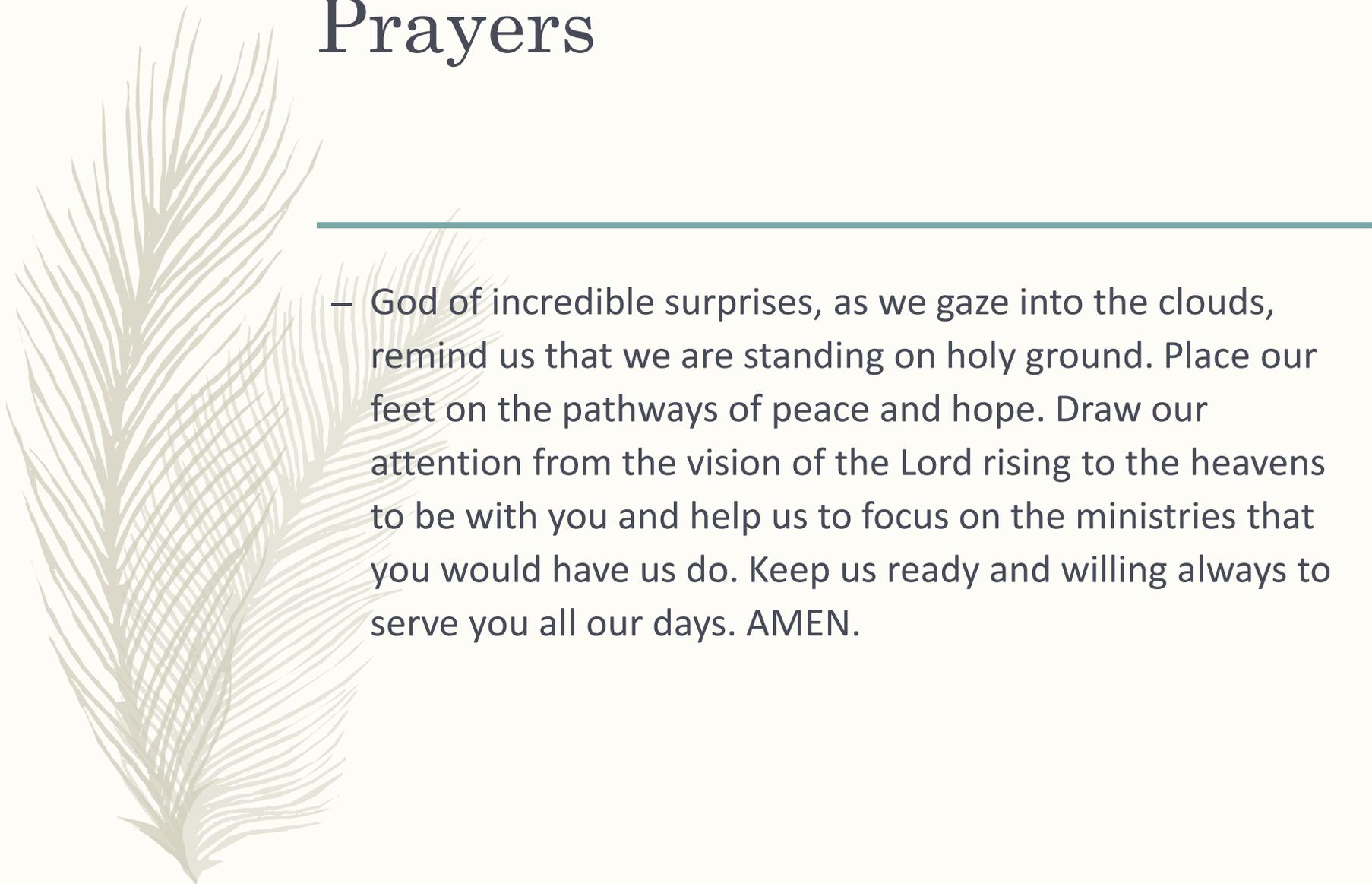


Kids Bible story Jesus Ascension

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcFw8pLBSIo>



Prayers



- God of incredible surprises, as we gaze into the clouds, remind us that we are standing on holy ground. Place our feet on the pathways of peace and hope. Draw our attention from the vision of the Lord rising to the heavens to be with you and help us to focus on the ministries that you would have us do. Keep us ready and willing always to serve you all our days. AMEN.



Children's Worship Song

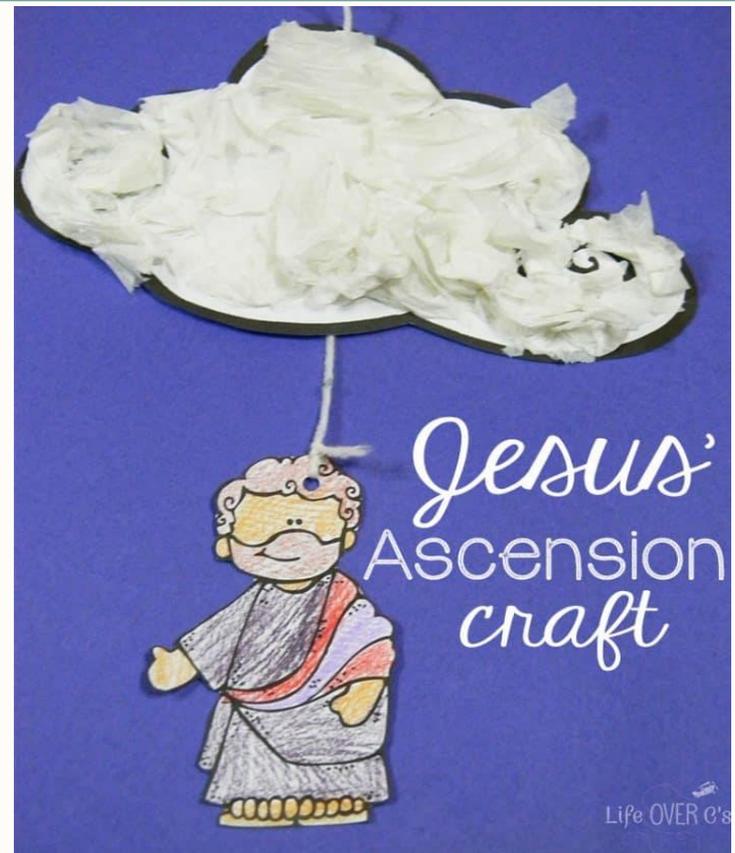
My Life For You

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Jesus Ascension Craft

- The template will be provided in the activity resources post on Facebook.



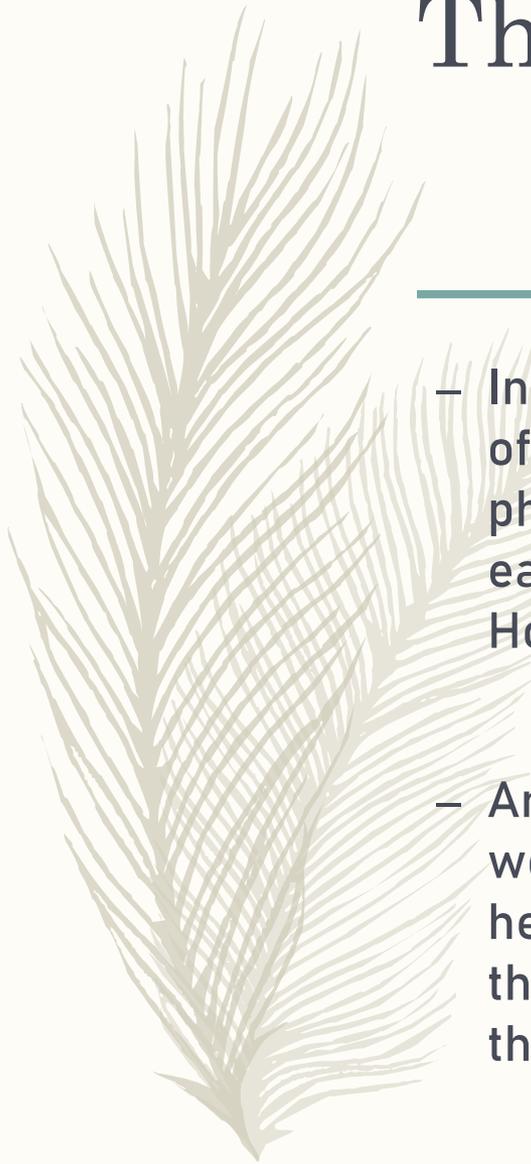
Youth and Adult Scripture Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RD0LNtc1UE4>



The Message

- In the Ascension, all of Jesus' disciples receive the gift of the Holy Spirit: even though God will no longer be physically present with the disciples through the Son on earth, God will be present with them always through the Holy Spirit.
- And the Ascension is where Jesus passes on this great work to all of us. It is when Jesus declares that though he will no longer be physically on this earth to preach the good news himself, his work will continue... in and through each one of us.



Youth and Adult Bible Study

- I had this wonderful friend after college that taught me so much about God. She helped so many people find God. She didn't do it through reading scripture or bible studies or judgement she did it through the way she lived her life. So many people loved her and wanted to be like her. People would often ask "what does she have that makes her such a bright light?" I learned this myself firsthand.
- She had a couple of things that I took notice of:
 - She loved the Lord with all her heart.
 - She loved people even those that were unkind to her
 - She never had a mean thing to say about anyone
 - She was always helping people and was happy to do it
 - She purposefully spent time each day with God in meditation, studying scripture, praying, listening to what God was saying to her.

Youth and Adult Bible Study

How do we serve like Jesus? On the day of the ascension God asked his disciples to Serve others. But what exactly does that look like? Here are four good places to start:

- Is your heart struggling to love others? Ask Jesus for a heart change.

Be open to God working, stretching, and changing your heart. This may bring out some things you need to address and work on, but it will be worth it! God can change your heart, soften the edges, and teach you to love others with kindness and compassion.

- Take a look at your schedule. Are you doing too much?

Are you keeping things on your list because of appearances? Allow God to free up your time. Ask God to show you each day what needs to be done and what can be set aside.

- Begin placing others first in your day to day.

Think about the needs of others and how you can place them before your own. Do you see a struggling mom at the store? Let her get in line before you. Does your neighbor need help with his lawn? Take care of it for him.

- Listen to God, and follow God's teaching.

Follow God's prompting and leading when going about your day. If you feel like you should stop and serve, do it. This doesn't necessarily mean you take on every opportunity presented to you. Pray. Ask God, then listen and do what's on your heart to do.

Do Something ~ Matthew West

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=agU_SkY8E6k





My own personal benediction for you

I've tried to be like my friend but too many times fall short. This lesson has been a great reminder to me about not being so frazzled that I forget about being kind, loving, and serving others. My all time favorite line from a song is "I know that it grieves his heart when his people stand apart because we're the only Jesus they will see" In my life I often try to show those who may not know God a glimpse through me. I feel like Jesus has entrusted us with such an important job. The last song I have for you is one I love. I love it because you can't help but move. It's about how we should feel –Joy and how we should share it with everyone because you can't contain it. Hey guess what God loves you! Such a great message "Sunday morning hallelujah and it's lasting all week long." So go out and live like there's an overflowing goodness that you can't contain because you got an old church choir singing in your soul.

(Love one another Kathy Troccoli)

Old Church Choir ~ Zack Williams

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOEviTLJOqo>

