

# The Ascension of the Lord (Lower Elementary)

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**May 24, 2020 – The Ascension of the Lord**

## Overview

In this week's Gospel passage, Jesus gathers His disciples for His final command before ascending into Heaven – preach the Gospel to the world. This command becomes the mission of the Church. In this lesson, students contemplate Jesus' command by reflecting on sacred art.

## Directions

- A. Read the Gospel passage aloud to your students as they follow along. Then discuss the focus and reflection questions with them.
- B. Read the directions from **Go and Teach Hidden Letters** to your students. Then have them find the hidden letters in the painting and write them on the lines. Last, help your students unscramble the letters to spell out Jesus' command to make *disciples* of all nations.
- C. Conclude the lesson by discussing the sacred art painting with your students, using the following questions:
  - What are some things that you see in this painting? *Jesus, the disciples, angels, rays of light, clouds, a building in the background, hills, trees, and so on. Accept other reasoned answers.*
  - If you could rewind this painting, what do you think happened immediately before this scene? *Jesus gave His disciples the mission to proclaim the Gospel to the world.*
  - If you could fast forward this painting, what do you think would happen immediately after this scene? *Perhaps the disciples prayed, or they went home amazed, or, like the Gospel says, they went out and told the world what they had witnessed. Accept other reasoned answers.*
  - Do you think the artist did a good job illustrating Jesus' Ascension into Heaven? Why? Or why not?

## Answer Key

### Focus Questions

1. They worshipped but doubted.
2. He tells them that all power on Heaven and Earth had been given to Him.
3. He tells them to go and make disciples of all nations, to baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, and to teach them to observe all that He has commanded.

### Go and Teach Hidden Letters

Answer: *Disciples*

