

Together @ Home

Sunday 23rd August

Twelfth Sunday after
Pentecost

Here are some activities you could do together as a family. Begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.



Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together the story of Peter recognizing Jesus as the Messiah.

You can find it in your Bible in:

Matthew 16:13-28

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your family.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for Your Son, Jesus Christ--the Messiah sent to save us and to show us Your love and to teach us about Your Kingdom.

As we read Your words to us in the Bible, help us to pay attention so that we may learn more about who You are.

And as we grow in our faith and love for You, help us to share that love with others so that they may come to know You, too.

In the name of Jesus the Christ we pray, Amen.

Discussion

Some questions for adults to ask children:

*What is the first question Jesus asked his disciples? (v.13)
What is the second? (v.15) What is the difference between those two questions? What did Peter say? (v.16) How did Jesus respond to Peter's statement? (v. 17-19)*

Jesus asked his disciples who people said he was. Then he asked "who do you believe I am. This is important because the disciples had been following Jesus and observing him and learning from him in a way that others had not. From these constant personal interactions, Peter recognized that Jesus was the the Christ (Messiah)--God's chosen, anointed One sent to save his people. Jesus said that Peter was correct!

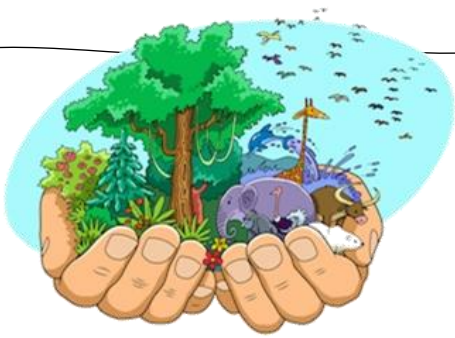
A question for children to ask adults:

Who is Jesus to you?

Family Activity 1

Gather everyone together and play a game of "Who Am I" by using the following clues to figure out who or what "it" is. Then have each person make up their own "Who Am I?" clues for someone (or some thing) else!

1. I eat worms. I live in a nest. I lay eggs. I sing in the trees. I can fly. Who am I?
2. I eat worms. I live in the water. I swim and swim. I have fins and scales. Who am I?
3. I have fur and four legs. I wear a collar. I like to chew on bones. I bark sometimes. Who am I?
4. I have fur and four legs. I'm soft, but have sharp claws. I like to purr. Sometimes I say, "Meow." Who am I?
5. I was born in Bethlehem and placed in a manger. I healed sick people. I taught people about God's love. I love everyone in the whole world. Who Am I?



A verse to remember

Psalm 124 v 8

**Our help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

Where does our help come from? Psalm 124 reminds us that our help comes from God, who loves the world so much that He came to be among us in Jesus, the Christ. So, when life seems hard, "look up": Look up from your phone, your computer or television, and your work, look up from your fears, your wants, and your way of doing things. Look up and see our God--who made heaven and earth--for it is in God that we find our help.

To learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

Who do you say that I am?



You are
the Christ
the Son of
the living
God.



Blessed are you,
Simon son of Jonah,
For flesh and blood
have not revealed
this to you, but my
heavenly Father.

**What were Peter and
Jesus saying in today's
Gospel reading?**

**Look in the mirror
to find out!**

Active Prayer

It is good to recognize and pray for those in our own lives who support and provide for us. Search your home for photos of family members or friends that support you.

Each time you find a photo, stop and pray for all the people in the image. If you can't find enough photos why not look back through images on a phone or social media.



Coloring Page



Peter declares that Jesus is the Messiah!

Complete the sentences by filling in the blanks with the correct words.

1. Some people thought that Jesus was _____ the _____.
2. Others said he was Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the _____.
3. Jesus asked, "Who do _____ say that I am?"
4. Simon Peter answered, "You are the _____, the Son of the living God."
5. Jesus said "This was revealed to you by my _____ in _____."
6. "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my _____."
7. "I will give you the _____ of the kingdom of heaven."
8. Jesus warned his _____ not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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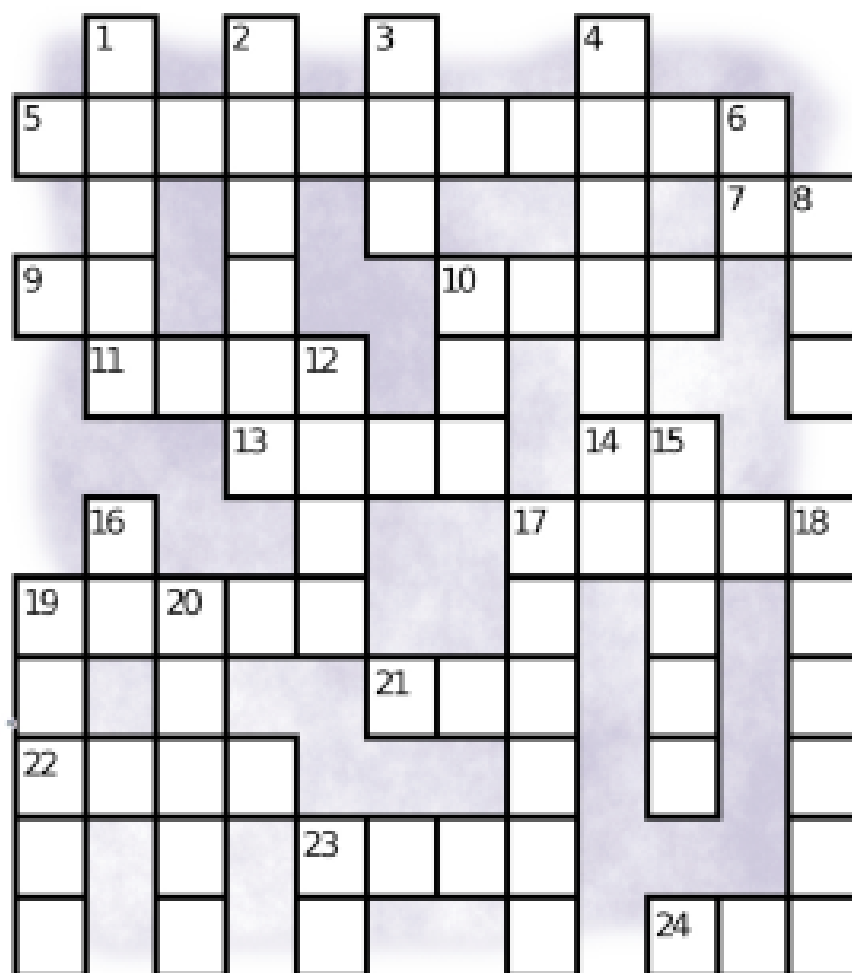
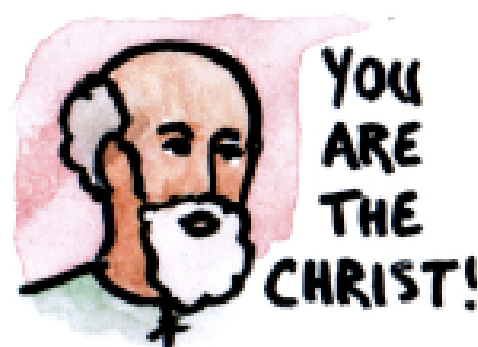
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"Who do you say that I am?" CROSSWORD

See how well you
know what
happened in
today's Gospel
story!



- ACROSS**
5. "...the gates of the _____ will not prevail..."
 7. "..._____ this rock I will build my Church..."
 9. "Whatever you bind on earth shall _____ bound in Heaven."
 10. "I will _____ you the keys of the kingdom..."
 11. "On this _____ I will build my Church."
 13. Jesus made Peter the _____ of the Church on earth.
 14. "Whatever you loose on earth will be loosed _____ Heaven."
 17. "_____ and blood have not revealed this to you..."
 19. _____ asked them, "Who do you say that I am?"
 21. God _____ Peter in charge of His Church on earth.
 22. Jesus changed Simon's _____ to Peter.
 23. "Flesh and blood _____ not revealed this to you..."
 24. "...You are the Christ, the _____ of the living God!"
- DOWN**
1. _____ said, "You are the Christ..."
 2. "On this rock I will build my _____."
 3. "Blessed _____ you, Simon..."
 4. "...the gates of the netherworld shall not _____..."
 6. "Who _____ people say that the Son of Man is?"
 8. "Flesh and blood have _____ revealed this..."
 10. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living _____!"
 12. "I will give you the _____ to the kingdom of Heaven."
 15. When will the gates of the netherworld prevail against the Church?
 16. _____ belong to the Church that Jesus started.
 17. The Heavenly _____ revealed to Simon who Jesus was.
 18. "...the keys to the kingdom of _____..."
 19. "Blessed are you, Simon, son of _____..."
 20. Peter's name before Jesus changed it.
 23. Jesus ordered the disciples to tell no one that _____ was the Christ.