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Good morning  
everyone!

# Welcome

Today we hear how Jesus was teaching with great wisdom, but the people found it hard to believe in him.

Let's listen and find out why.

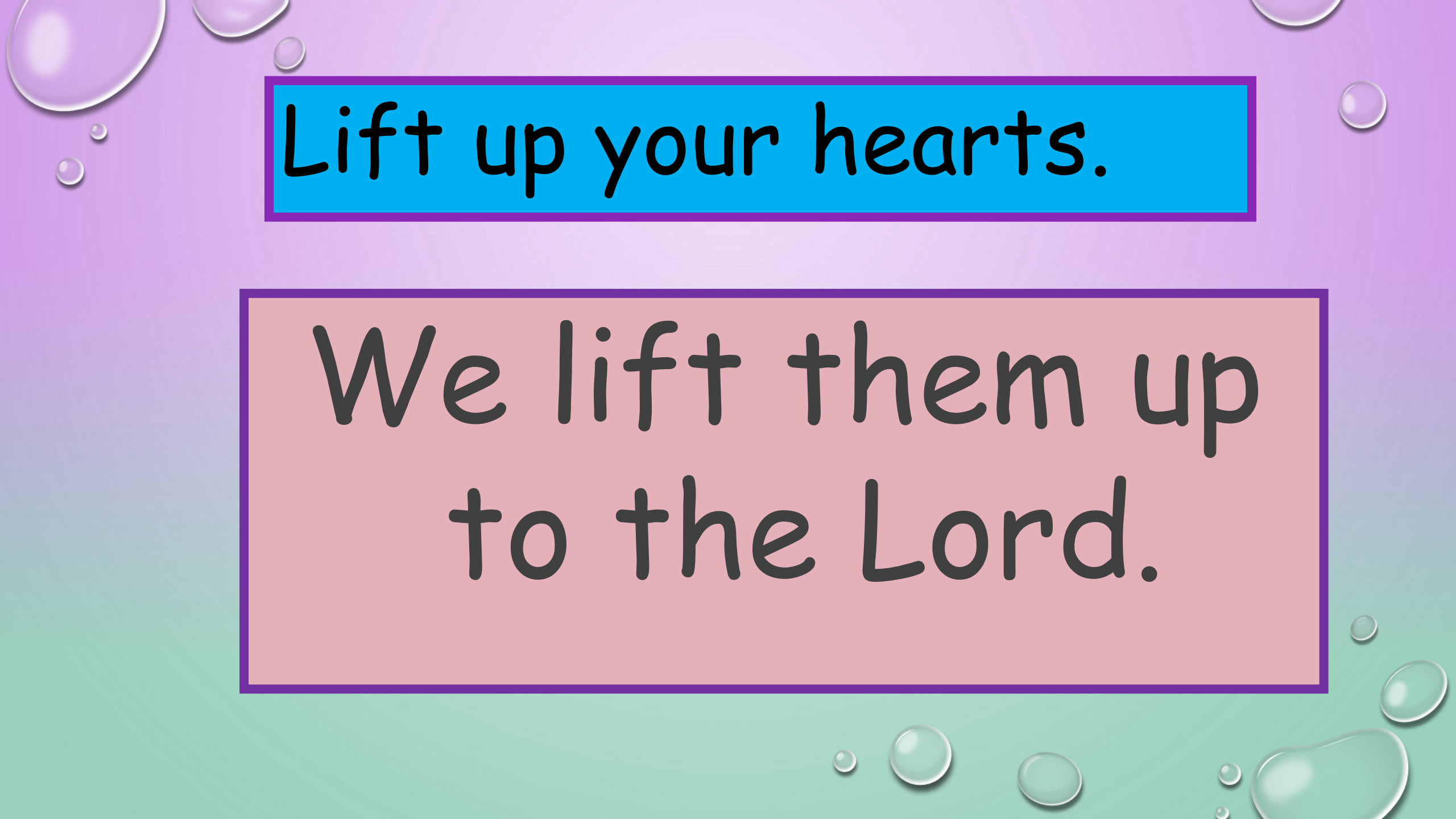
Let us start our  
assembly this morning  
by each one of us  
making the  
sign of the cross.



The Sign of the cross  
In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

The Lord be with you

AND WITH  
YOUR SPIRIT.



Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up  
to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the  
Lord our God.

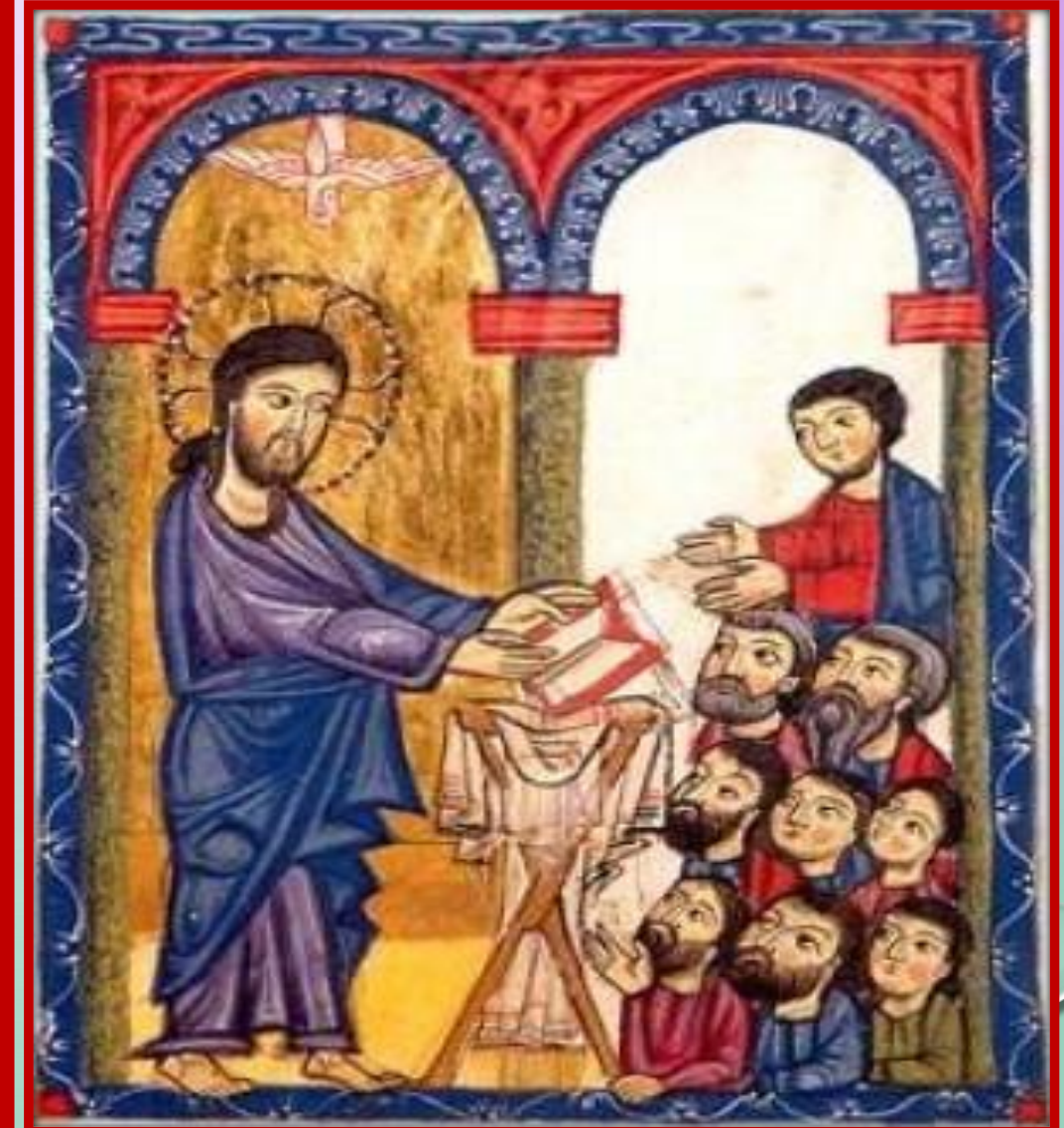
It is right and  
just.

# Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Jesus left that place and went back to his home town, followed by his disciples.

On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue. Many people were there; and when they heard him, they were all amazed. "Where did he get all this?" they asked. "What wisdom is this that has been given him? How does he perform miracles? Isn't he the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters living here?" And so they rejected him.

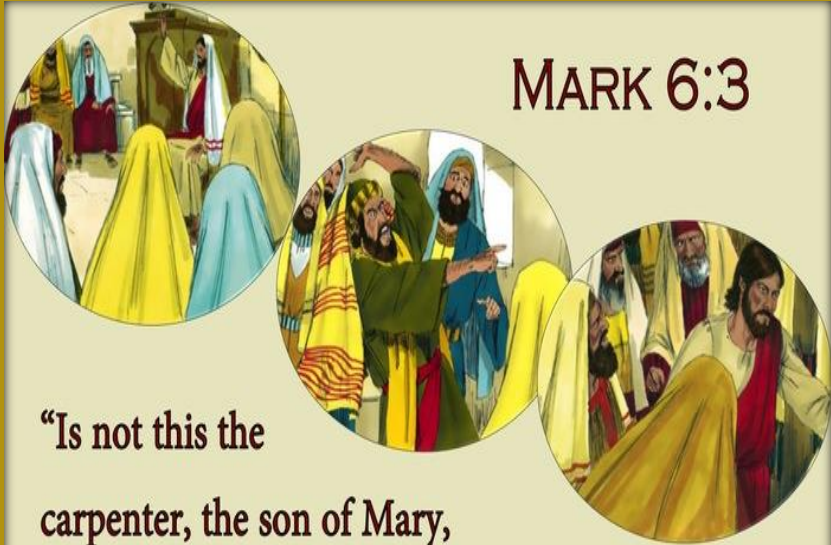
Jesus said to them, "Prophets are respected everywhere except in their own home town and by their relatives and their family."



# Gospel reflection

What do you remember from today's reading?

MARK 6:3



“Is not this the  
carpenter, the son of Mary,

And brother of James and Joses and Judas and  
Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?”

**AND THEY TOOK OFFENCE AT HIM.**

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Jesus was back in his home town and teaching in the  
synagogue.

How did the people feel when they heard him speaking?

They were very surprised. They couldn't understand how  
Jesus, who they had known since he was a little boy, could  
have so much wisdom and teach so well.

Why do you think the people were so surprised?

They thought that they knew who Jesus was – the son of  
Mary and of Joseph the carpenter. They thought Jesus was  
just an ordinary man, but he wasn't.



# Gospel reflection

Who do we know Jesus to be?

Jesus is the Son of God. But the people he had grown up with could not accept that Jesus was special. They did not believe in him.

Sometimes when we know someone really well we can forget how special they are.

It can be hard to see past all the things we know about them, to what they are really like.

And sometimes we forget how special the things that we do are, because they just feel ordinary to us.



JESUS THE SON OF GOD

# Gospel reflection

For example, if your dad always finds time to help out at the local food bank, that's special, but you might just think it's ordinary because he has always done it.

Or if your aunt is the best runner in the country and competes in the Olympics, that's really special too, but you might just not think much about it because that's normal for your aunt and for you.

And can you think of one thing that you do, that others might see as special?



# Gospel reflection

The people listening to Jesus in today's reading judge him because of who he is and where he comes from. They are not willing to listen to him or to change their minds, even though he shows wisdom in his teaching.

Do you think this is right?

Have you ever made your mind up about someone just because of who they are?

Or has it happened to you?

We are all part of one global family and we are all special.



Let us pray



Dear God

In all things, help us to recognise your Son Jesus in all people – those we know well and those who we will never meet but who are part of our global family.

Amen.



THIS WEEK, LET'S TRY NOT TO JUDGE ANYONE FOR WHERE THEY COME FROM OR WHO THEIR FAMILY IS, BUT INSTEAD LISTEN TO THEM, LOOK OUT FOR THE SPECIAL THINGS THAT THEY DO, AND SEE WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM THEM.





*Happy & Blessed  
Monday*

And a day blessed with  
God's

*grace and favor*

*Have a Lovely  
Week*



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