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Q&A

Where did Jesus gather with the apostles?

Who suddenly appeared with the apostles?

Read more about it in Acts 1

Bible Trivia

Where did the apostles go after returning to Jerusalem? (Hint: Acts 1:13)

Answer: The upper room.

A Good News Story

Jesus Ascends into Heaven

Catholic News Service

Jesus appeared to his followers several times after His resurrection.

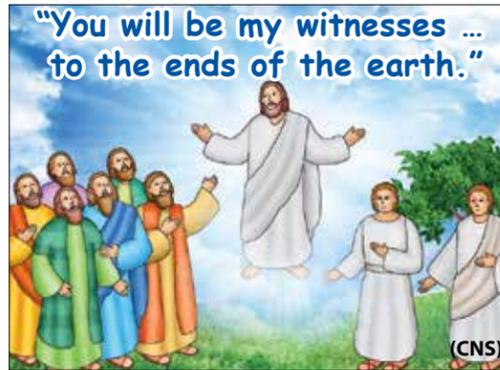
The first time, He appeared and spoke to Mary of Magdala, who was visiting His empty tomb. Jesus asked Mary to deliver a message to the apostles.

Afterward, He twice appeared to His friends in a locked room in Jerusalem. And He also walked with two of His followers who were talking about Jesus' death and resurrection as they traveled to Emmaus.

"He presented Himself alive to them by many proofs after He had suffered, appearing to them during 40 days and speaking about the kingdom of God," Luke, the author of the Acts of the Apostles, said in describing these events to a person named Theophilus.

Jesus then gathered with the apostles on Mount Olivet.

"Lord, are you at this time going to restore



the kingdom to Israel?" the apostles asked.

"It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by His own authority," Jesus replied. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria,

and to the ends of the earth."

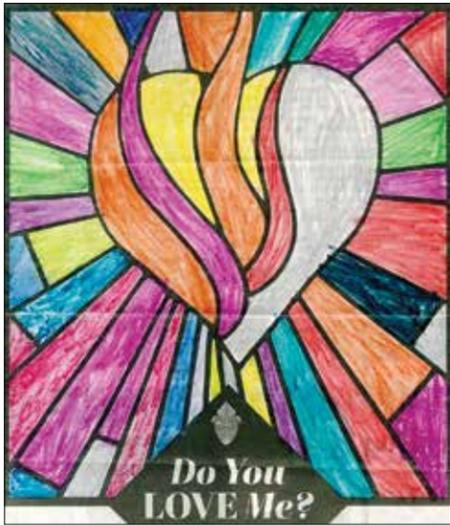
When Jesus finished speaking, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him from their sight.

As Jesus was going, the apostles looked at the sky. At first, they didn't notice that two men dressed in white garments were suddenly standing with them.

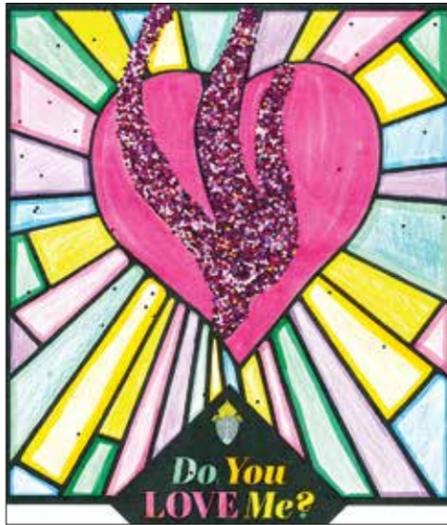
"Men of Galilee," the men said, "why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen Him going into heaven."

Afterward, the apostles descended Mount Olivet and returned to Jerusalem.

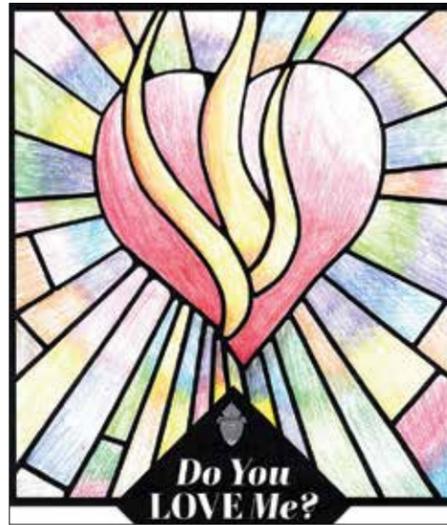
Coloring Contest Winners Chosen



Hailey Connolly



Madison Holmes



Audrey LaGrassa

DIOCESE—Three winners of the Diocesan Appeal coloring contest were chosen by a vote of those working at the Diocesan Administration Center on May 18. The entries were divided into three age groups: ages 4-6, ages 7-9 and ages 10 and above.

The winners, from youngest to oldest, are:

■ **Hailey Connolly**, a kindergarten student whose family attends St. John Neumann Parish in St. Charles;

■ **Madison Holmes**, a second grade student at Holy Family School in Rockford whose family attends St. Anthony of Padua Parish; and

■ **Audrey LaGrassa**, a fifth grade student at Holy Cross School, whose family attends Holy Cross Parish in Batavia.

There were 65 entries in the coloring contest, more than any other year, said Claudia Broman, director of the diocesan Office of Charitable Giving.

"It was very apparent that the kids also spent time reflecting on the Gospel excerpt included on the coloring entry forms," Broman said, "which is encouraging for the future of our Church!"

The winning entries are on display on her door in the Diocesan Administration Center.



(Observer photo/ Amanda Hudson)

There were many colorful entries for the Diocesan Administration Center staff to choose from.



(CNS photo/Gregory A. Shemitz)

Puzzle

Unscramble the words and arrange them in the correct order to make a sentence from the Good News story.

Words:

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Sentence:

Puzzle answer: Words: witnesses be will you my Sentence: You will be my witnesses.