

1st Sunday In Lent

Feb. 20, 2023-
Feb. 26, 2023
Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:1-11

THEME: A Champion for the Defeated

SONG: CW21 863/864 or CW93 200/2001
- A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

VISUAL: Picture of a baby/ baby doll

OBJECT LESSON

Hold up/display a picture of a baby or baby doll. What things are a baby able to do by themselves? Babies can't drive a car, buy groceries, or wash clothes. Babies need adults around them for their basic needs.

BIBLE TRUTH

God sent a baby to help save us from our sins. Who was that baby? Jesus! That baby would grow up to live a perfect life for you and me. Jesus would then die on the cross and rise again three days later to complete God's plan.

Jesus is our champion! Jesus won against the devil by defeating the devil when he tried to get Jesus to sin. We are at the beginning of a season called Lent. Lent lasts for 40 days. Over the next 40 days, we will look more at how Jesus saved us from our sins.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

God knows exactly what we need. We need a champion to save us. Who is that champion? Jesus! The same Jesus who was born as a baby and then would grow, live a perfect life, and die for our sins. I need Jesus. You need Jesus

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for being my champion. Thank you for living a perfect life and dying on the cross for my sins. Help me to tell others so they can learn more about you. In your name we pray, Amen.



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2nd Sunday In Lent

Feb. 27, 2023-
March 5, 2023
Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: John 3:1-17

THEME: A Gift for the World

SONG: CW21 570 or CW93 391
- God Loved the World So That He Gave

VISUAL: Wrapped present

OBJECT LESSON

How many of you like getting a present? What is the best present you have received? (Hold up the present or show the picture of a present.) What do you think is inside of this present? Often, a present isn't something we need, it's something we want.

BIBLE TRUTH

God has given us the best present of all - faith in Jesus. We need faith in Jesus as our Savior more than any new toy. The world has been sinful since Adam and Eve ate the fruit in the Garden of Eden. We can do nothing to save ourselves, yet God gives us the gift of faith by the Holy Spirit. How happy we are because of God's love for us!

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

While a huge stack of presents with your name on it may be exciting to open, God knows what we actually need. The faith we have, that faith that God-willing will grow as we all get older, is what we truly need. How does God give us the faith we need?

If we have Jesus in our lives, we have everything we need. Be thankful that God gave Jesus and gave you faith in Jesus. Believe in him.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, we thank you for being the best present that we need. Thank you for all the physical blessings we have, but help us to remember that your saving work and faith in you are the only gifts we need for heaven. Keep us in the faith through your Word. In your name we pray, Amen.



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3rd Sunday In Lent

March 6, 2023-
March 12, 2023
Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: John 4:5-26

THEME: Water for the Thirsty

SONG: CW21 526 or CW93 120
- What Wonderful Love Is This

VISUAL: Cup of water or water bottle

OBJECT LESSON

How much water do you drink in a day? Why is drinking water so important? All people need to drink water in order to stay healthy. Our body depends on water to keep you feeling good. Without water, you might start to feel sick.

BIBLE TRUTH

God often talks about water in the Bible, but the water we need isn't from a water bottle. The water God is talking about is Jesus. Jesus is everything we need in our lives. Yes, we still need to drink water to stay healthy, but Jesus keeps our souls healthy.

Jesus spent much of his life teaching the people around him. Jesus wanted everyone to know that he is God and through faith they too can go to heaven. Today, we learn about Jesus through the Bible, through pastors, teachers, and parents.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

We all need Jesus even more than we need a drink of water. Jesus is that everlasting water that our bodies and souls have been searching for. Without water, we feel sick and tired. Without Jesus in our lives, we can start to feel sick too. God wants us to be with him, so we study his Word, learn Bible stories, and build our faith up.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for being the water that I need. Out of your great love for sinners, you freely give the water that the world needs. We praise you for your mercy and grace. Keep us in the true faith until you bring us to life everlasting. In your name we pray, Amen.



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4th Sunday In Lent

March 13, 2023 -
March 19, 2023
Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: John 9:1-7,13-17,34-39

THEME: Sight for the Blind

SONG: CW21 713 - I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

VISUAL: A photo that is out of focus (landscape, road, etc). The same photo in focus would be helpful, but not necessary for this devotion.

OBJECT LESSON

Do you know someone who wears glasses? Why do they need to? Glasses help people see clearly so they can read, drive, and go to work. (Show the out of focus photo). Imagine that everything you see looks like this. Things would be hard to do! (Show the in-focus photo, if available.) When we can see, our lives become clear.

BIBLE TRUTH

Without Jesus, our spiritual life is blurry. People who don't believe in Jesus are missing all the wonderful blessings Jesus gives to his people. A life without Jesus is blurry.

Jesus calls himself "the light of the world" and that is what believers see in Jesus. A strong faith will keep believers connected to Jesus until one day he takes believers to heaven. A believer prays that God will strengthen their faith so they will never know a life without Jesus. Jesus makes our lives clear!

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Jesus is the light you and I need. Whether you wear glasses or not, we were all spiritually blind until the Holy Spirit planted the seed of faith in our hearts. We live our lives in focus because of Jesus! We pray that everyone here stays connected to Jesus so we never forget that Jesus is the "light of the world!"

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for being the light we needed in our lives. Draw us closer to you so our lives do not become blurry in this sinful world. Bring unbelievers to faith so more people can see the blessings that come through that faith in you. In your name we pray, Amen.



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5th Sunday In Lent

March 20, 2023-
March 25, 2023
Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: John 11:17-27,38-45

THEME: Life for the Dead

SONG: CW21 502/ CW93 449
- Children of the Heavenly Father

VISUAL: A photo of a tree and photo of the desert

OBJECT LESSON

I want to plant a tree. (Show a picture of a tree). What do I need to plant a tree like this? Could I plant my tree here? (Show the picture of a desert). Planting a tree in a desert won't work well as my tree doesn't have enough soil and won't get enough water. My tree will die in a desert like this. If my tree dies, it won't come back to life.

BIBLE TRUTH

Because of sin, the whole world is under the harsh truth that one day we all will die. A dead plant will not come back to life. Yet, Jesus provides us with life. Jesus says to us, "I am the resurrection and the life." Through faith, we too will live in heaven one day with Jesus!

The Bible tells us about the miracles of Jesus bringing people back to life. Jesus wept at the grave of his friend, Lazarus before bringing him back to life. Jesus then died on the cross and descended into hell to proclaim his victory over death. His resurrection on Easter Sunday tells us that God keeps his promises.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

We do not need to be scared of dying. The words of Jesus "I am the resurrection and the life" are also for us today. We know God keeps his promises to his people. We know God will bring us to himself in heaven when we die. We will find the joys of heaven better than anything here on Earth and we eagerly await the day we will reunite with our loved ones in heaven. Jesus is the life we need.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for bringing life to us all. We praise you for your victory over death and the devil. You give us everything that we need. Guide us and strengthen our faith until the day we see in heaven. In your name we pray, Amen.



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