

Things don't last forever



Sign of the Cross.
It's November and this is the time of year that we especially remember and pray for all those who have died.
(See p. 205.)



quietly by yourselves

What might only last a day?
What might only last a week?
What might only last a year?
What will last longer?
Will anything last forever?



when each child has had time to think

Repeat the questions and see what answers the children come up with.
What sort of things would you like to be over quickly?
What sort of things would you like to last forever?
Everything seems to come to an end.



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



all stand

Jesus said,
"Look around you
all this will come to an end
and be forgotten.
But you won't.
You and your goodness
will be remembered
and you will live forever."

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



all sit (some suggestions)

What would you like to be remembered for?

NOT A HAIR OF YOUR HEAD WILL BE LOST

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of fine buildings, churches, stonework.
- > Some hair.
- > People shape cut-outs.
- > Quiet music.

SHARING

Show the picture to the children. Encourage the children to talk about famous buildings they have visited. How did they feel about them? What did they like about them? When we visit great buildings, cathedrals, abbeys, we are full of praise for the clever men who built them.

Talk about the various parts of the building we might admire, tower, spire, carvings, etc. But people are more wonderful than any building on earth. People can make buildings, but it is God who makes people. Each person is a home for God on earth.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

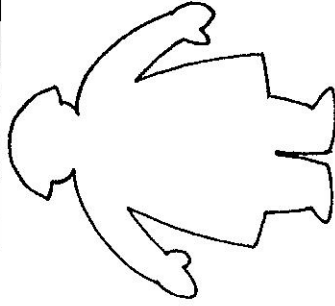
Say/sing together:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, come
and make your home in us.
Alleluia!

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

One day when Jesus was in the Temple, some people were admiring its stonework and ornate carvings. They were full of praise for it. But Jesus said,
'All of this will one day come to an end.
Everything will be destroyed.'

Not a single stone will be left standing on another. But you are more precious than any building, even this one. God will never allow anything to harm you. Not even a hair of your head will be lost.



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DISCUSSION

What did Jesus say would happen to the Temple?
- it would be destroyed
- not a stone left standing.

What did Jesus say would happen to us?
- not a hair of our head would be harmed.

Jesus tells us never to be afraid. No matter what happens, God will always be there to look after us.

ACTIVITIES

- > Everybody is afraid of something. Play quiet music and invite the children to speak to Jesus in their hearts and tell him their fears.
- > Give out the cut-outs.
- > On them have the children write or draw how they want God to keep them safe.

