

# GOD SPEAKS TO US IN THE BIBLE TODAY

Some pupils asked Archbishop Vincent Nichols to explain how God speaks to us in the Bible today and this is what he said:

*"I just try to hear one phrase, or one sentence, and I think, 'oh that's lovely, that gives me comfort.' I try to remember it, to hang on to it. It might be something that just speaks to me. It might be that if I am upset it just consoles me. It might be because I am very happy and I think, 'oh there it is'. Then I think God uses those words to get through to me, in a little phrase, in one sentence. So we try to listen to God speaking to us now in these words."*



Another way is to choose a passage from scripture that you like or a Gospel story.

Find a quiet place on your own. Re-read the passage very slowly, imagine yourself to be part of the Gospel scene; imagine what it would feel like; you are there with the apostles; what they would say to you if you spoke to them. Try to stay with Jesus, just be with him, open your heart to him; share your thoughts with him. He will speak to you in the innermost core of your being.

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## TASKS

1. Read the following passages very slowly and choose the one you like most of all.
2. Stay with the passage and read it over and over again.
3. Copy it into your exercise book and say why you like it.

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God still, and trust in me."  
(John 14:1)*

*"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."  
(John 14:6)*

*"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."  
(Psalm 23)*



*"If you ask for anything in my name I will do it."  
(John 14:14)*

*"You are precious in my eyes."  
(Isaiah 43:4)*

*"Make your home in me as I make mine in you."  
(John 15:4)*

*"Love one another as I have loved you."  
(John 15:12)*