

Sunday 23rd August 2020
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Gather Together...

Take time together as a family, find a quiet space, perhaps play some music, light a candle and sit comfortably.

Make the Sign of the Cross

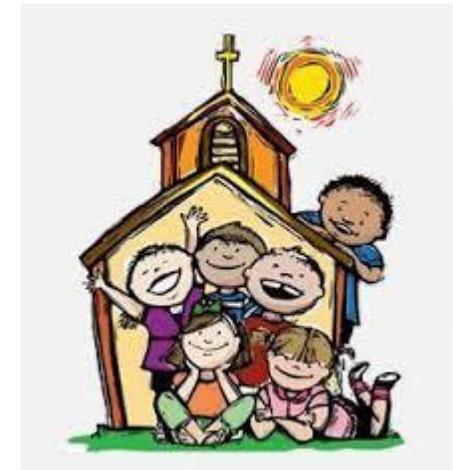
Listen Together...

Listen to this week's scripture, from the Gospel according to Matthew...

One day, Jesus asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' They replied, 'Some people say that you are John the Baptist; others say that you are Elijah or Jeremiah or one of the other wise prophets from the past.' Then Jesus asked, 'But who do you say that I am?'

The disciples were silent until Peter spoke up. 'Master,' he said, 'you are the Son of God.'

Jesus smiled at Peter and said, 'My heavenly Father has helped you to understand this. You are the rock on which I will build my church.'



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Respond Together...

- The people thought that Jesus was a prophet. Do you know what a prophet is? Have you heard of any other prophets?
- The prophets were wise men who lived a long time ago and would tell people what God wanted them to do and how to live their lives. Some prophets you may have heard of are Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Isaiah.
- Which disciple answered Jesus' question correctly? It was Peter. We heard a story a few weeks ago about Peter when Jesus walked on the water. When we read the story we could tell then that Peter was special to Jesus.
- Peter answered Jesus' question correctly which was a sign for Jesus that Peter was the right person to lead the church. Only someone very special would have known that Jesus was the Son of God and the fact that Peter said this showed Jesus that Peter would be able to lead the apostles after Jesus had returned to heaven to be with God.
- Today, we are filled with the Holy Spirit and so we know, just like Peter did, that Jesus is the Son of God and the one we must follow so that we can live a good life. We should always try to be like Peter and be the person who isn't afraid to say out loud 'I know who Jesus is!'

Pray Together...

Jesus, we believe that you are the Son of God. We know how great your love for us is. Please let your love always burn brightly within us so that we can follow you always. Amen.

