

## CHATTING

### About Last Words

Begin by recalling the story 'Ms Nolan's Last Day'. Remind the children of the 'last words' they imagined Ms Nolan said to the school community. Then ask the children if they can think of occasions when people might say some 'last words'. Some suggestions may include:

- 'Last words' a football manager says to his team before a cup final
- 'Last words' a girl says to her classmates on her final day before she moves to a different school
- 'Last words' a granny says when she leaves her grandchildren after a holiday
- 'Last words' a teacher says to her class as they move on to a new teacher
- 'Last words' a mammy or daddy says to their children before they go to work

Then ask the children to think about the 'last words' that Jesus would have said to his friends before he left them to go back to his Father in heaven. Invite the children to share their suggestions.

## SLIDESHOW

### From Crucifixion to Ascension

Recall the story of Jesus' Passion, death and Resurrection using the slideshow. Chat about each picture using these or similar questions:



**Picture 1: Jesus on the Cross**

- What is the name of the day on which we remember that Jesus died on the cross?
- Were all of Jesus' friends there when he died? Why or why not?
- What happened to Jesus' body when it was taken down from the cross?



**Picture 2: Empty Tomb**

- Who can remember what happened when Mary Magdalene went to the tomb three days after Jesus had died?
- Who told her that Jesus had risen?
- What did Mary do then?



**Picture 3: Jesus' Appearance to his Friends at Lake Tiberias**

- After Jesus rose from the dead, he appeared many more times to his friends. This is one of those times. Does anyone remember this story?
- Who are the people in the picture with Jesus? How do you think they are feeling?



**Picture 4: Jesus' Last Words**

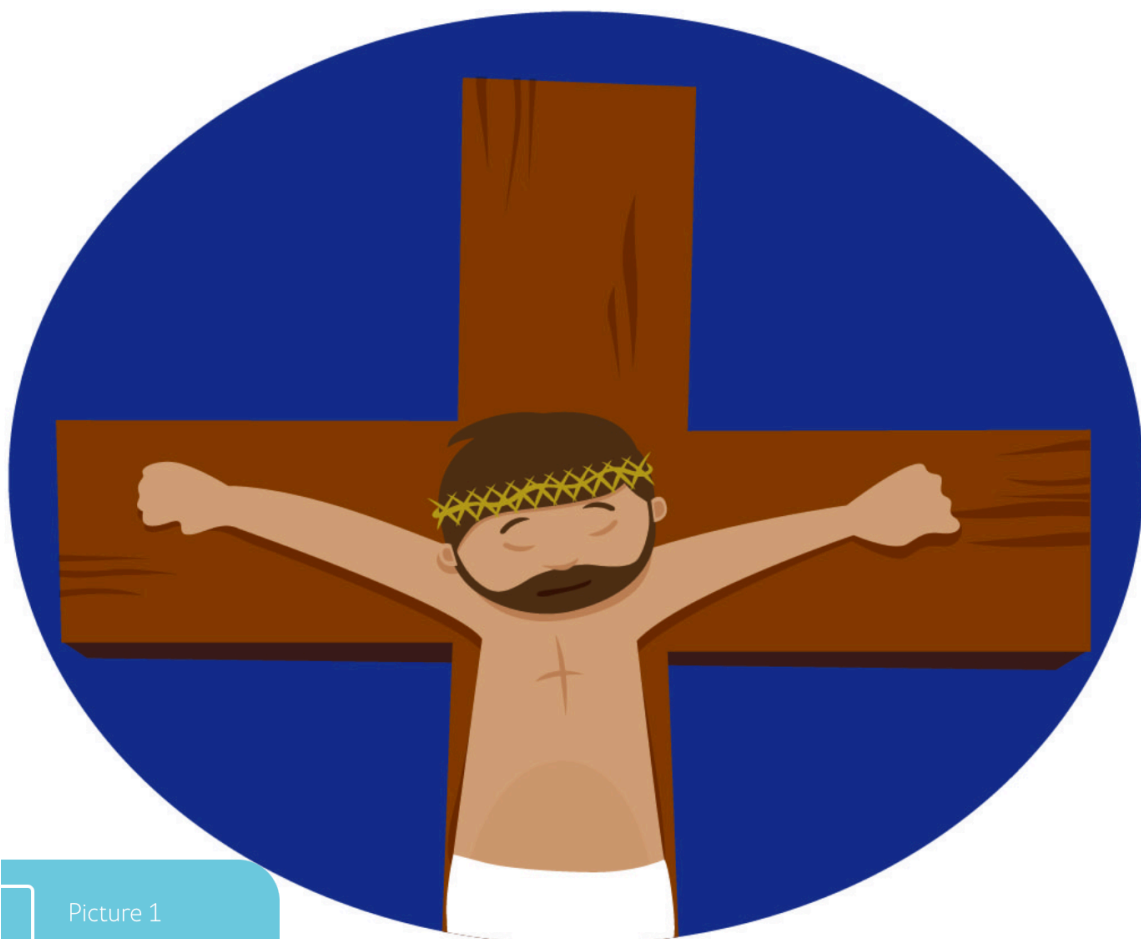
- Imagine this was the last time Jesus spoke with his friends before he went to heaven. What do think he said?
- Do you think Jesus' friends listened carefully to his words? Why or why not?



**Picture 5: The Ascension**

- Jesus has left his friends now. Where did he go?
- Who are the people in the picture? How do you think they are feeling?

Show the children how to carry out a gesture indicating that Jesus went back to heaven. With open palms facing upwards and arms outstretched, slowly raise arms while saying, 'Jesus ascended into heaven where he is seated at the right hand of his Father.' Repeat this gesture and the words a number of times and encourage the children to join in.





Picture 2



Picture 3



Picture 4



Picture 5