

1st
Sunday
Advent
November 22 -
Nov. 28 2021

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 33:14-16

THEME: When the LORD Comes Near, He humbles Himself

SONG: CW93 2 / CW21 301 Savior of the Nations, Come

VISUAL: Picture of Clark Kent/ Superman

OBJECT LESSON

Show the children a picture of Clark Kent and Superman. Ask why Superman might have hid his identity. (Protect his loved ones; live a somewhat normal life; be present where trouble might happen.) Show a picture of Jesus. Point out that even though Jesus is true God, he was a real person with a real body. Like Clark Kent Jesus didn't always reveal who he was. However, the promises in the Old Testament make it clear who Jesus is!

BIBLE TRUTH

Read the Bible Lesson

Jesus was directly descended from King David. He was a real person! Share some of the ways we know Jesus is true man. (He was born, he ate and drank, he cried, and he died. But Jesus is different, too.) Share some of the ways we know that Jesus was true God. (He was perfect, he did miracles, he spoke to the Father, he rose from the dead.)

Jesus had to be true man to live a perfect life under God's law in our place and pay for the punishment for our sins with his death. That is what makes him "the LORD our Righteous Savior." He gives us his righteousness - or perfection, and takes away our sin.

In Advent we prepare for the coming of Jesus to earth as a real person. We also celebrate that Jesus will come back again. He will come as our King to take us to be with him in heaven. Advent is a time for us to get ready for Jesus' second coming, as well as to celebrate his first coming.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

How do you get ready to celebrate Jesus' first coming, Christmas? How can you get ready for Jesus' second coming? Why is it important to remember that Jesus came humble the first time he came but that he will come as our King when he comes again?

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for sharing your almighty power with us. You are almighty God! Help us to get ready for your second coming by trusting that you have done all we need to be with you in heaven. Amen.



**HEART
IMPRINTS**

2nd Sunday
Advent
November 29–
Dec. 5 2021

SCRIPTURE: Malachi 3:2–3

THEME: When the LORD Comes Near, He humbles His People

SONG: CW93 376/ CW21 573 Jesus, your Blood and Righteousness

VISUAL: Comb, mirror, picture day photo

OBJECT LESSON

Imagine getting dressed for picture day. You have the perfect outfit on. You've done your hair. You're on your way into school when you trip on the sidewalk and fall. Your fall is spectacular—it causes you to roll through the freshly mown grass and slide into the mud. You quickly jump up and rush to the bathroom. Looking in the mirror, you realize your outfit is ruined and your hair is bedraggled. You mope through your morning, dreading the time your class will be called to line up for pictures. Suddenly, your mom is standing in the door of your classroom. Could this day get any worse? As you walk to the hallway, your mom hands you a bag of BRAND NEW clothes, identical to your outfit. You can change. Picture day is saved!

BIBLE TRUTH

Read the Bible Lesson

Everyday we mess up—we sin. God needs us to know that our sin is serious—that's why he gives us the law in the Bible. Just like seeing your disheveled self in the mirror, God's law points out how bad our sin is. Just like you couldn't change your grass stained clothes, you can't change your sinful self.

But, just like your mom saved picture day, Jesus saves you eternally. (Read Malachi 3:7a,b) When we see how helpless we are, Jesus reaches out to us with brand new clothes of righteousness. Remember that word from last week? Righteous means we are covered in Jesus' perfect life.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Is it fun to see our sins pointed out to us? Why is it important to have our sins pointed out to us? What have you done to earn Jesus' gift of righteousness? How do you respond when someone gives you a gift? How can you respond to Jesus' gift of righteousness?

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for your law in the Bible. I don't like to see how bad I've been, but I know that it is important. Please forgive me. Help me to trust you with humble faith. Amen.



**HEART
IMPRINTS**

3rd Sunday
Advent
December 6-
Dec. 12, 2021

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 4:4-7

THEME: When the LORD Comes Near, He Brings Peace to His People

SONG: CW93 3,4 / CW21 305,306
Lift up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates

VISUAL: Paper and something to write with

OBJECT LESSON

Make a list of things you need to do to get ready for Christmas. Add to your list any worries you might have. Ask children to share their to-do's and worries.

BIBLE TRUTH

Read the Bible lesson.

- We are told to rejoice always and to be at peace, even know that Jesus is coming back as the judge of all people (to send those without faith to hell and to take those who have faith in Jesus to be with him in heaven).
- How can we rejoice and be at peace knowing that we have failed to do what God requires of us?
- We can have peace knowing that we are forgiven through faith in Jesus.
- Instead of worrying about the troubles we may have or all we feel we need to do, we have peace from God because Jesus has overcome our troubles for us. (John 16:33).
- (You could check off your to-do list as you talk through this point.)
- Jesus gives us peace through his gift of faith!

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Having worries happens because of sin. How can we handle the worries that come in our life? (Read the Bible, recall memory verses, catechism, hymns, pray; talk to a grown up!) How can we help someone who is worried? (Share the peace and hope we have with Jesus, pray with and for them; help them talk to a grown up, too.)

PRAYER

Jesus, you have told me to be at peace. I know that I am forgiven and that brings me peace in my faith. Help me to have peace when I see all the things I have to do and the worries I have about this life. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



**HEART
IMPRINTS**

SCRIPTURE: John 18:33-37

THEME: When the LORD Comes Near, He Lifts up the Humble

SONG: CW93 23/ CW21 327 Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel

VISUAL: Sports ball, musical instrument, and text book

OBJECT LESSON

- Show the kids the ball. "Who thinks they are good at (soccer)?"
- Call on someone with their hand raised. Ask, "How do you know you're good? Are you good enough to play professionally? Are you sure?"
- Repeat with the instrument.
- With the textbook, ask, "Who thinks they are a good student?"
- Call on someone with their hand raised. Ask, "Do you get straight A's? Could you score perfectly on all your tests? Are you the best student ever?"
- How do we know when we're good enough for God?

BIBLE TRUTH

Read the Bible lesson.

- While some of us are good at certain things, we can never be good enough to be perfect.
- To solve our problem, (as Scripture says), God prepared a body for us. Who can explain what the incarnation is? (God took on human flesh)
- We are made perfect through Jesus--his perfect life counts for us.
- God looks at us like we are the best at everything because of Jesus.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

- How do we receive the benefits of Jesus' perfect life?
- What are those benefits?
- When we're feeling bad about not being good enough at something, what can we know/do?
- How can we help others when they don't feel good about themselves?

PRAYER

God, thank you for loving me even when I'm not good enough. Help me to share your love with those around me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

