

JESUS, YOU ARE THE CHRIST

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of Saint Peter, and of the Pope.
- > Cross shape cut-outs.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

**Alleluia, alleluia!
You are the Christ,
Son of the living God.
Alleluia!**

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

As they left the village where they had been staying, Jesus said to his friends
'Who do people say that I am?'
They replied
'Some people think you are John the Baptist, come back to life; others say you are a great prophet, like Elijah.'

DISCUSSION

Work through the conversation that Jesus has with Peter.
Notice how sometimes it is God who guides Peter to say the right thing; but sometimes it is the devil who guides him to say the wrong thing.

Why do you think Peter argued with Jesus?

- because he didn't want Jesus to suffer and die.
- What was Jesus' answer?
 - that both he, and all his followers should take up their cross;
 - that by dying, Jesus then rose again to new life, and promises the same for us.

SHARING

Encourage the children to say what they know about the Pope, e.g. what is his name?

Is there anything they know about any of the other Popes?

What do they think the Pope's job is?
- basically, it is helping people to know about Jesus, and who he is.

In Jesus' own time lots of people wondered who he was, as we shall hear in today's story.

'And what about you?' said Jesus, 'Who do you say that I am?'
Peter spoke up and said 'You are the Christ.'
Jesus then began to teach them what it meant for him to be the Christ. That it would mean that he would have to suffer, and that he would die on the cross. Peter got very upset at this, and began to argue with Jesus. Jesus said to him, 'Peter, a moment ago you let God

guide you to say I am the Christ. But now it is the devil that is making you argue with me! You must all understand, if you want to be my followers you must each take up your cross. But by dying, you will have new and everlasting life.'

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

ACTIVITIES

- > Give out the cross shape cut-outs.
- > Have the children write or draw on one side what they believe about Jesus.
- > Then on the other side, have them make a badge which says:

