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THE WORD

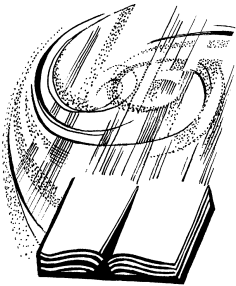
Aim - Understand the idea of Jesus as Word of God.

Words are very important to poets. They try to put the right words in the right order to make perfect poems.

Words are the life force of poems. When the words have been chosen with care then the poem has more power.

Making the universe is a bit like making a poem. The words for a poem begin in the poet's head. They are part of the poet. Then the poet takes them and puts them onto clean paper. The words in a poem carry a message.

Jesus was like a Word from God. He was such a powerful word that he needed no other words to help him carry God's message. Here is what St. John says:



“In the beginning was the Word;
the Word was with God
and the Word was God. Jn. 1:1

“The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.” Jn. 1:6



ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

1. If you had a child and wanted to tell him/her everything you knew, how many words would it take (Guess)?
2. The Gospel is often called the WORD OF GOD. Can you think why?
3. The words in the Gospels seem to speak to some people as they read them. Find some words in a Gospel that speak to you.
4. Imagine a pupil in Year 5 asked you to explain the words of St. John above. What would you say?

Extension task

5. Write a story for small children about a beautiful magic book, which wants to make the world a better place. This book speaks to people with a human voice. Write about what it says, who it speaks to and the story of what happens next. Write at least a page. You might want to add pictures too.