

Don't be afraid, I will come back again



Sign of the Cross.

During this month we remember the people who have died. Think of someone you know who has died. Let's pray. (See p. 133)



quietly by yourselves

Who haven't you seen in a long time?
Why haven't you seen them?
Do you know when you will see them again?



when each child has had time to think

Do you miss them or had you forgotten about them?
What did you do together?
Who surprises you with their visits? Do you like surprise visits?



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



all stand (adapted from Mark 13:24-27, 32)

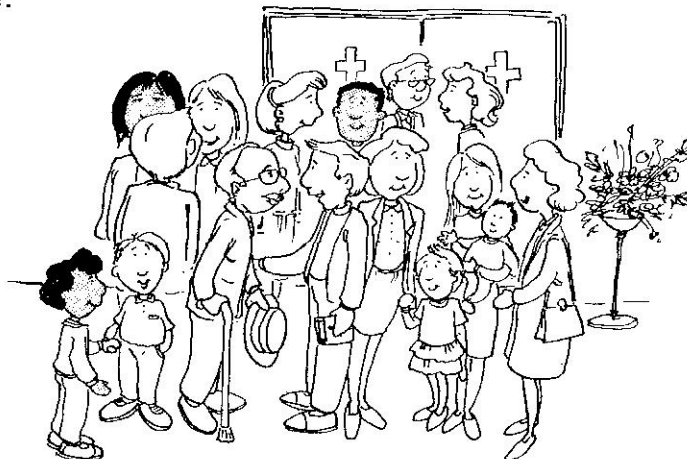
One day Jesus told his friends,
"A time will come
when I will return and gather all my friends.
I will have great power
and we will all be together.
Noboby knows when this will happen,
only God our Father"

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



all sit (some suggestions)

When would you like Jesus to come again? Why?
Perhaps you could draw a picture of – how you think Jesus will arrive;
what you think he will look like; what you will do; the people you think
will be there.



JESUS IS NEAR

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of Jesus and children.
- > A collection of percussion instruments.
- > House shape cut-outs.

SHARING

Encourage the children to talk about things that hurt them or make them afraid.

He wants us to be happy with him in his kingdom of love.

Reassure them that Jesus will always be there to look after them.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us about his kingdom of love.

Jesus has the power to conquer all badness and to make everything good.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

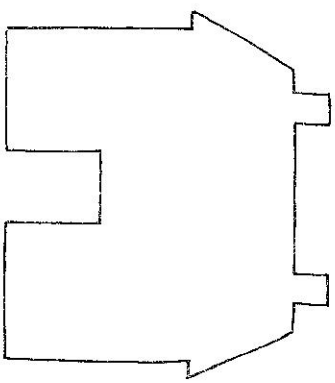
A reading from the Good News given to us by Mark.
Glorify to you, Lord.

Say/sing together:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus is with us always.
Alleluia!

Jesus said to his friends, 'You know by looking at the trees what time of year it is. So too you will know when terrible things start to happen that the end of the world is near. The time will come when many things will go wrong.'

many people will be hurt. But do not be afraid. I will come and gather all my friends together from every corner of the earth.'

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Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



DISCUSSION

What does Jesus warn his friends about?
What does Jesus promise?
How can the children help to make their homes little kingdoms of God's love in the week ahead? always?

ACTIVITIES

- > Give out the percussion instruments.
 - > Have everyone join in singing/reciting this psalm, playing instruments or miming to the beat.
- Response: The Lord is King forever.*

Play the trumpets loud and clear.

Response:
Praise God now with tambourine.
Response:
Praise him with cymbal and booming drums.

Response:
Everyone, sing in praise of God.
Response:

- > Give out the house shapes.
- > Have the children draw in the windows, and then write in the windows the names of people they will make happy during the week ahead.