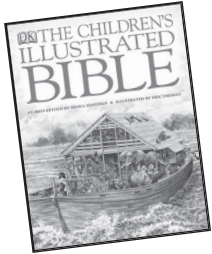


# Ordinary Time, Proper 16



The Children's Illustrated Bible page 234

## ☐ Jesus Is the Christ

Share the story of Peter calling Jesus the Son of God in Matthew 16:13-18 and in *The Children's Illustrated Bible*, page 234 (first few paragraphs). Although Jesus' disciples knew he was a special leader and teacher, only one disciple, Peter, recognized that he was the Son of God. Jesus was sent to teach people about God and how to be disciples. Jesus called Peter "the rock" and said that he would build his church based on this truth, and that his followers knew the truth: that he was the son of God.

Imagine that one of your friends was discovered as being the daughter or son of God! Wouldn't that be amazing! Actually, we are all children of God. As we follow Jesus, we become more like him.

But Jesus was the Messiah. Messiah means the "anointed one," which meant the "great deliverer." Throughout the times of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament), people looked forward to someone who would come to deliver them from oppression and hopelessness. Discuss:

1. How did Peter recognize Jesus as the Messiah?
2. Was there something special about Jesus?
3. What did Jesus mean when he said, "On this rock, I will build my church"?

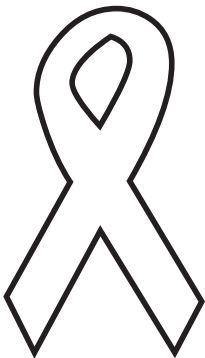
Play a game of recognizing godliness in everyone. Choose someone to be "IT" who runs to another kid, tags them, and says a Jesus-quality they have. ("You're kind." "You always smile.") IT immediately sits down, and the tagged person runs to another, tagging them and announcing their Jesus-quality. The game goes on until everyone is sitting down. Take turns giving everyone a chance to be "IT."

Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah or Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Jesus said, "But who do *you* say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus was so happy! He said, "Blessed are you, Simon Peter! No person told you this, but only God in heaven told you. And on this truth, which is like a rock, I will build my church."

—Matthew 16:13–18 adapted

## ☐ Ribbons

Magnetic ribbons are the latest craze on automobiles, declaring allegiance to a particular cause. Using magnetic sheets (available at hobby shops), design a car magnet. Use a ribbon magnet to trace around, creating new ribbons on the magnetic sheets. Let each child decide what they would like to declare. Yellow ribbons are used to support our troops, pink for cancer awareness, silver for mental health awareness, and there are many more. Kids may wish to color their ribbon any color. Use permanent marker on the magnets, and then cut out the ribbon for kids to take home.



## ☐ My Hero

What is a hero? What is a role model? Ask kids to describe their best friend, role model, or hero. A "scribe" writes their answers on newsprint or the chalkboard. Then have them describe Jesus as a person. Compare their answers to what Peter said about Jesus.

Hero Best Friend	God Jesus
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“Messiah” means:

- deliverer
- savior

“Christ” means:

- anointed one
- christened one

(All are correct.)

What would you do with Jesus if he shared a day with you?

Play video games.

See a movie.

Play basketball or soccer.

Get homework help.

Read a book.

Learn how to pray.

**Draw yourself and Jesus doing something fun together:**