

THIS IS MY FAMILY

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of families, including the Holy Family.
- > People shape cut-outs.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Anyone who does God's will is my brother and sister and mother. Alleluia!

A reading from the Good News given to us by Mark.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus went with his disciples to Nazareth, the town where he had grown up, and where his mother still lived. When they arrived, such a crowd came to see Jesus that they could not even have a meal. When Jesus' relatives heard what was happening, they were worried

DISCUSSION

What happens in today's Gospel story?

What did Jesus' family think?
- they were worried about him.

What were they going to do?
- take him home again.

If Jesus went home, would he have been able to preach, teach and heal?

What did Jesus say about his family?

- Jesus' family is anyone who shows they are a child of God the Father.

How do we show we are children of God our Father?

- by doing God's will, by living God's way of love.

Encourage the children to give examples.

SHARING

What does it mean to belong to a family?

What is a family?

- mother, father, brothers, sisters, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.

Who belonged to Jesus' family?

- Mary, Joseph, John the Baptist, Zachary, Elizabeth, etc.



about him, and came to see if they could help. They wanted to take him home again.

Meantime, some Scribes who had come from Jerusalem were saying that Jesus was a friend of the devil. Jesus proved how foolish such talk was.

'You can see that the devil is being chased from many people. Would this happen if the devil were helping me? Can the devil fight himself? No!'

A messenger came to tell Jesus his family had arrived and were outside waiting for him. Jesus said, 'Anyone who believes in me and does the will of my Father is my brother and sister and mother.'

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

ACTIVITIES

> Give out the people shape cut-outs.

> Have the children write or draw on them how they can be a brother/sister to Jesus in the coming week.

