

New life

FOCUS

1. Jesus Christ rose in the same human body that suffered on the Cross.
2. The resurrection of Jesus shows us clearly who Jesus is – truly God and truly man.
3. Jesus taught us to trust in him as life continues beyond death as his resurrection shows.
4. God alone will judge. At the end of life we will be judged on our love.
5. In Jesus' ascension we see the hope of all Christians, that one day we too will enter heaven and be with Christ in glory. This is what God intends for all humanity.
6. Jesus assures the disciples that the promised Holy Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the world. It is the presence of God's Holy Spirit that is the source of strength and hope for us today.

During these lessons your child may have:

- recalled and retold some of the times Jesus appeared to his disciples after the resurrection;
- explored how the disciples reacted to the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus;
- developed an awareness and understanding of the teachings of the Christian tradition in relation to death and eternal life;
- considered and discussed what Jesus said to his disciples before he returned to heaven;
- listened and responded to the Pentecost story.

John 11:21-26

Martha said to Jesus, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died," . . . "Your brother" said Jesus to her "will rise again." Martha said, "I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said: "I am the resurrection. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes Lord," she said "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world."

Acts 1:6-12

They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, "Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there."

Acts 2:4-7, 12-16, 33

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed them in a loud voice; "Men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem, make no mistake about this, but listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you imagine; . . . what you see and hear is the outpouring of the Spirit."

SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

These are some suggested activities to do at home with your child.

1. Ask your child to retell some of the post-resurrection encounters between Jesus and the Apostles.
2. Discuss with your child times family members or friends have died. Allow your child to ask questions about the life of these people.
3. Does your family have rituals to remember those who have died? If so, discuss these with your child.
4. Discuss with your child what being filled with the Holy Spirit means to you.
5. Encourage your child to pray, especially when they are sad or worried.
6. Encourage your child to complete the activity page on the reverse of this sheet. Talk to your child about their responses.
7. More activities can be found at www.ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au Click on **Home Activities**.

TO REMEMBER:

The Risen Lord is with us today.

Jesus' Resurrection shows us that new life continues beyond death.

He has made death the beginning of eternal life.

What do Christians believe about life after death?



YES OR NO?

Death is the separation of the soul from the body	YES	NO
Life does not end with death	YES	NO
People's bodies and souls die	YES	NO
People's souls live on after their bodies die	YES	NO
Jesus said "Believe in me and you will live forever"	YES	NO
Life changes at death	YES	NO
Death is the next part of the journey of life	YES	NO
Hope in the promise of Jesus is important	YES	NO
God will always be with them	YES	NO



Jesus, risen Lord, we thank you for being the truth we seek.
We thank you for being the life we live.
We thank you for empowering us when you went to the Father.
We thank you for promising us even greater works.
With these assurances our hearts will not be troubled;
with you all is peace. Amen.