



This is the last Sunday of the Church's year!
What shall we say to each other next week?
Any news or birthdays?

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.



quietly by yourselves

Have you ever played 'Follow my leader'?
How do you play it?



when each child has had time to think

Play one quick game.

Ask a child to mime something Jesus did when he was here on earth.
Invite the others who wish to join in 'following the leader'.
When they're quiet:



Pilate was a Roman Leader. He was put in charge of lots of people. He had to rule them like a King. He and the other Romans were bossy even though now and again they were helpful.

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



all stand (adapted from John 18:33-37)

Pilate said to Jesus,
"Are you a King?"

Jesus said, "Yes, but I am not a King like other Kings who rule people. I am a King who is a leader, and people choose to follow me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.



all sit (some suggestions)

Do you try to follow Jesus?
Would you like to make him your King?



BE ON THE SIDE OF TRUTH

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of kings, queens.
- > Pictures of people caring for others.
- > Picture of Jesus in triumph on the cross.
- > Crown shape cut-outs.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

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

The Gospel can be read in parts
Narrator: Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor who ruled over Palestine.
Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?
Jesus: Do you ask this because you want to know, or because others

DISCUSSION

Does Jesus say he is a King?
 - yes, but not of this world.

Of what, then, is Jesus King?
 - he is the King of truth.

What do those who are on the side of truth do?
 - listen to his word.

Are we on the side of truth?

How do we show we are on the side of truth?
 - by listening to Jesus.

What do we hear when we listen to Jesus?
 - how to live truly.

SHARING

Sometimes we speak of an extra special friend being a 'true' friend. What do the children think this means?
 - someone who will stand by you, no matter what.

Was Jesus a true friend?
 How did he show it?
 - by dying to save his friends.

have told you to ask this?
Pilate: I am not Jewish, so why should I want to know? It is your own people, and their chief priests who have handed you over to me.
 What have you done?
Jesus: My kingdom is not of this world. If it were I would not be here before you now, for my men would have fought to rescue me.
Pilate: So you are a King, then?
Jesus: It is as you say. I was born

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

Give examples of people who have been true to Jesus, e.g. martyrs, etc.

How can we be true to Jesus?
 - by doing what he asks us;
 - by loving his friends as much as he loves them.

Sometimes we are not true or faithful to Jesus. Give examples, and then together say 'We confess . . .'

for this. I came into the world to do this, to speak up for the truth. All who are on the side of truth listen to me.

ACTIVITIES

- Give out the crown shapes.
- On them have the children write or draw:
 either, how they will show they are on the side of truth, and of Jesus' Kingdom of love, in the week ahead;
 or, what they have heard Jesus say when they listened.

