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Sunday	John 17:20-26	Jesus prays for the disciples

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Prayers & Blessings:

For Throughout the Day:

Lord God, cover me with the Holy Spirit's power, so that I can share Christ with others. Amen. (Luke 24:46-49)

Ascension Blessing to Share:

May the Holy Spirit come upon you, giving you power and hope as you follow Jesus. Amen. (Acts 1:8,11)

Ascension Mealtime Refrain:

The Lord Most High is awesome:

The great King over all the earth. (Psalm 47:2)

Ascension Mealtime Prayer:

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Faith Talk:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What is it like to say goodbye to someone you love? Share your experiences.
- When Jesus ascended into heaven his followers were left behind, looking up into the sky. How do you think they felt? What did the angels say to them?
- What do you imagine Jesus' return to earth will be like? How is he still with us now?

Devotional Practices:

Organize for a household outing to a park. Take a blanket to spread on the ground, then lie down and look at the sky. Observe the clouds with all their different colors, shapes and sizes. Read an account of the Ascension from a Bible or Bible storybook and talk about what it might have been like to see Jesus ascend to heaven. Pray that you will be ready when he comes again.

Service:

When Jesus ascended into heaven, his followers no doubt felt some sort of loss. When significant people "leave" our lives for one reason or another, there are emotional and social effects. Is there someone in your community who has recently had a loved one die or move away? How might you encourage or support them at this time? Plan one practical act of kindness to carry out as a household.

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