

## Home Family Worship with Kids 22. August 23rd, 2020

### Matthew 16:13-20 Peter declares Jesus to be Christ.

Bible Story video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qf8RKf3HgFc>

Message: Jesus is the Christ.

#### Object

A hat that might identify a person's occupation. (A fire fighter's hat, for example.)

#### Scripture

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Matthew 16:15 (NIV)

There is a game called "Guess Who". Have you played it? The idea was simple: there are a number of who asks yes-or-no questions of someone and they have to try and guess who it is. I have played one where you have to try to guess what the person does for a job. If the person was wearing a fire-fighter's hat or a policeman's hat or had a hammer with them, it would have been quite easy for the people to guess what they did for a living, wouldn't it? But what if the person was a school teacher? Could the people be able to guess that someone was a teacher by their appearance? Or what if a person was a lawyer? A lawyer looks pretty much the same as anyone else. Unless a person wears some kind of special hat or uniform in their job, it is almost impossible to know what they do just by looking at them.

Jesus didn't wear anything special to show who he was; so just looking at Jesus, he might have seemed to be like anyone else of his day. As you might imagine, there was a lot of confusion about who Jesus really was. One day, Jesus was with his disciples and he played a little game of "What's My Line?" with them, but this time it was Jesus who was asking the questions.

Jesus turned to his disciples and said, "Who do men say that I am?"

One of the disciples answered, "Some say you are John the Baptist."

"Some say you are Elijah or one of the prophets," answered another.

Jesus questioned the disciples further, "But who do you say that I am?"

"You are the Christ," answered Peter, "the Son of the living God."

The Bible doesn't tell us, but I think that the other disciples might have cheered, "Yea Peter! Good answer! Good answer!"

Jesus looked at Peter and said, "Blessed are you Simon, son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. From now on, I will call you Peter (which means rock) and upon this rock I will build my church."

Did you know that there are still many people today who don't know who Jesus is? If you ask, they might say, "He was a great teacher." Or some might say, "He was a great religious leader." They don't know what Peter knew. They don't know what you and I know. They don't know that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Thankfully we know and we live in his love everyday.

## Activity: Who am I?

Without the children seeing, divide a sheet of paper into 4. Using a white crayon and write the word Jesus and three other occupations on a sheet of paper. Give them clues to guess who the different people are. (I would do one at a time leaving Jesus to last) I wear a hard hat. I drive a big red truck. I heal people. Make them as hard or as easy as you think your children can handle. They will probably guess pretty quickly, especially Jesus. Give the children pencils or paints to paint over the sheet to reveal the names after they have guessed.

Jesus has revealed himself to us and we recognise him. We can live in his love and forgiveness for the rest of our lives.

## Or Reading from Romans 12:1-8

### What's Your Superpower? – Children's Message on Romans 12:1-8

What do you think your superpower is? Everybody has one, but sometimes we forget to use the one we're given! Do you know someone who does a really good job of teaching you things? They know how to keep it interesting, and they answer your questions – sometimes before you even ask! They just seem to know how to make learning fun and you can remember what they teach you? That person has a gift of teaching.

Do you know someone who is really good at encouraging you? No matter how bad you feel about yourself, this person can always help you see what's good in you, and how God is working in your life. They help you cheer up when you are discouraged, and they always make you want to try harder. That person is an encourager; it's their superpower.

Or maybe you know someone who is really kind. They are always doing nice things for other people, and they never seem to get mad or angry – that person's superpower is kindness.

So what's your superpower? You may not know it, but you are already developing a special gift that has been given to you by the Holy Spirit. This week, I'd like you to pay attention to the way God might be using you, and see if you can figure out what your superpower is. You can ask God to show it to you, and then be on the lookout for things you find yourself doing that might be God working through you. The church needs all kinds of people with all kinds of gifts, especially you and the superpowers you have! Let's pray...

*God, help us to notice when you are working in us and through us to show love to other people. Help us pay attention to the superpowers you have given us through the Holy Spirit, and help us to use our powers for good, so others will come to know you. Amen.*

Activity: On a disposable glove write down some of the things that you are good at. When the glove is on the table the gifts aren't any good, but when we put our hand in it our gifts come to life. We are like the gloves. The gifts are there and with Jesus in our hearts filling us we can use those gifts to serve and help others.



Songs: Jesus is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mWWNiNJ1Utk>

Way Maker <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wyotu9Twko>

Jesus my Superhero <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U7-pQrQBI k>

Who you say I am. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcC1Bp13n\\_4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcC1Bp13n_4)