

Have faith



Sign of the Cross. Let's sing. (See p. 170.)

quietly by yourselves



Have you ever watched Record Breakers on TV? Have you ever heard of the Guinness Book of Records?

What is the most amazing thing you have ever seen or heard?

when each child has had time to think



Share amazing facts. Are you extraordinary?

Look at each other, there are no two people exactly alike. You could travel the world and never find anyone exactly like you, even though there are millions and millions of people. There are also millions and millions of different kind of animals.

We hardly ever bump into each other because the world is so big. But if we think the world is big what about space? Who made all of this?



Jesus is telling us this week that if we put our trust in him we can do extraordinary things.

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

all stand (adapted from Luke 17:5-10)



One day Jesus' friends said to him,
"Increase our faith."

(What do you think they meant?)

Jesus said, "If your faith was as small as a speck
you would be able to do amazing things."

He then said, "Don't just be happy to do ordinary things,
do extraordinary things. Be extra good to people".

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.

all sit (some suggestions)

What do you think Jesus' friends meant when they asked him to 'increase our faith.?'

What amazing things would you like to do?

What extraordinary good things would you like to do?

Would they be possible or impossible for you to do? Why?

Let's pray:

Jesus when we are frightened
when we have to face something difficult
when we just don't know what to do
help us to put our trust in you.



LORD, INCREASE OUR FAITH

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of trees, including an oak tree.
- > A variety of seeds, including an acorn.
- > Tree shape cut-outs.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, increase our faith.
Alleluia!**

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

One day Jesus' friends said to him, 'Lord, make our faith bigger.'

Jesus replied,

'The size of your faith doesn't matter. Even if your faith was as small as the tiniest of seeds, if it is true faith you could say to a fully

grown tree
"Go and jump in the sea!" and it would obey you.'

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Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

DISCUSSION

- What did someone ask Jesus for?
- that their faith be increased, made bigger.
How did Jesus reply?
- What did he mean?
- that nothing is impossible if only we have real faith.
- Every Sunday we are invited to make an act of faith together. We call it 'The Creed'. How many children know a Creed? Go through what the basic Creed statements say about God the Father, about Jesus, about the Holy Spirit, and about the Church.

SHARING

Show the children the pictures and the seeds and encourage them to talk about them:
- about how seeds have within them the power to become plants and even trees.
Show the acorn and the picture of the huge oak.

Could any of the children pick up a tree? The stump of a tree? A little tree?
The roots anchor them very firmly into the ground.

Today Jesus talks about seeds and how to move trees.

ACTIVITIES

- > Give out the tree shape cut-outs.
- > On them have the children write their own act of faith, e.g. 'I believe God made me. I believe Jesus died and rose to save me. I believe the Spirit gives me life.'

