

Proper 16

Sunday between 21 and 27 August inclusive

Aim

To see how much the children know about Jesus.

Readings

Exodus 1:8–2:10 or Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalms 124 or Psalm 138

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

Activity

Who is this?

Describe what one of the children is wearing and see if the rest can guess who it is. Continue to describe a few children until they get the idea. You might like to describe a police officer or a firefighter or a fisherman for them to guess. Let this lead into the teaching.

Teaching

Can you tell me who was born in a stable? Do you know the name of his mother? Where was the stable? Who came to visit him at the stable?

What work did Joseph do in Nazareth? A carpenter is a person who works with wood and makes tables and chairs and mends things that are broken.

When Jesus grew up he asked 12 men to follow him. Do you know any of their names or what work they did?

Jesus did wonderful things. We call them miracles because they are very wonderful. Let us say, 'Miracles'. Can you tell me some of the miracles that Jesus did?

He fed 5000 people with five loaves and two small fish.

He spoke to the wind and waves and made the storm on the sea to stop.

He made people who were ill better. Can you tell me of one of the wonderful miracles Jesus did in making someone better?

One night when they were sitting around a campfire, Jesus asked the disciples if they knew who he was. Well, they were sure he was Jesus from Nazareth. They knew him because they had been working with him and living with him. Because of all the wonderful things they had seen Jesus do, they knew he was special. They believed God the Father had sent Jesus and chosen him to do wonderful work. So they not only called him Jesus; they said he had another name as well. Who knows what it is? They called him 'the Christ'. We now give Jesus these two names and call him Jesus Christ. Let us say this together: 'Jesus Christ'. Remember it means God's Chosen One.

Jesus Christ was very loving and kind but some people decided to kill him. Who knows how Jesus died? He died on a cross. (Look at a crucifix or a painting of the crucifixion.) Jesus died and was buried. Do you know in what sort of place Jesus Christ was buried? Yes, it was a cave and they rolled a big stone against its opening. But there was another miracle, another wonderful thing. Who knows what happened after three days? Jesus Christ rose again and is alive. Because he rose again he

is able to be our friend and help us. Let us say a prayer to Jesus Christ.

Prayer

Jesus Christ, we thank you for all the wonderful things you have done.

We know that you are alive and want to be our friend and to love us.

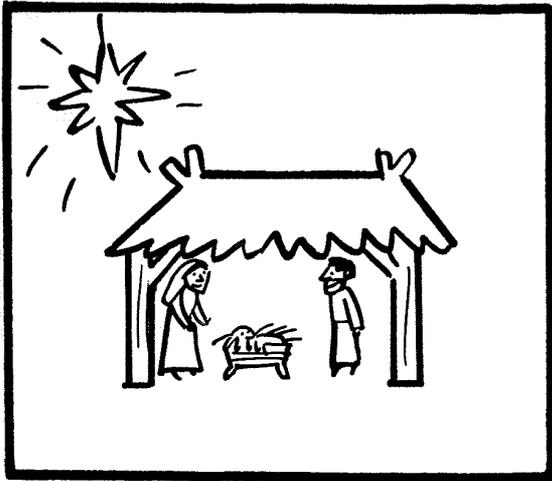
Jesus, we want to love you because you are great.

Amen.

Song

Jesus' hands were kind hands

Notes



Bethlehem



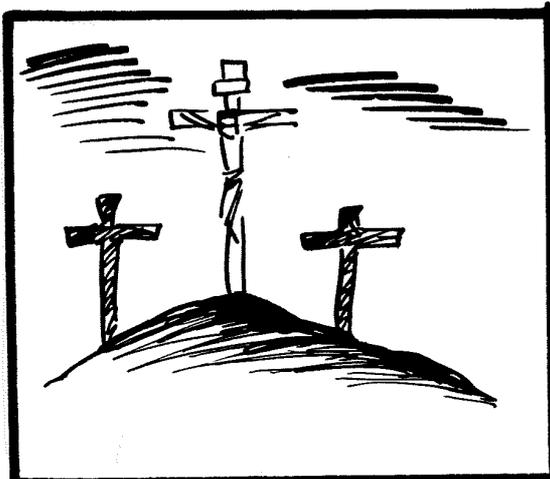
Nazareth



Jesus and disciples



Jesus rides into Jerusalem



Jesus dies on the cross



Jesus is alive again

With your child look at the story of Jesus and Pray together.

Jesus, we know that you love us.
Help us to love you always. Amen