

10th Sunday
After Pentecost
July 26-
August 1, 2021

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

THEME: Jesus brings us together to share his love

SONG: Jesus Loves Me This I Know

VISUAL: Puzzle pieces
Optional: Make your own simple puzzle. Print a picture of Jesus and cut into 5-6 pieces

OBJECT LESSON

Show the children one of the puzzle pieces. Ask them if they can tell from just this piece what the picture will be. Ask them what we would need to do to see the whole picture. Briefly talk about how the puzzle piece by itself is not really important but with all the other pieces, you can see the whole puzzle. Each puzzle piece is very important to finish the picture. Show them the finished puzzle.

BIBLE TRUTH

Adults often have a job. They might work in a restaurant or store, as a nurse or doctor, a teacher, or in a factory. God has given all of us an important mission or job. He wants us all to let the whole world know that Jesus is the Savior of the world; that he was perfect in our place and died on the cross to take away all our sins. He has given this job to you (the children) too!

Share Ephesians 4, God tells us It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Remind them that even as young children, they are like the puzzle piece-an important part of God's work to tell others. They don't need to be a grownup to share Jesus with other people. Ask them to think about someone they know that they could tell.

Remind them that God promises to be with them and to help them. They can tell. Pastors and teachers can tell. Grownups can tell. Everyone is a piece of God's plan to share in God's work to tell others about him, about how he forgives us, how he wants us all to be with him in heaven.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Who are some people you know that you can tell about Jesus?

We can tell people about Jesus, but we can also pray for them. What can you say in your prayers for pastors, teachers, or for those who don't know about Jesus?

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for the many different gifts and people you have made. Help us to use our gifts to thank and praise you. Be with everyone who teaches your love and forgiveness to others. In your name we pray. Amen

11th
Sunday
After Pentecost
August 2-8, 2021

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 6:24-35

THEME: Jesus feeds our souls with his Word

SONG: Jesus Loves Me This I Know

VISUAL: A stale piece of bread
A fresh piece of bread in a sealed bag

OBJECT LESSON

Share that there are times that you need to pack a lunch. It might be for a picnic or it might be for school. When you pack your lunch, you want to be sure that you are using good food, fresh food. Show them both pieces of bread and ask which one they would use for their sandwich and why.

BIBLE TRUTH

Jesus did a lot of miracles. One of the miracles was when he fed over 5000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish and everyone had more than enough! Only God could do that! But some of the people, including his disciples, his helpers, got really excited about the miracles Jesus did but forgot about who Jesus was God's son, our Savior.

Jesus, though, told his disciples and all the people in John, chapter 6 Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." 28 Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" 29 Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

Jesus wanted all people to remember that God's Word in the Bible, is like food. It won't help when their tummy feels hungry, but it will help their faith. Sometimes Jesus is called the Bread of Life. Explain how hearing about God, hearing about Jesus, helps their faith grow. Just like they want to be sure to eat good and healthy food, we all need to be sure that we are always feeding our faith by learning more and more

about God. Encourage them to keep eating healthy food but even more, to keep learning from Jesus, the Bread of Life!

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Ask the children to share all the ways that they can learn about God. (In school, in chapel, from Mom and Dad, in church, when people read Bible stories to them, etc.)

Ask the children what could happen if they don't "feed their faith", don't continue to learn about God. (Their faith would not be as strong.)

Ask the children what will happen if they "feed their faith", learn more about God as often as possible? (Their faith will grow and grow!)

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, You are the Bread of Life because you feed our faith with your Word. Forgive us for the times when we seek other food for our souls. Keep us from straying and help us to share your Word with our friends and family. In your name we pray. Amen.

12th
Sunday
After Pentecost
August 9-15, 2021

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: EPHESIANS 4:30-5:2

THEME: In love, we forgive because of Jesus

SONG: Jesus Loves Me This I Know

VISUAL: Different hats (construction, football, police officer, baseball) or different costume pieces (tools, football jersey, police badge, baseball glove)

OBJECT LESSON

Show the children a couple of the items and ask them to share who they think would use them. Talk to them about how those items help us know almost right away who would wear them and their job. You might also be able to tell something about the person. (For example, a firefighter would be brave, a nurse or doctor would be kind.)

Ask them what items might remind us of ways that we can be like Jesus? (a cross [loving], a shepherd [caring], picture of Jesus with the little children [kind])

BIBLE TRUTH

Share with them that the part of the Bible they will hear today was written by Paul, one of God's helpers. Paul wrote a letter to the people he knew in a town called Ephesus.

Describe to the children how putting on a hat or a costume, doesn't make us into that person or give us the ability to do that job. Dressing up like Jesus doesn't make us be like him. But the words in our Bible reading today help to describe ways that Jesus taught us and encourages us to act and how to treat each other. Share the Bible reading: *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. 1 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

Ask the children for a couple of words they heard that remind them of Jesus that they can also do. (kind, forgiving, love)

Explain to them that Jesus was always perfect and that he forgives us. Remind them that sometimes, when it's hard to be kind to someone else, they can think about Jesus and how he is always kind and loving and forgiving to them.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

These will work best if included during the message with young children.

Ask the children to share some of the ways that they know that Jesus was kind and loving.

Ask the children to share ways that they can be kind and loving like Jesus, even when it's hard or when others are not kind to us.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, Thank you for making us your dearly loved children. Give us strength to act like we belong to you. Help us to share your forgiveness when people hurt us and help us to ask for forgiveness when we hurt others. In your name we pray. Amen

13th
Sunday
After Pentecost
Aug 16-22, 2021

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: PROVERBS 9:1-6

THEME: Jesus makes us wise for salvation

SONG: Jesus Loves Me This I Know

VISUAL: RSVP card for a wedding/ wedding invitation

OBJECT LESSON

Ask the children who has been to a wedding. Explain that a wedding takes a lot of planning. The bride and groom send out cards to find out how many family and friends are coming so they can have everything ready for everyone who comes.

BIBLE TRUTH

Share with the children that God tells us about heaven in many places in the Bible. One of the ways he describes heaven is that it will be like a wedding celebration. Just like the bride and groom at a wedding, Jesus sends us an invitation but it doesn't come in the mail-it comes in the Bible. He wants all people everywhere to come to be with him in heaven. Explain that he also invites us to come to church to worship him. At church, we get to hear God's Word which helps our faith to grow. The more we hear, the more we understand about God, our all he has done for us.

Rather than focusing on eating steak or chicken, we focus on consuming the Word of God, forgiveness, and strength for our faith. That is the best type of wisdom, the kind that makes us wise for Salvation.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

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God invites you to come to church to hear about him. He also wants everyone you know to come. Who could you invite to church? If you made an invitation for them, what would it look like.

When you eat, your body gets stronger and you grow bigger and bigger. Why do we want to keep hearing more and more about Jesus? What will that help to grow?

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you for sending Jesus to teach us wisdom. True wisdom is found in the Bible. Help us to believe that the Bible is the Word of God. Open our hearts so that when we hear the Word we believe that Jesus won forgiveness for all people. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

14th Sunday
After Pentecost
Aug 23-29, 2021

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 6:60-69

THEME: Jesus has the words of eternal life

SONG: Jesus Loves Me This I Know

VISUAL: Phone GPS
Optional: Map or directions

OBJECT LESSON

Ask the children what they see grownups do when they are going to a new place. Show them a GPS (like Google maps) and also show them a paper map. Explain how maps helps us know how to get somewhere.

BIBLE TRUTH

Explain to the children how Jesus did lots of miracles. (healing sick people, feeding over 5000 people with only a little bit of food.) Jesus used the miracles to teach people how much they needed a Savior. After a while, people saw that Jesus wasn't always going to do miracles and they started to leave Jesus. The disciples were afraid and wanted Jesus to make them stop leaving. Rather than begging people to stay, Jesus asked his disciples if they wanted to leave, too. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life!"

Jesus wanted people to know the way to get to heaven and that they can only get there by following him. He gives us the Bible so we can learn more and more about him and stay on the path to heaven.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

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If we wanted to get to heaven, can you give me directions how to get there? Should I take my car? A plane? Walk?

What's the only way we can get to heaven? (Believing in Jesus) How do you know? (The Bible tells us so.)

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, Forgive us for wandering away from the path to eternal life. We want to trust in ourselves or in others and forget to rely on you. Help us to cling to your words of eternal life. Through you alone is the path to salvation. In your name we pray, Amen.