The Ascension of the Lord
(Middle and Upper Elementary)

May 13, 2021 – 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 will create their own personal witness of Jesus.

Directions

A. Have students read the Gospel passage, or read it aloud to your students, and then answer the focus questions. You may have students answer them on their own or you may discuss them together as a class.

B. Review and discuss the correct answers when finished.

C. Have your students read about what the Church teaches about evangelization from The Mission of the Church: Our Mission. Then have students reflect on their own personal witness of Jesus using the My Personal Witness worksheet. You may have students write their responses to the questions, or keep notes on the worksheet. If time permits, consider having students practice sharing their witness stories with a partner.

Answer Key

Focus Questions

1. Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.
2. We must believe and be baptized.
3. They will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. Priests still perform exorcisms; miracles are reported associated with the healing of diseases. We can read stories of modern-day saints and miracles. We don’t witness them as often mostly due to our own lack of faith and not because Jesus is not working.
4. He now rules in Heaven with God the Father.
5. They went forth and preached everywhere.