

Year of Jubilee activities

Jesus said, 'I am the Door'

One of the characteristics of the Year of Jubilee is the Holy Door.

The Holy Door is a special door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome that is set up especially for the Year of Jubilee. When people walk through this door, they remember all that Jesus did when he died on the cross and rose again to make a way for us to know God and experience God's love and life. That's what Jesus meant when he said, 'I am the door' (John 10:9). Stepping through the door is like a prayer, asking God to help us leave our failings behind as we step into God's grace and love.



Lots of other cathedrals around the world will have a Holy Door this year also, just like this one here at St Stephen's Cathedral in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

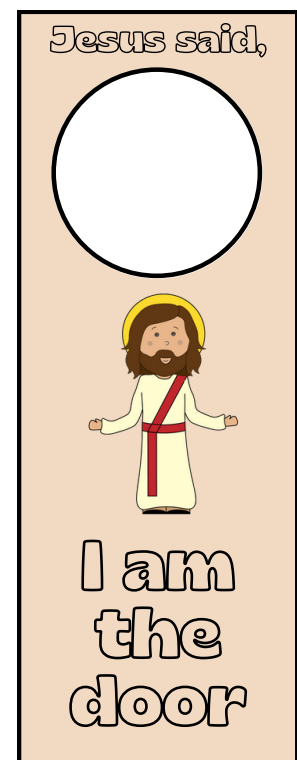
DOOR KNOB SIGN

YOU WILL NEED:

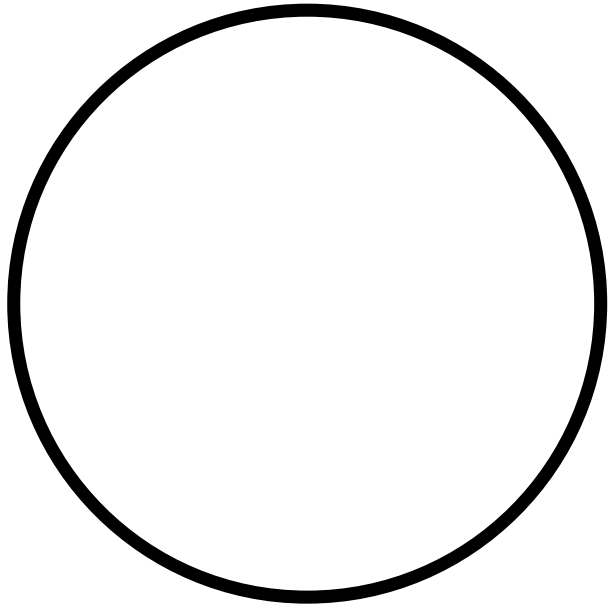
- a printed template for each child (we suggest using card)
- scissors
- pens and pencils

INSTRUCTIONS:

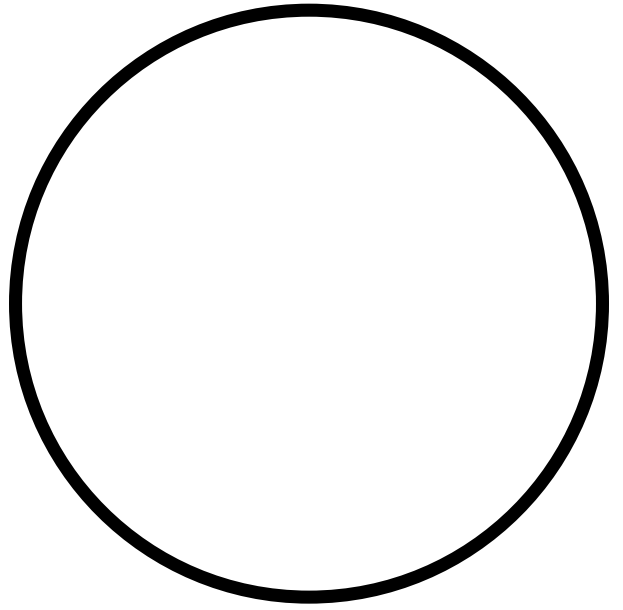
- Talk to the children about the Holy Door and perhaps find images from online.
- Have the children cut out the template and the circle (this is where the sign will fit over the door knob).
- Invite the children to draw a picture of Jesus on the sign.
- Then hang it on the door knob of your choice!
- Optional: you may wish to laminate the final product



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