

# JESUS IS NEAR

## VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of Jesus and children.
- > A collection of percussion instruments.
- > House shape cut-outs.

## WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

*Say/sing together:*

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus is with us always.  
Alleluia!**

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

Jesus said to his friends,  
'You know by looking at the trees  
what time of year it is.  
So too you will know when terrible  
things start to happen that the end  
of the world is near.  
The time will come when many  
things will go wrong;

## DISCUSSION

- What does Jesus warn his friends about?
- What does Jesus promise?
- How can the children help to make their homes little kingdoms of God's love in the week ahead? always?

## ACTIVITIES

- > Give out the percussion instruments.
- > Have everyone join in singing/ reciting this psalm, playing instruments or miming to the text.  
*Response: The Lord is King forever.*

## SHARING

Encourage the children to talk about things that hurt them or make them afraid.

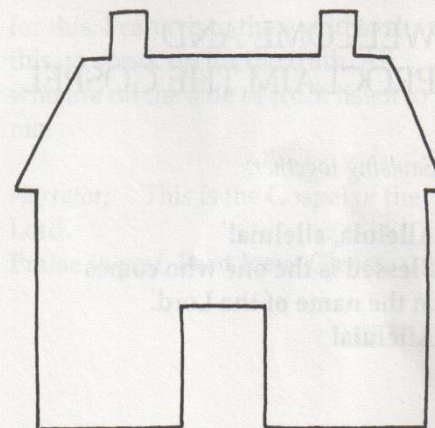
Reassure them that Jesus will always be there to look after them.  
Jesus has the power to conquer all badness and to make everything good.

He wants us to be happy with him in his kingdom of love.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us about his kingdom of love.

many people will be hurt.  
But do not be afraid.  
I will come and gather all my friends together from every corner of the earth.'

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



- Play the trumpets loud and clear.  
*Response*  
Praise God now with tambourine.  
*Response*  
Praise him with cymbal and booming drums.  
*Response*  
Everyone, sing in praise of God.  
*Response*

- > Give out the house shapes.
- > Have the children draw in the windows, and then write in the windows the names of people they will make happy during the week ahead.