

YEAR C

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of the beauties of creation: scenery, flowers, animals, fruit, etc.
- > Pictures of people of all nationalities.
- > Tape of the Taizé chant 'Jesus, remember me'.
- > Either, people shape cut-outs; or, heart shape cut-outs.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

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

As Jesus was dying on the cross, a crowd of people gathered to watch. They laughed at him, and made fun of him.

'He saved others', they said, 'If he really is the Chosen One why can't he save himself?'

The soldiers joined in, shouting

DISCUSSION

Who were the people watching Jesus? What were they saying?

Who were being crucified alongside Jesus?

And what did they say to Jesus?

What favour did one of them ask?

And how did Jesus reply?

- Jesus used his power to offer him a place in paradise.

Jesus has chosen to share his power with all who are baptised. He wants us to use this power in the same way that he did: to help others and to bring them home to paradise.

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SHARING

Today we celebrate the feast of Jesus Christ our King.

What is Jesus King of? Use the pictures to lead the children to say Jesus is the King of all creation. Because Jesus defeated evil and death on the cross, God has made him King of everything that is living, of everything that is.

Listen carefully to today's Gospel, and we will hear how Jesus began to use his power.

'If you're the King of the Jews, save yourself.'

There was a notice pinned above Jesus' head, which said
'This is the King of the Jews'.

Along with Jesus, two criminals were being crucified. One joined in with the others, making fun of Jesus. But the other said,
'Stop it! We deserve what is happening to us, but this man has

done nothing wrong.' Then, turning to Jesus, he said,

'Jesus, remember me, when you come into your Kingdom.'

Jesus replied,

'I promise you, this day you will be with me in paradise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

ACTIVITIES

- > Introduce the children to the Taizé chant, reminding them what Jesus promises in reply.
Leave the song playing while the children complete the other activity.
- > Give out the cut-out shapes.

- > On them, have the children write or draw how they will use the power that Jesus shares with them to make Jesus' promise come true; how they will live their lives by being kingdom people now.