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An Edge Night on Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension

Parent Letter

Dear Parents and Family,

The Edge Night this week began with a game where the youth were challenged to race with balloons. The teaching focused on Jesus' descent into hell, His Resurrection, and His Ascension into heaven. Then the youth had an opportunity to make cookies to enjoy while they discussed the teaching. The Edge Night ended with a time of praise and worship.

Main Ideas:

- Jesus was dead for two days before He rose on the third day, but even during those days Jesus was at work. After His Death and before His Resurrection, He descended into hell.
- The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith, meaning that it changed everything. Jesus proved to us that He is God, that He is all powerful, and that He did, in fact, come to save us from our sins and death. (CCC 638, 651-655)
- After spending forty days with His disciples and appearing to countless people, Jesus ascended into heaven where He remains for all of eternity at the right hand of God. (CCC 651-655)

Catechism Reference:

“We bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this day he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus.” The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ, a faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community; handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross: ‘Christ is risen from the dead! Dying, he conquered death; To the dead, he has given life.’” (CCC 638)

Scripture Reference:

“Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.’” (John 20:26-29)

Family Reflection Questions:

- What was your favorite part of the Edge Night? Why?
- What does it mean that death was not the end for Jesus?
- What happened for us when Jesus died?
- How do you think you would have reacted to seeing Jesus after the Resurrection?
- What difference does it make for us that Jesus rose from the dead?