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Q&A

What was the promise of the Father of which Jesus spoke?

Who appeared to the apostles after Jesus was lifted up?

Read more about it in Acts 1

A Good News Story

Jesus Returns to His Father

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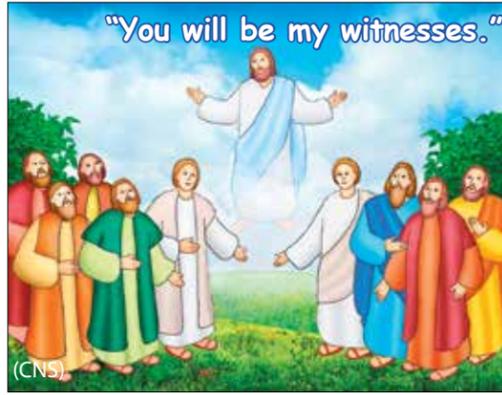
After Jesus' resurrection, He appeared to his followers several times.

The first time was at the site of His empty tomb, when He appeared and spoke to Mary of Magdala and had her 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 on the road 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.

"While meeting with them, He enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for 'the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with



Bible Trivia

Who gave a speech after the Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit? (Hint: Acts 2:14)

Answer: Peter

the Holy Spirit."

Luke went on to explain that Jesus gathered with the Apostles on Mount Olivet. The Apostles had a question for Jesus.

"Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" they wanted to know.

"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 the Apostles' sight.

The Apostles craned their necks toward the sky, trying to catch a glimpse of where Jesus went.

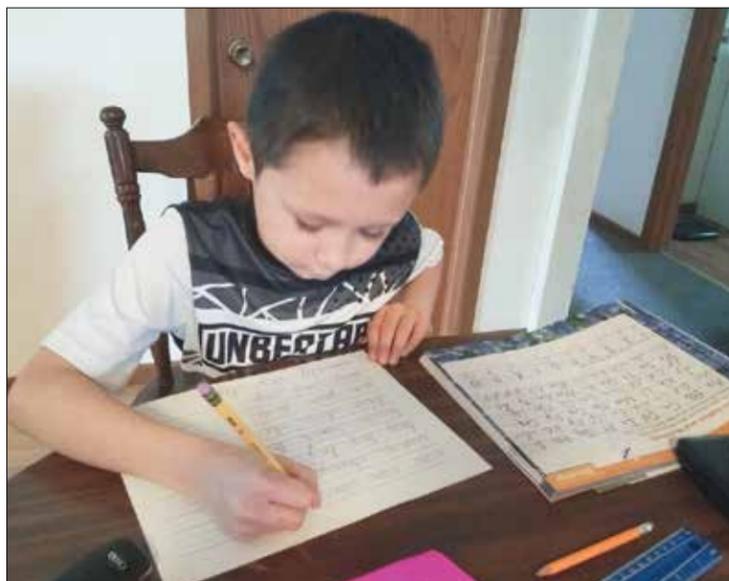
As they did so, two men dressed in white clothes suddenly appeared beside them.

"Men of Galilee, 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," the men said to the Apostles.

Afterward, the Apostles descended Mount Olivet and returned to Jerusalem, which was a day's journey away.



Weston shares his support with Drake Moore (above) and Joslyn Moore (below). We haven't heard if he prefers Drake's casual study style or Joslyn's more traditional approach.



(Photos provided) Jaxson Caudilloo gets busy with some school work at the dining room table.

Students Finish School at Home

Throughout the Rockford Diocese, students have been finishing this school year at home. For many it meant time with study packages and computers.

For some, it meant working at their own pace and at whatever time of day they liked.

Some, like these students from St. Mary School in Sterling, have had a chance to enrich their education through e-learning. And sometimes, they even have their "best friends" give them a helping hand.



Puzzle

Unscramble the words and arrange them to form a quotation from the children's story.

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rethfa het, fo, eth

Put the words in order.

Answers: for, promise, wait, Father, the, of, the
Wait for the promise of the Father.