SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: EPIPHANY 4C

Please refer to Guidelines for Children's Addresses in Worship document produced by the LCA Department of Liturgics and Grow Ministries - download guidelines <u>here</u>.

CHILDREN'S ADDRESSES

MAIN POINT

Keep sharing Jesus no matter where you go.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

I tell you the truth, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. (Luke 4: 24)

AIDS

A cross necklace or other Christian jewellery. Pictures of missionaries that your church may support.

ADDRESS

Do you see what I have here today? Refer to the jewellery.

Do you know why people wear crosses? Is anyone else wearing one today? Do you have one at home? e.g. To show other people that they believe in Jesus.

Maybe you have people ask you where you are going to church on the weekend. There are times when we will wear this kind of jewellery or have these conversations and some people who don't believe in Jesus might not understand. They might even be mean to us or make fun of us.

This even happened to Jesus. Jesus tells us today in our lesson that it might happen to us just like it happened to him. But he says not to worry and to keep being a witness of his love and sharing his stories with everyone.

Sometimes God might lead us to go to different places to share the stories of Jesus. Just like some missionaries. Missionaries are people who go to other parts of the country or even overseas to tell people about Jesus.

We are very blessed in Australia to be able to tell people about Jesus.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, make us strong when we are rejected because of you. Keep us trusting and following you. Amen.

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home, Worship Notes* or another resource before the children return to their seats.

