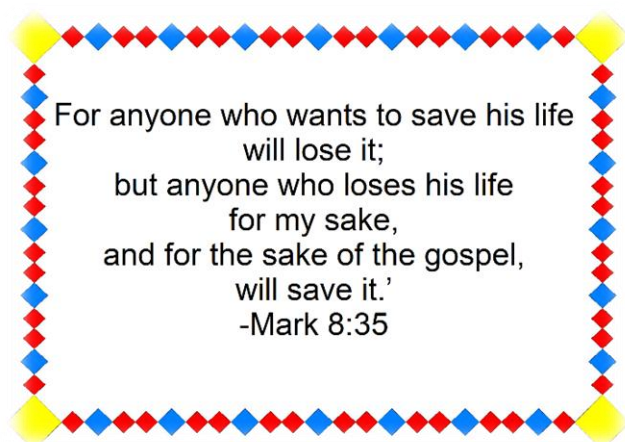


# “Who do you say I am?”

## Children’s Liturgy Activity September 12<sup>th</sup> , 2021



### Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

In the Gospel today, we see Jesus asking the disciples about what people say about him? The disciples laid out different opinions from people about him. Then Jesus asked, ‘who do they say Jesus is?’ For this peter replies saying, ‘you are the Christ’. Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer so much, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again. Jesus spoke very openly. Hearing this Peter began to resist Jesus and his mission. But Jesus rebuked Peter by turning to the disciples telling him, ‘Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s.’ Jesus called everyone and revealed what it means to follow him in truth. Jesus said ‘If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.’

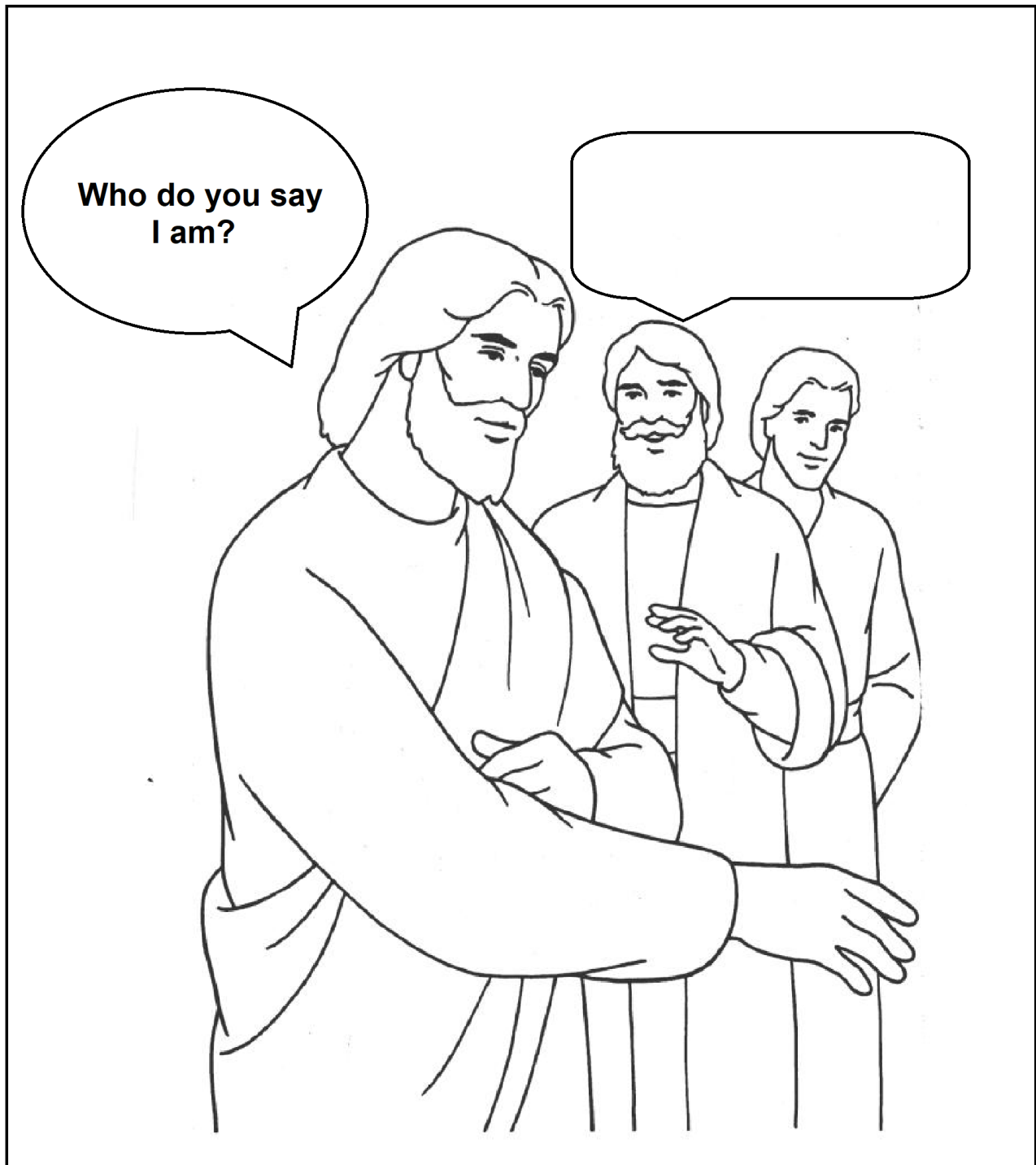
Through the gospel Jesus is also asking us ‘who do we say Jesus is?’ Jesus prefers our own personal understanding about him to other people’s opinions. Jesus wants our personal profession of faith in Him based on our own experience of Jesus. Do we accept Jesus as Christ, as Peter proclaimed? Christ means Messiah. Let us try to understand who Christ is for us. Let us seek the help of Holy Spirit, the Living Word, the Church, our parents etc to help us to know more about Jesus.

The more we come to know about Jesus, he teaches us and reveals to us more and more of His mission and also our mission in Him. Jesus reveals to his disciples that he came to offer himself for the salvation of the world by renouncing himself and resurrecting on the third day. It is to this mission that Jesus is calling each of his followers. Hearing this Peter began to resist Jesus not to let it happen. Peter was intending to save Jesus; but actually he was trying to block God’s divine plan of salvation of the world through Jesus. Jesus turned to him and rebuked him pointing to him that it is satan who is trying to block god’s plans through him and that his thought is man’s and not God’s.

What is our reaction to Jesus’ revelations in our life? Do we react like Peter?

Then to us Jesus is telling that, ‘If anyone wants to be a follower of Jesus, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow him.’ This is how we follow Jesus. But Why must we renounce ourselves and follow Jesus? Jesus reveals the secret behind this. If we try to save our own lives by our own plans, we are actually losing our life. Because we cannot do it by ourselves. Jesus gave us life by giving his life for us. In him is our life. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life and only through him we can save our life. So inorder to gain life for eternity, Jesus says that anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.’ So let us seek grace of God to know who Jesus is for us? Very personally. Let us profess our faith in truth that Jesus is Christ-our messiah. Let us renounce our self by entrusting ourselves to Jesus and follow him; led by holy spirit to do whatever he tells us- living the gospel. With Mother Mary let us say ‘let it be done in me according to your word’ .

**Who do you say I am?  
Can you fill the box with Peter's profession of Faith?  
Colour the picture too.**



# Who is Jesus for you?

Can you write or draw in the space below to explain  
who Jesus is for you?

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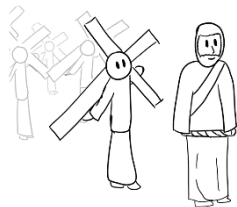


From the picture clues given below, can you complete the word of God?

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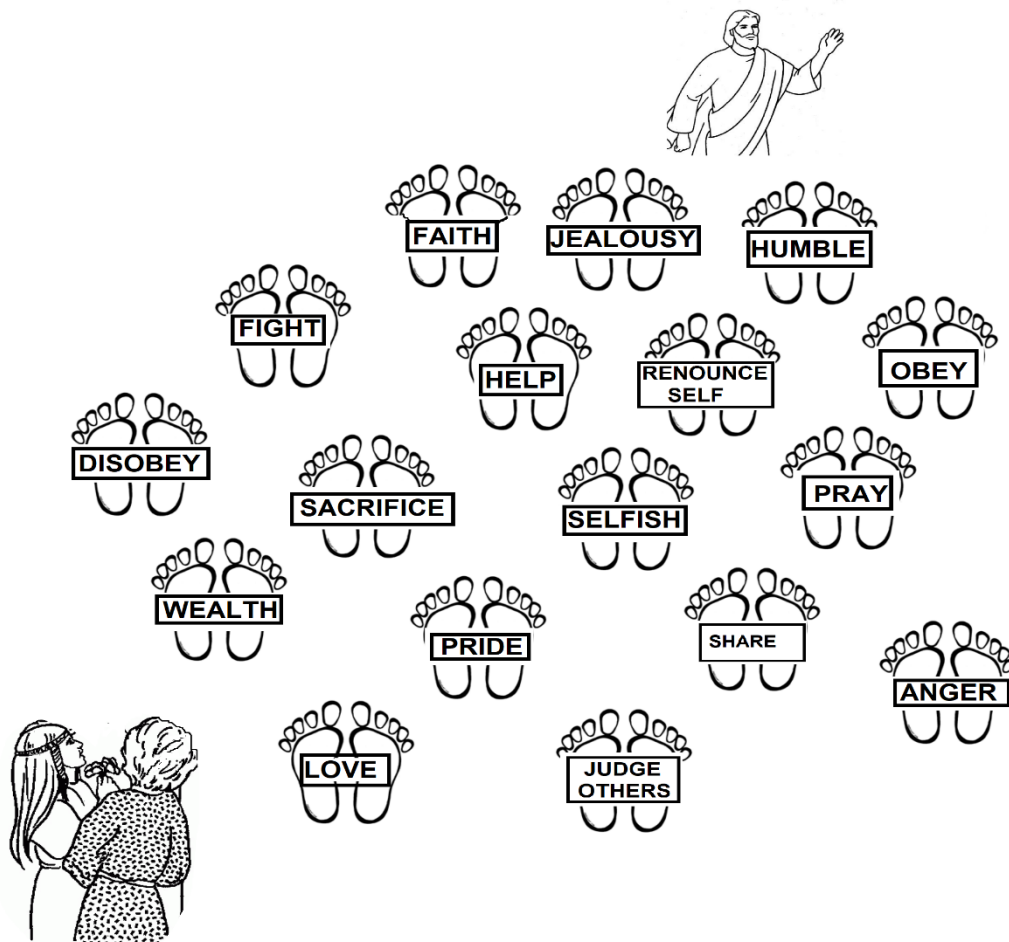
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- Mark 8:38

**Follow Jesus: how can we walk in the footsteps of Jesus?  
Trace the right footsteps to follow Jesus.**



**Let us pray,** 

**Dear lord Jesus, thank you for coming down to us and revealing the way of eternal life. Thank you for choosing us to know you personally. Give us the grace to persevere and increase our faith in you by knowing you more and more, to proclaim our faith that you are Christ-our Messiah. Help us to renounce our 'self', take up our daily cross and follow you seeking your will in the living word, led by Holy Spirit. We pray together with Mother Mary, who gave herself for the mission of bearing Jesus, by accepting the word of God trusting in the promised power of Holy Spirit in faith ,amidst all challenges, 'Let it be done in me according to thy word'.**

**In Jesus' name we pray, amen.**