

JESUS IS THE GREATEST

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of Jesus on the cross, or a crucifix.
- > Pictures of important people.
- > Round or oval cut-outs (to make badges).

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world.
Those who follow me
will live in light.
Alleluia!

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

As Jesus and his friends were walking along the road, some of them were arguing with each other. When they reached the house where they were to stay Jesus asked them what they had been arguing about. They did not want to say, because they had been arguing about which

DISCUSSION

What were Jesus' friends doing on the road?
- arguing.
What were they arguing about?
What do the children argue about?
What do they think Jesus would say to them?
What was Jesus' answer?
What does it mean 'to be the servant of all'?

- it means always putting other people first.
What would life be like if everyone did this?
What do you think Jesus meant by what he said about the child?
Jesus is the greatest, yet he was the servant of all. Jesus had time for everyone, even the children.

SHARING

Show the pictures of the important people, and encourage the children to discuss why these people are important.

Why?

In today's Gospel we will hear Jesus tell us who really is the greatest.

What have they done?

Who are the most important people in the children's lives?

of them was the greatest.
Jesus sat down, gathered his twelve friends round him and said,
'Whoever wants to be first must be last; the one who wants to be the greatest must be the servant of all.'

one who sent me.'

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

Jesus put his arms around a little child and said
'Anyone who welcomes a little child in my name welcomes me; and when you welcome me, you welcome the

ACTIVITIES

- > Together discuss how, in the coming week, we can behave in the way Jesus tells us in the Gospel:
e.g. no arguing;
not pushing to be first in line;
letting others join in games.
- > Give out the cut-out shapes.

- > Have the children make badges with JESUS IS THE GREATEST written on them. You might arrange these around a picture or statue of Jesus.