

Kids' Chronicle

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Jesus promises to be with his followers always

"I'm finally starting to understand why everything happened," Peter said. Except for Judas, all of the apostles were with Jesus on the Mount of Olives. "Before I met you, Lord, I was just a simple fisherman." Jesus chuckled. "And now, Peter?"

Peter smiled. "With you here again, I want to tell people everywhere that you are the Messiah."

"When people see Jesus preaching, they will finally believe in him," Thomas agreed sheepishly.

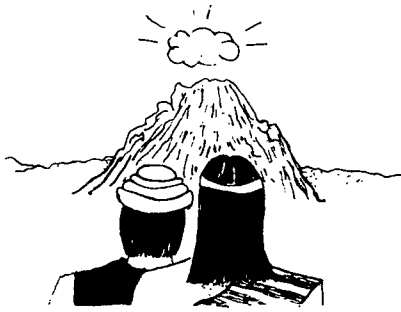
"There's a big job to be done," Jesus said. "And I know that I can trust you who have been with me from the very beginning to accomplish it until I come back."

Everyone was silent for a few minutes. Finally, Matthew asked, "You're leaving, Lord? To lose you a second time would be more than any of us could bear."

"It would be impossible to go on without you here with us," Andrew said.

"Lord, if the new kingdom you promised is beginning," Peter added, "why are you going away?"

Jesus waited patiently until each of them had voiced their worries. Finally he said, "I am going back to my Father so that I can be with all of my followers at the same time. Do you remember what I told you about



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sending you a special helper?"

"You promised that this helper would remind us of everything you taught us," John replied.

"Yes," Jesus nodded. "After I go, the Spirit will come to guide you in all that I am asking you to do. The Spirit is my special gift and is how I will still be here with you."

Peter was still downcast. "But we won't be able to see you anymore like this — face to face."

"No, but every time you pray to me, you'll hear my answers in your heart," Jesus said gently.

"Besides, Peter," Andrew added, "if Jesus doesn't go, how can he be with everyone at the same time? He'll be with us while we're fishing and he can be with Matthew and the others wherever they are, too."

"Now you're getting the idea," Jesus said. "This is not the end, but the beginning of the new kingdom." Don't forget to tell everyone how much I love them."

Jesus blessed and hugged his apostles before he said, "Someday I will return to take you back with me to a special place."

The apostles could hardly believe their eyes when Jesus started to slowly rise from the ground. His body was so radiant that it was as if they were looking directly into the sun. They covered their eyes and put their faces to the ground. When they finally looked up again, Jesus was gone.

"Why are you standing there?" a man with a white robe asked. "Jesus will return, just as he promised. Go now and be his witnesses."

Nobody said a single word along the road until they reached Jerusalem. "I'm still not sure what Jesus meant about this Spirit who is coming to help us," Thomas said to the others. "Do you think we'll get a knock on the door or what?"

Peter grinned. "I'm sure we'll find out very soon."

Read More About It: Book of Acts, Chapter 1:1-11.

Q & A

1. What did Peter and the others finally understand about Jesus?

2. Do we receive the gift of the Spirit to help us today?

Talking to God

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for everything you have done for me. I am so grateful for you. I hope to see you soon.

God has answered my prayers of joy!

For God is the King of all the earth.

Sing to him a song of praise!

Psalm 148:1

Key Bible Verse



Keep my words and store up my commands within you.

Keep my commands and you will live.

Guard my teachings as the apple of your eye.

Proverbs 7:1-2

Bible Trivia

What was the name of the apostle chosen to take the place of Judas?

Send answers to: Catholic Bible Trivia, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624. Please include your name and address with your entry.

All entries must be received by June 4, 1992. A winner will be selected at random from all the correct entries submitted. The winner will be notified by mail and will receive a gift courtesy of Trivia.

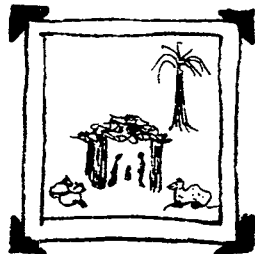
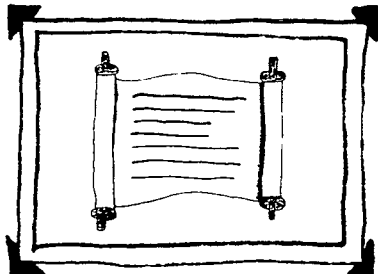
Last month's winner was Michelle Klimes, who correctly named Matthias.

The Bible Times

The life and times of Jesus

B.C. TIMES

God promises through Old Testament prophets to send his Son, Jesus, Savior of the world.



A.D. Times
Mary, a virgin, gives birth to Jesus Christ in Bethlehem.

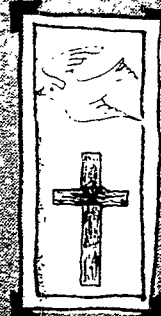
30 A.D.
John the Baptist prepares people for the coming of Christ.

Jesus is baptized by his cousin in the Jordan River.

30 A.D.-33 A.D.
Jesus heals the sick, forgives sinners, casts out demons and raises Lazarus from the dead.



Jesus is tempted by the devil in the desert for 40 days before he begins telling all about the new kingdom.

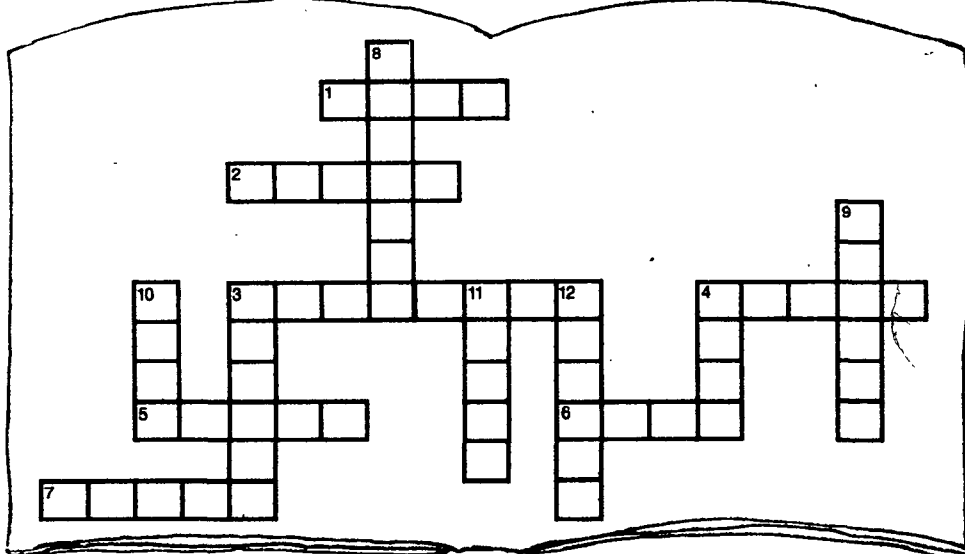


33 A.D.
The Hebrew leaders refuse to believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

They arrest him and turn him over to the Roman government for claiming to be a king. Jesus is sentenced to death by crucifixion.

Jesus conquers sin and death by rising from the dead on Easter Sunday. The new kingdom has begun.

Jesus says goodbye to his apostles and promises to send the Holy Spirit and to be with them always.



Jesus trusted his apostles with the work of the new kingdom. Some disciples also reported Jesus' words so that people would know how to live as his followers until he returned. Use the clues listed below from the four Gospels to fill in the crossword of Jesus' teachings. Answers on page 6.

ACROSS

- "_____ your enemies. Do good to those who hate you." (Luke 6:27)
- "Don't _____ other people." (Matthew 7:1)
- "Pray for _____ against temptation." (Luke 22:40)
- "Those who work to bring _____ are happy." (Matthew 5:9)
- "Don't _____ about food and clothes." (Luke 12:22)
- "Don't be too _____ with worldly things." (Luke 21:34)
- "Be a _____ for other people." (Matthew 5:16)

DOWN

- "Your giving should be done in _____." (Matthew 6:4)
- "_____ for those who are cruel to you." (Luke 6:28)
- "_____ others for the things they do wrong." (Matthew 6:14)
- "_____ your hearts and lives." (Matthew 4:17)
- "Produce much fruit and _____ that you are my followers." (John 15:8)
- "Guard against all kinds of _____." (Luke 12:15)
- "Make yourself _____ and you will be made great." (Luke 14:11)

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