

Children's Church at home 7 June 2020

Matthew 28:16-20 and 2 Corinthians 13:11-13.

Craft ingredients: coloured card, corrugated cardboard (the sort that cardboard boxes are made of) pens, pritt stick and scissors.

Ask the children if they remember last Sunday's story (it was about how the Holy Spirit arrived and what happened next)

Introduction: Flashback to just before Jesus went home to his Daddy. In this story, Jesus tells his friends to go and tell people all about him and to baptise them. And he reminds them of his promise.

Story: (from the Easy to Read Version) ¹⁸ So Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth is given to me. ¹⁹ So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach them to obey everything that I have told you to do. You can be sure that I will be with you always. I will continue with you until the end of time." Matthew 28 18-20

The second reading is a letter from Paul to the people in Corinth, and it includes a prayer which we still use today: 'May the grace* of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship** of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.'

*grace is a bit like blessing

**fellowship can mean friendship or companionship: someone who is there for you.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gyrEQhT29sY&feature=youtu.be>

Quiz: Jesus told his friends to do three things. Can you remember what they were? And he made a promise. What was that?

Think: Last week, a boy asked his Dad about the Holy Spirit. At the end, his Dad suggested that maybe the question was prompted by the Holy Spirit. What can we tell people about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit if they ask?

Craft: see video.

Game: Mime game. Take turns to say a type of weather, and the others mime what they do when the weather is like that. (Rain! Put up an umbrella. Hot: wipe your brow)

Prayer: Friend Jesus, when someone asks us about you, put the right words in our mouths so we can explain. Help us to live the sort of lives that make people wonder 'what is it about ...?'. Please bless all the people we love (*you could name them if you like*) and keep them happy and safe. Now we know the grace, we can pray it: may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, Amen.