



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF
BOGNOR REGIS AND SLINDON

We are followers of Jesus, on fire with his love,
sharing that love with each other and with the world.

27th June: Who do you say I am?

All the content below is for you to make your own, please do read through it, pick what would work best for your children and would best engage them.

Rest assured of my prayers for your family and you this coming week!

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Today's Gospel is from when Jesus asked his closest followers who do you think I am? Even those closest to him did not completely understand who Jesus is. One of his twelve friends did see who Jesus is, this was one of Jesus' closet friends: Peter.

Who is Jesus to you? Its ok if you don't know, even Jesus' closet friends weren't completely sure. Today with your family spend some time talking to each other and God on who is Jesus to me?

This Sunday we the Church are all focusing on the gospel according Matthew (16:13-19)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'



Who is Jesus to you? In the scriptures we hear many explanations of who God is.....

1. **Elohim:** God is the Strong Creator of the universe and of us. We can trust him and through his strength do the good things that he has planned for us to do.
2. **Yahweh, I AM:** God's eternal, special name is Yahweh. Yahweh is the forever God, with no beginning or end and who never changes. Yahweh saves his people.
3. **Adonai:** God is our master, and we are his servants. He blesses us with good things when we obey his commands.
4. **Abba:** God is a loving Father to those who choose to follow him.
5. **The Consuming Fire** judges the wicked while, in his deep passion for us, created a way for everyone to be saved.
6. **Yahweh Shalom** sends us in peace, saves us in peace and shields us in peace.
7. **Lord of Hosts, King, King of Kings:** God the King is in charge of everything in the Universe, and when we believe in Jesus the King of Kings, he makes us princes and princesses.
8. **God the Rock** is our place of safety. Jesus is the cornerstone and we are the living stones that build the church.
9. **Judge/Intercessor:** God is perfectly righteous and he demands perfect justice. The Judge has given us a way to be forgiven of our guilt through Jesus Christ.
10. **The Good Shepherd** takes wonderful care of us, his sheep, by providing the Lamb of God to take the punishment for our sins.
11. **Refuge:** When we trust in God our strong refuge and fortress, he keeps us safe in scary situations and saves us from our sins!
12. **Yahweh:** Yahweh provides everything we need.
13. **Alpha Omega:** God is forever. His promises are forever. His love is forever. His Word is forever. And we can live forever when we know God and trust in Jesus, who died for our sins and now lives forever.



14. **Jesus in the Names of God:** We can shout praises to God because we read in the Bible that he sent his son Jesus to save us from our sins so we can be with him forever.

15. **Who Do You Say that I Am?** God calls everyone who loves him to praise His name and to proclaim to everyone the wonderful things He does.

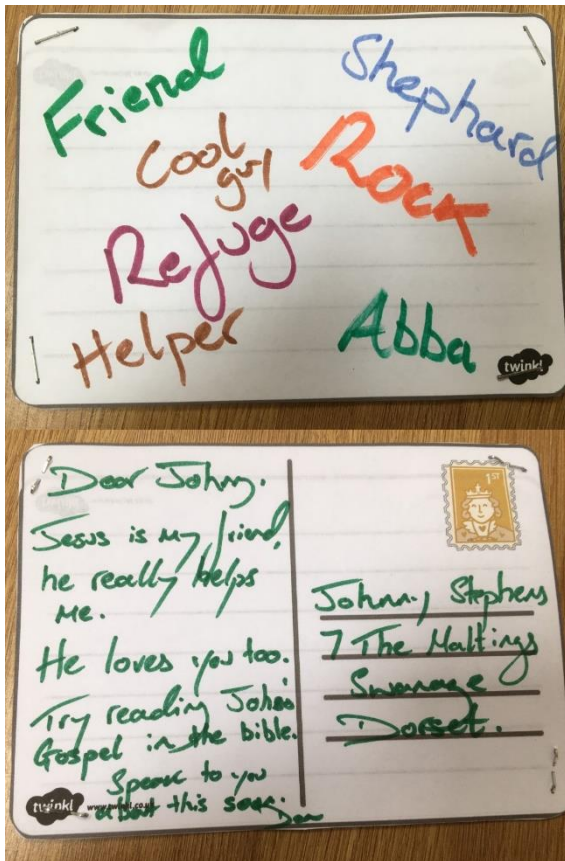
When we know Jesus, when we let him into our lives, when we follow his will, our lives are transformed! Jesus wants us to share his good news with others. Let's share with them that he loves everyone, and that if they follow him others can be transformed too.

Are you following Jesus? What does this look like?



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Craft: Praise and Proclamation Postcards

Jesus tells us to share his Good News with others. There are so many reasons why God is worthy of praise, so now it is time to share his goodness to others!

Design one or more postcards to send out to those haven't heard Jesus' Good News yet. Spend some time thinking and praying on who you know who you'll send the postcard to.

On the front draw who Jesus is to you and on the back write a message to who you're sending it to. Explain who Jesus is to you and that Jesus can be there for them too. Then send it!

Feel free to make as many as you like.