The Ascension

Background:

After 40 days, Jesus said farewell to his followers and ascended to Heaven. He was taken up into the sky, surrounded by glory.
Christian people believe he returned to God, his Father in heaven. There, Jesus who is God the Son, sits at God the Father’s right hand. But Jesus had promised that the third part of the Trinity, God the Holy Spirit, would be given to believers, to protect, comfort and guide them, until they too can follow Jesus into God’s own Kingdom and eternal life.

**Bible reading: Luke 24: 50-53**

“When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. 52 Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. 53 And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.”

**Things to do at home - a few ideas:**


- Type Ascension into google images to see a great number of paintings made by artists over the centuries. You may find a favourite.

- Now draw or paint your own version of the scene, with the disciples standing on the ground, looking up at Jesus, disappearing heavenwards, in a cloud of glory.

- How would they have felt afterwards? What might they have been feeling, thinking and saying?