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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOT A HAIR OF YOUR HEAD WILL BE LOST

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of fine buildings, churches, stonework.
- > Some hair.
- > People shape cut-outs.
- > Quiet music.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, come
and make your home in us.
Alleluia!

A reading from the Good News given to us by Luke.

Glory to you, Lord.

One day when Jesus was in the Temple, some people were admiring its stonework and ornate carvings. They were full of praise for it. But Jesus said,
'All of this will one day come to an end.
Everything will be destroyed.

DISCUSSION

What did Jesus say would happen to the Temple?

- it would be destroyed
- not a stone left standing.

What did Jesus say would happen to us?

- not a hair of our head would be harmed.

Jesus tells us never to be afraid. No matter what happens, God will always be there to look after us.

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SHARING

Show the picture to the children.
Encourage the children to talk about famous buildings they have visited. How did they feel about them? What did they like about them? When we visit great buildings, cathedrals, abbeys, we are full of praise for the clever men who built them.

Talk about the various parts of the building we might admire, tower, spire, carvings, etc. But people are more wonderful than any building on earth. People can make buildings, but it is God who makes people. Each person is a home for God on earth.

Not a single stone will be left standing on another. But you are more precious than any building, even this one. God will never allow anything to harm you. Not even a hair of your head will be lost.'



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

ACTIVITIES

- > Everybody is afraid of something. Play quiet music and invite the children to speak to Jesus in their hearts and tell him their fears.
- > Give out the cut-outs.
- > On them have the children write or draw how they want God to keep them safe.

