

Sunday 14th May 2021
Keep Me Safe



Gather Together...

Take time together as a family, find a quiet space, perhaps play some music, light a candle and sit comfortably.

Make the Sign of the Cross

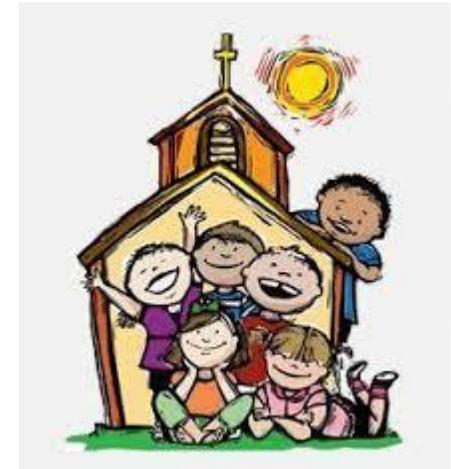
Listen Together...

Listen to this week's scripture, from the Gospel according to John...

Looking up to Heaven, Jesus said: 'Father, now I must return to you and leave these friends behind. I have shared your word with them and watched their faith in you grow, when many others chose to doubt. I have watched over them and kept them safe from danger and those who wish them harm. Now I am sending them out into the world and I ask you to watch over them always and keep them in your care.'

Respond Together...

- Have you ever had to say goodbye to a close friend or relative knowing you would never see them again? Sometimes our friends move away to live in different parts of the country or even in different parts of the world. Some people have relatives who only see them once or twice in a lifetime.
- Was it difficult to say goodbye? How did it make you feel? Saying goodbye is often a time for sadness and tears. Sometimes we are lost for words and yet we have so much we would like to say but don't know where to begin.



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- How do you think the apostles felt when they knew that Jesus was finally returning to his father? They had grown to love Jesus very much, so much so that they were prepared to go out and be witnesses for Christ. They probably felt sad and somewhat afraid about what lay ahead of them.
- On Thursday we celebrated Ascension Thursday. Who was the 'helper' that Jesus promised to send? The Holy Spirit would give the apostles the strength and courage they needed for their mission. They knew that they were not being left alone but would be watched over always.
- Before Jesus said his final farewell, what did he do? He prayed to his heavenly Father and asked him to take care of his very dear friends, that they would never be alone.
- At times when we are feeling worried or scared, what should we do? We can pray, just as Jesus did for his friends. We can ask Jesus to watch over and care for us with complete confidence that he will hear us and answer our prayer because he loves us so much. With Jesus beside us, we have nothing to fear.

Pray Together... Lord, I do not feel afraid because you are with me always. With you beside me there is nothing to fear. I know that you will protect me from harm and keep me safe from danger. Amen.

