Wednesday 3rd June

**The Ascension into Heaven**

Read the story of the Ascension below and read the paragraph explaining briefly what the message is.

Draw 3 of the disciples and draw some thought bubbles. Inside the thought bubbles write what you THINK the disciples would have been thinking.

Luke 24:50-53

The Ascension

**50**And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. **51**Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. **52**And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, **53**and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God.

Amen.

**Understanding the Story**

This incident took place 40 days after the resurrection. During this time, New Testament writers record that there were many witnesses who saw Jesus after his resurrection.

The ascension literally means that Jesus ascended, or was **taken up**, to Heaven. This is significant as it shows that he has returned to Heaven after completing his mission on Earth.

Christians believe that Jesus is in Heaven with God, until He decides to send Jesus to Earth for the final judgement. This event is known as the **Parousia**.