

I can compare pieces of art work and talk about them.



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Take a close look at the
three pieces of art work on
the following slides.

*What Bible story do you
think that they depict?*





THE ASCENSION





Now read the Bible passage about the Ascension story.
You could look it up in your own Bible.

The Ascension (Acts 1:6-11) **Jesus is taken up into Heaven**

Jesus said to his friends, "When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After saying this, he was taken up to Heaven as they watched him, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They still had their eyes fixed on the sky as he went away, when two men dressed in white suddenly stood beside them and said, "Galileans, why are you standing there looking up at the sky? This Jesus, who was taken from you into Heaven, will come back in the same way that you saw him go to Heaven."



Which picture do you think portrays (tells) the story the most closely? Why?



Which picture do you think is the most...

*mysterious?
thought provoking?
interesting?
realistic?
modern?
well painted?
suitable for a church?
valuable?*



*What is really good about
each of the pictures?*

Which is the best?



Can you make any links with
the Ascension and the
mission for Catholics today?

Reflect on all that Jesus said to the apostles before he left.

What did he say?

What did Jesus want the apostles to do?

Jesus gave His friends a special job to do before He left. He told them that the Holy Spirit would come to give them strength and courage to go out to the rest of the world and be witnesses of the Resurrection.

Jesus wanted them to show everyone how to love so that they would get to go to Heaven when they die.

These words were also made
for us.

What were they?
When will they happen?
What do we have to do?

Catholics today have also been entrusted with this special mission. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to give everyone strength (not just the apostles) which showed how much Jesus loves everyone. So Catholics today try to be like the early apostles and spread the Word of God, showing others how to live by setting a good example themselves. If Catholics do this then they too will get to go to Heaven as Jesus promised when He made the path by ascending back to God.



Can you draw your own picture of the Ascension? You may want to include some of the things that reflect the mission that Catholics are given today.

How are we able to be like the early apostles and spread the Word of God, showing others how to live?