

# What's Happening in Sunday School?

In today's readings on the Sunday after the Ascension, we read of Jesus' ministry after His resurrection. In the Acts passage, Luke reminds believers that Jesus commanded his disciples to remain in Jerusalem and wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit, so they would be fully empowered and equipped to spread the Good News to the ends of the earth. After Jesus ascended to heaven to be with the Father, the Christians met and prayed together regularly. Peter preached that any suffering they experienced as they carried out their mission is sharing in Christ's sufferings and to be joyful. David's Psalm can be applied to the ascended Christ, noting that Christ's ascension was a continuation of and fulfillment of God's establishment of his kingdom in his royal city Jerusalem. John's Gospel shows us the care Jesus had for his disciples (including us) as he prayed for their safety and unity as they would go out to spread the Gospel. We are even today encouraged and equipped by the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised. The Holy Spirit is with us and will help us commit ourselves to doing good for the Kingdom of God on earth.

## Digging Deeper:

When did Jesus say he would return?

What are followers of Jesus to be doing until His return?

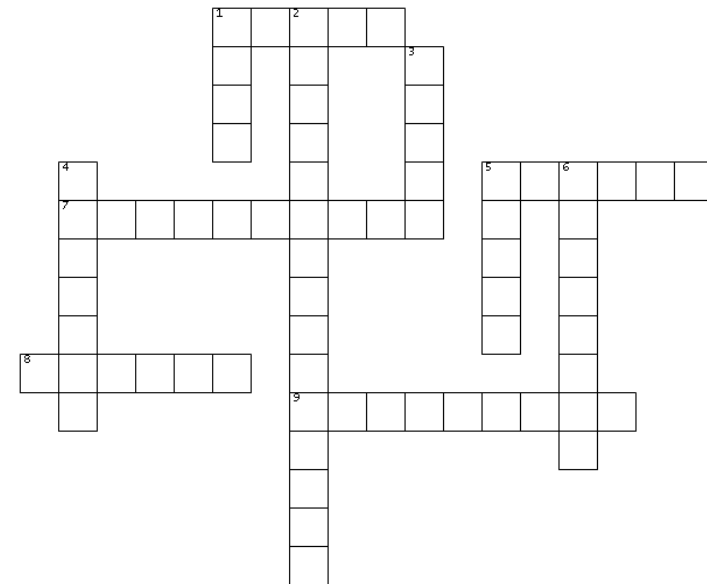
What does the Holy Spirit do?

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# Sunday After Ascension – Year A

## FUN PAGE

### The Ascension of Jesus



### ACROSS

1. He was taken up to heaven
5. What the disciples did regularly together
7. The gift the Father promised to give the disciples
8. What Jesus gave the apostles before he left
9. Where Jesus told the disciples to stay

### DOWN

1. He baptized with water
2. Where the disciples were to go tell the Good News
3. Shines in the darkness
4. This was in the beginning with God and was God
5. What Christians receive when the Holy Spirit rests on them
6. They watched until a cloud hid Jesus from them