

Sunday 30th August 2020
God's Way



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...

Jesus began to tell his disciples that they would go to Jerusalem and he would be brought before the high priests. He told the disciples that he was going to suffer at their hands and die before rising again. Peter was extremely upset at what Jesus had said. 'Lord,' he said, 'this cannot be allowed to happen!' But Jesus told him, 'Peter, your way is not God's way. If you follow me sometimes things will be difficult but it is important to accept them and not take the easy way out.'

Respond Together...

- Why did Peter feel upset?
- What did Peter want Jesus to do? He didn't want Jesus to go to Jerusalem so that he would stay safe and not die. Peter did not want Jesus to go to Jerusalem for the Passover.
- What do you think Jesus meant when he said 'Your way is not God's way?'
- As all humans would, Peter wanted Jesus to take the 'easy' way out so that he wouldn't have to suffer. It is normal to want to protect ourselves and our friends and family from harm and to do whatever we need to do so that they can stay safe. However, Jesus knew God's plan for him and he knew that it would be hard. He was trying to encourage Peter to make the hard decision too so that God's plan could come to pass. We might not always understand God's way but we need to trust in him, just like Jesus did.

Pray Together... Dear God, please give us the strength to choose the right path, even if it is the hardest one. Help us to trust in you and know that your love for us will always steer us in the right direction. Amen.

