

# LISTEN TO MY VOICE

## VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of people on holiday.
- > Picture postcards.
- > Holiday brochures (to cut up).

## WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

*Say/sing together:*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Lord, be our leader;**  
**teach us your way.**  
**Alleluia!**

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

The friends of Jesus who went out  
two by two now came back, and told  
Jesus all that they had said and  
done. Jesus told them they deserved  
a rest and a holiday.  
He and his friends had been so busy  
they had not even time to eat. So  
they went off in a boat to a quiet

## DISCUSSION

How were Jesus' friends when they  
came back?  
- tired out from all their work.

What did Jesus say they should do?  
- go away for a rest and a holiday.

What happened?  
- the people guessed where they  
were going and got there first.

Was Jesus cross with the people  
who spoiled his holiday?  
- no, he felt sorry for them.

What did Jesus do for the people  
who were waiting for him?  
- he spent time speaking to them,  
and teaching them.

Are we like these people? Are we  
ready to listen to Jesus' teaching?

## SHARING

Invite the children to look at the  
pictures.  
Encourage them to share their  
memories of holidays.  
Do they think holidays make people  
happy?  
Jesus wants us to be happy.  
He tells us that we will be happy if  
we listen to his voice.

Today we hear how Jesus and his  
friends plan to have a holiday - but  
what happens?

place for some rest.  
But some people saw them leaving,  
and guessed where they were going.  
The word went round, so that by the  
time Jesus and his friends reached  
where they were going, there was  
already a crowd of people waiting  
for them.  
When he saw the crowd Jesus was  
sorry for them, because they were  
like sheep without a shepherd. He  
took pity on them, and spent a long

time speaking to them and teaching  
them.

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

## ACTIVITIES

- > Have the children act out the  
Gospel:  
encourage them to make up the  
reports given by the apostles;  
and what they thought Jesus  
would have said to the  
apostles.

- > Using pictures cut from the  
holiday brochures, have the  
children make up a holiday  
postcard.
- > For the message on the postcard,  
have the children make up and  
write a prayer asking Jesus to help  
them listen to his voice.