The Ascension - a reading from the Gospel of St Matthew 28:16-20 (Good News Translation)

The ..... disciples went to the hill in Galilee where ..... had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him, even though some of them ..... . Jesus drew near and said to them, 'I have been given all authority in ..... and on earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: ..... them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you ....., to the end of the age.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Use the words below to fill in the scripture's blank spaces.

heaven

baptise

always

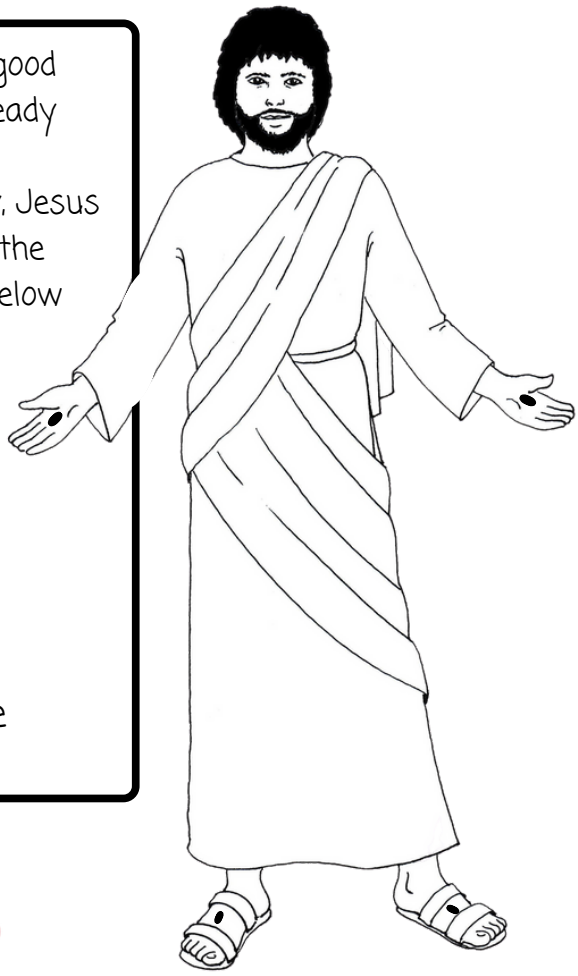
eleven

Jesus

doubted

Often when we read a passage from the Bible, it's a good idea to find out what happened before. Jesus had already appeared to the disciples several times after his resurrection forty days earlier. Now, on ascension day, Jesus shares his final words. Try and image you were with the disciples on that hill in Galilee, then circle the words below that could help to describe how they were feeling.

Uncertain	Confused	Excited
Nervous	Faith-filled	Confident
Scared	Courageous	Hopeful
Curious	Grateful	Attentive



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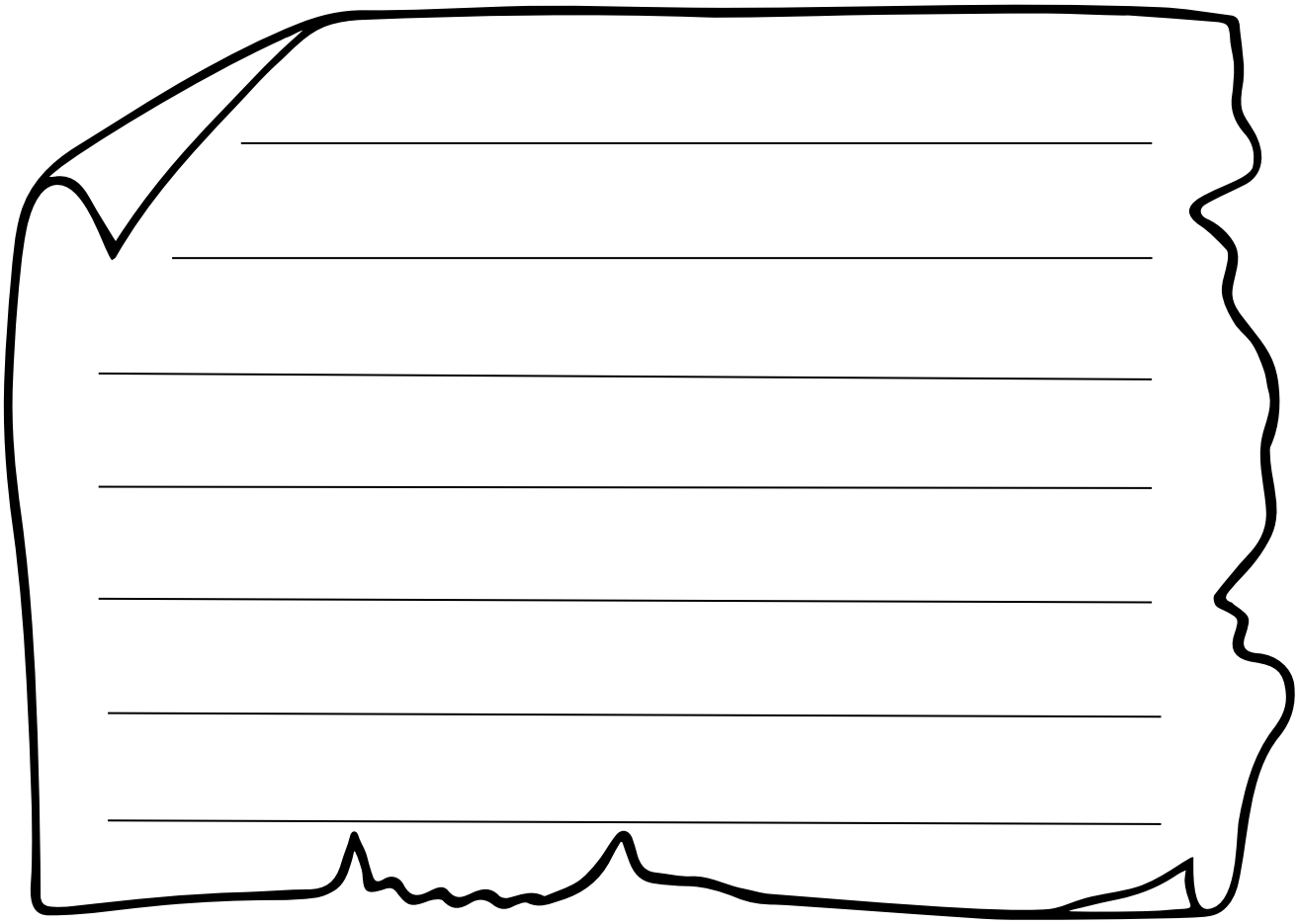
The Ascension questions

Imagine that you were one of the disciples present at the Ascension. Write a note below to your best friend describing the event and how you now feel about taking up your mission to 'Go then to all people everywhere and make them disciples.'



In Jesus' day, the word *disciple* also meant *student*. Jesus wanted people everywhere to have the chance to learn about the things he said and did. What do **you** think is the greatest lesson Jesus taught and which you would like to pass on to others?

*For example, through the story of the Good Samaritan Jesus taught us to **love our neighbour,** and after his resurrection he showed us how important it is to **forgive.***