

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of Jesus.
- > Pictures of people praying, e.g. a Lourdes.
- > Hand shape cut-outs.
- > Quiet, reflective music.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I will not leave you, says the Lord,
I will come to be with you.
Alleluia!

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

Looking to heaven, Jesus prayed to
his Father:
'Father, give me your glory now.
I have given glory to you on earth.
I have finished the work
you sent me to do.
I have made your name known to
those you gave to me.

DISCUSSION

Who is Jesus praying for in today's
Gospel?
- for us.
What is it that Jesus prays for, for us?
- that we'll always be one with him.
What does it mean to be with Jesus
for ever?
When does Jesus share his glory
with us? When do we become a
member of God's family?

- in baptism.

Have the children sit quietly,
thinking about Jesus praying for
them. Quiet music should help the
mood.

Lead them into praying for others
e.g. in bidding prayers, or possibly
the Lord's Prayer with actions.

SHARING

Encourage the children to talk about
prayer.
When do they pray?
How do they pray?
Why do they pray?
When do people pray for others?

Today we shall pray together a poem
of thanksgiving.

Response
My soul, give thanks to the Lord.

Arms stretched high
My soul give thanks to the Lord,
Cross arms over breast, bow down
all my being bless his holy name,
Move arms out in wide circle
and never forget all his blessings.
Response

Protect my friends from evil,
keep them close to you.
I pray for them now,
because I am coming to you
but they have to remain in the world.
I have passed on your word to them.
As you sent me into the world,
I send them into the world.
I pray for all those in the world
who will believe in me
now and forever.
I pray that they will all be one family,

just as you and I are.
I have shared my glory with them,
so that the world might know
it is you who sent me.'

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

ACTIVITIES

- > Give out the hand shapes.
- > Invite the children to think of a
person that they want to pray
for. Then, on the shapes, have the
children:
either, write a prayer for the
person they have thought of;
or, draw a picture of that person.

