

Put yourself last



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

quietly by yourselves



Do you know people who keep putting themselves 'in charge'?
Have you been put in charge of anything?
Do you sometimes put yourself in charge?



when each child has had time to think

(Encourage the children to be conscious of the times they have perhaps been bossy. Put themselves at the front of the class line in the yard, etc. Wanted to be 'top dog'.)

Was there ever a time when you thought you were the best at something and someone else surprised you by doing it better?



One day Jesus and his friends were going to the town of Capernaum. The friends started to make a fuss. Jesus asked them "What are you arguing about?" They were too ashamed to answer. They had been arguing about who should be the leader.

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



all stand (adapted from Mark 9:35-37)

Jesus said,
"If anyone wants to be first,
he must make himself last of all
and be the servant of all."

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



all sit (some suggestions)

What did Jesus mean?
What does being a servant mean? Do you know any servants?
Who are the people who serve you?
Who would you like to serve?

<h1 style="text-align: center;">JESUS IS THE GREATEST</h1> <p>VISUAL AIDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Pictures of Jesus on the cross, or a crucifix. > Pictures of important people. > Round or oval cut-outs (to make badges). 	<p>SHARING</p> <p>Show the pictures of the important people, and encourage the children to discuss why these people are important.</p> <p>What have they done?</p> <p>Who are the most important people in the children's lives?</p> <p>Why?</p> <p>In today's Gospel we will hear Jesus tell us who really is the greatest.</p>
<p>WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL</p> <p><i>Saying together:</i></p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will live in light. Alleluia!</p> <p>A reading from the Good News given to us by Mark. Glorify to you, Lord.</p> <p>As Jesus and his friends were walking along the road, some of them were arguing with each other. When they reached the house where they were to stay Jesus asked them what they had been arguing about. They did not want to say, because they had been arguing about which</p>	<p>of them was the greatest. Jesus sat down, gathered his twelve friends round him and said, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last, the one who wants to be the greatest must be the servant of all.'</p> <p>Jesus put his arms around a little child and said Anyone who welcomes a little child in my name welcomes me; and when you welcome the</p> <p>one who sent me.'</p> <p>This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.</p>
<p>DISCUSSION</p> <p>What were Jesus' friends doing on the road?</p> <p>- arguing.</p> <p>What were they arguing about?</p> <p>What do the children argue about?</p> <p>What do they think Jesus would say to them?</p> <p>What was Jesus' answer?</p> <p>What does it mean 'to be the servant of all'?</p>	<p>- It means always putting other people first.</p> <p>What would life be like if everyone did this?</p> <p>What do you think Jesus meant by what he said about the child?</p> <p>Jesus is the greatest, yet he was the servant of all. Jesus had time for everyone, even the children.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Together discuss how, in the coming week, we can behave in the way Jesus tells us in the Gospel.</p> <p>1. no arguing; not pushing to be first in line; letting others join in games.</p> <p>Give out the cut-out shapes.</p> <p>> Have the children make badges with JESUS IS THE GREATEST written on them. You might arrange these around a picture or statue of Jesus.</p>