

YEAR A  
23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# **I WILL BE WITH YOU**

## **VISUAL AIDS**

- > Pictures of people in groups, sharing some activity, e.g. a meal or a picnic.

## **WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL**

*Say/sing together:*

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let us love one another  
as Jesus loves us.  
Alleluia!**

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

Jesus says to his friends:  
'I have something very important to  
say to you.'

If two of you on earth agree to ask  
anything at all, my Father in heaven  
will grant it to you.

## **DISCUSSION**

Jesus said he had something very  
important to say to us today; what  
was it?

- that if two or three agree . . .
- that where two or three meet in his  
name . . .

When do we meet in Jesus' name?  
- in Church, on Sunday.

Where else?

- whenever we share, help, play  
together, show love, pray . . .
- When do we not meet in Jesus'  
name?
- whenever we fight, quarrel,  
argue . . .

Jesus says there is nothing worth  
quarrelling over.



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### SHARING

Encourage the children to give examples of times when families and friends meet together. Prompt them by asking why and where.

- meet for parties, meals, etc., in each other's homes.

On Sundays the family of God, the friends of Jesus meet: where?

- in Church to hear God's word and to gather round his table.

Why?

- to thank and praise God for all he has done for us.

One great prayer of praise we use on a Sunday is the Gloria: let us say it together now to thank God for all the joy and happiness our families and friends give us.

Wherever two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### ACTIVITIES

> Give the children blank pieces of paper and ask them to write or draw:

ways they will meet together in Jesus' name throughout the next week;

ways of not meeting together in Jesus' name that they will avoid.

> Or the children could compose a prayer asking for Jesus' help to avoid quarrelling, arguing, fighting.