

ALL THE WAY UP ON THE MOON



“I am the vine, and you are the branches. If a person remains in me and I remain in him, then he produces much fruit. But without me he can do nothing.”

JOHN 15:5 ICB

O N JULY 20, 1969, THE Apollo 11 Lunar Module separated and pulled away from the main spacecraft, where astronaut Michael Collins stayed. The module—called the Eagle—was a mini-spacecraft specially designed for landing on the Moon. Inside were the other two astronauts: Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong. After two hours of careful steering, the Eagle landed. For the first time in the history of our world, people were on the Moon!

If you landed on the Moon, wouldn't you want to jump out and start exploring right away? But NASA told the astronauts to wait. They needed to check the systems and set the controls. Then, before they put on life support gear and stepped outside, Buzz Aldrin chose to remember the One who made the Moon. He read the words of John 15:5 and took communion. (Maybe it should be called kuh-MOON-yuhn. Get it?)

Communion is a special meal eaten to remember what Jesus did for us on the cross. Those who follow Him eat a small piece of bread to remember the way Jesus' body was broken for us. Then we drink a little wine or grape juice to remember the blood He shed to pay for our sins. We do these things because Jesus asked us to remember Him and never forget (Luke 22:19–20). That's why Buzz took communion, but he also did it to remember that God was there with him. All the way up on the Moon. Because no matter where we go—even to infinity and beyond—God is with us.

GOD, HELP ME NEVER DOUBT YOUR LOVE SINCE YOU WERE WILLING TO SEND JESUS TO DIE FOR ME. I LOVE YOU TOO. AMEN.



DID YOU KNOW?

Jesus took the first communion at the Last Supper, which is the name of the last meal Jesus shared with His disciples before He went to the cross. That means the Last Supper was also the *first* meal eaten on the Moon. Pretty marvelous, right? (Read more about the Last Supper in Luke 22:7–38.)