

TIME FOR JESUS

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of people engaged in everyday activities.
- > A clock.
- > Cards with clock faces on them (one for each child).

SHARING

- Have the children ever heard adults say 'I wish I had more time...'? Why do people want more time? What will they do with the time? Does anyone ever say 'I wish I had more time for Jesus', or 'I wish I had more time for prayer'?

Talk about morning and night prayers; about praying in church; and not disturbing others who are praying.

Let us listen now to today's Gospel, when we will hear how Jesus spent his day, and what happened.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus takes our sickness away.
Alleluia!**

A reading from the Good News given to us by Mark.
Glorify to you, Lord.

Jesus left the synagogue where he had been teaching and went with his friends to Simon's house. There they found that Simon's mother-in-law was sick with a fever. Jesus went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. She recovered immediately. Later, people of the town began to

bring all the sick people. Soon there were great crowds around the house. Jesus cured many of the sick and suffering.

Next morning, before dawn, Jesus got up, and went away to find a quiet place where he could be by himself to pray. Later, Simon and the others came looking for him. 'Everyone wants you', they told him.

So they began to travel around all the towns, where Jesus preached to the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

DISCUSSION

- How did Jesus spend his day?
- When and where did he like to pray?
- Where and when do you pray?
- Do you have a special place?
- A favourite prayer?

ACTIVITIES

- > Give out the clock faces.
- > Have the children divide up the clock face to represent what they do with their time. Have them colour in the amount of time they will give to Jesus in prayer in the week ahead.

- > Recite this prayer together:

**Loving Father,
watch over us and our families.
Keep us always safe in your care.**

