



Sign of the Cross. Let's sing. (See p. 133)



*quietly by yourselves*

Which class are you in?

Are you sometimes called Miss ..... 's class  
or Middle Infants,  
Tops,  
First-year Juniors, etc.

Do people sometimes ask you which class you are in?



*when each child has had time to think*

Whose class do you say you are in?

What's different about being in top infants/First year Juniors/Second year Juniors etc.?

Are there more jobs?

What does Miss ask of you now that you are .....



One day when Jesus was walking along the road with his friends, he asked them a question.

*welcome the Gospel. Sing Alleluia. (See p. 220)*



*all stand (adapted from Mark 8:27-30, 34-35)*

Jesus said, "Who do people say that I am?"

Peter said, "You are God's Son."

Jesus told his friends  
that being his friend  
means putting up with difficult times.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



*all sit (some suggestions)*

What are your difficult times?

What do you have to put up with?

# JESUS, YOU ARE THE CHRIST

## VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of Saint Peter, and of the Pope.
- > Cross shape cut-outs.

## SHARING

- Encourage the children to say what they know about the Pope, e.g. what is his name?
- Is there anything they know about any of the other Popes?
- What do they think the Pope's job is? - basically, it is helping people to know about Jesus, and who he is.

In Jesus' own time lots of people wondered who he was, as we shall hear in today's story.

## WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

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

*Saying together:*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are the Christ,  
Son of the living God.  
Alleluia!

As they left the village where they had been staying, Jesus said to his friends  
"Who do people say that I am?"  
They replied  
"Some people think you are John the Baptist, come back to life; others say you are a great prophet, like Elijah."

"And what about you?" said Jesus, "Who do you say that I am?"  
Peter spoke up and said  
"You are the Christ!"  
Jesus then began to teach them what it meant for him to be the Christ.  
"That it would mean that he would have to suffer, and that he would die on the cross. Peter got very upset at this, and began to argue with Jesus. Jesus said to him,  
"Peter, a moment ago you let God

guide you to say I am the Christ. But now it is the devil that is making you argue with me! You must all understand, if you want to be my followers you must each take up your cross. But by dying, you will have new and everlasting life."  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## DISCUSSION

Work through the conversation that Jesus has with Peter.  
Notice how sometimes it is God who guides Peter to say the right thing; but sometimes it is the devil who guides him to say the wrong thing.  
Why do you think Peter argued with Jesus?

- because he didn't want Jesus to suffer and die.
- What was Jesus' answer?
- that both he, and all his followers should take up their cross;
- that by dying, Jesus then rose again to new life, and promises the same for us.

## ACTIVITIES

- Give out the cross shape cut-outs.
- Have the children write or draw on one side what they believe about Jesus.
- Then on the other side, have them make a badge which says:

