

Hello Sunday School. I hope you are well. Welcome to half-term! A bit of a different one to normal, but at least you can go out more now in this lovely weather!

I know I say it every week, but do remember to contact me or Mother Juliet using the contact information on the Church website, or through the Rainbows group Whatsapp if there is anything you or your grown-up wants to talk about.

In our Gospel reading today, Jesus is talking to God, and he says this about his disciples: 'they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, ' In other words, Jesus is asking God to protect his disciples (us) to do his work with the help of the Holy Spirit while he (Jesus) is not physically on Earth.

So let's remind ourselves of the Trinity: the idea of God as 'Father, Son and Holy Spirit' – three in One. Last Thursday was Ascension day, when Jesus left the disciples to go and join his Father in Heaven, but a few weeks ago I spoke of Jesus being always there for us, walking next to us – how can that be if he's gone to Heaven? Well, that's where the Trinity comes in. We've been left this awesome gift of the Holy Spirit, so we **can** have Jesus with us all the time, and we can have God with us all the time – which is fantastic, because at times like this we need to have reassuring reminders that no matter how we are feeling, we will always be supported and guided and held by God and by Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

God so loved the world that he sent Jesus to save us, and Jesus so loved the world that left the Holy Spirit to guide us and protect us. God is love. The Trinity is love. You are loved by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

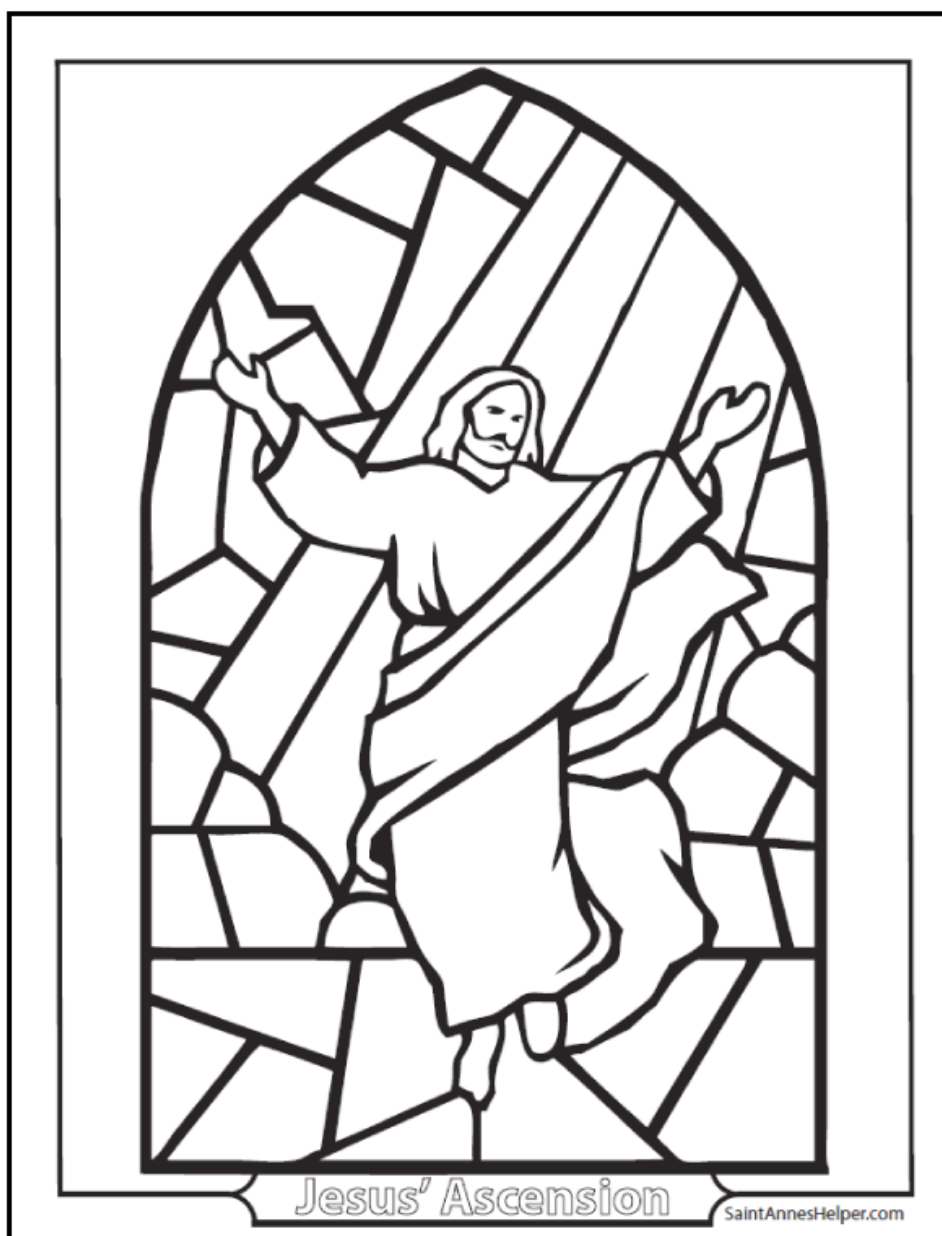
That's a whole lot of love.

There are some crafts and activities in the following pages. I love seeing the fabulous work you've been doing at home.

Have a lovely week, Sunday School, and may God keep you safe and healthy and happy.

Amen

Here's a 'stained glass window' for you to colour. I like the way that Jesus has his arms out in that eternal hug – a reminder of his sacrifice on the cross for all of us.



How many of the words to do with Ascension can you find in the wordsearch?

W G N I S S E L B D E J S C D
S O G R L Q I V I K V A P W C
G T R I E X J S O H I F I S N
R L E S N P C J K L G U R P G
X U M H H I E S K R R L I U V
D V T E P I X N H L O F T I X
B Z C L P O P G T P F I Z E C
V G E U L L R P S P M L D J Q
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J Q F Y X S P A U N H E I Y I
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BLESSING
FULFILLED
LOVE
RISE
WORSHIPPED

DISCIPLES
HEAVEN
PROPHETS
SPIRIT

FORGIVE
JESUS
REPENT
SUFFER



If you are really up for a challenge this week, how about making something like this 'God is love' rainbow art?

I've made some bits to cut out for you on the next pages if you'd like them.

