CONFIRMATION (B YEAR)

Take time to share your highs and lows from the past week.

He rose, ascended, and will return

- 1. Who raised Jesus from the dead?
- 2. Mary Magdalene told the disciples, "I have ______. (John 20:18)
- 3. How do we know Jesus was really raised?
- 4. We know that Christ, being ______ the _____ will never ______ again; ______ no longer has ______ over him. The death he died, he ______ to _____, ____ for all; but the life he ______ he lives to God." (Romans 6:9-10)
- 5. What if Jesus hadn't been raised? What would that meant about Jesus?
- What does it meant that "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father? (Look at Ephesians 1:20-23)
- 7. What is Jesus coming back for? (See Revelations 21:1-4)
- 8. When will Jesus come? (see Acts 1:7; Matthew 24:36)
- 9. Read and then discuss, 1 Corinthians 15:16-20

"For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact, Christ was raised from the dead, the first fruit of those who have died.

- 10. Where is heaven? What do you think it will be like? What are some ways we have glimpses of heaven here on earth?
- 11. A friend says to you: "I don't know how anyone could be dead for three days, and then come back to life. I think the resurrection of Jesus is just a goofy idea." How would you respond to that friend?
- 12. Share a memory of someone you know who died.
- 13. What difference does it make that Jesus was raised from the dead?
- 14. If you had been a disciple and you just heard Mary Magdalene say, "I have seen the Lord!" would you believe her? Why or why not?
- 15. What is Easter day like at Church? Share memories.
- 16. Why is Easter the most important day of the year?
- 17. What does "ascension" mean? What does it mean and what difference does it make to you that Jesus has "ascended into heaven?
- 18. Do you think that Jesus will return again? What will it be like? When do you think he will come?