

5th Sunday
After Epiphany
January 31 -
Feb. 6, 2022

SCRIPTURE: Luke 5:1-11

THEME: God uses his people to spread the good news

SONG: CW21 745/ CW93 573 st. 1,2 – Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying

VISUAL: Pictures of various occupations

OBJECT LESSON

Ask students the following questions:

- Who would you want to help you when you are sick: a doctor or a circus ringmaster? (Show pictures of doctor and ringmaster.)
- Who would you want to teach you math: a singer or a teacher? (Show pictures of a singer and teacher.)
- Who would you want to fix your car: a mechanic or a chef? (Show pictures of a mechanic and chef.)

Explain that rather than using powerful angels like he did in the Bible, God uses people like us to spread the good news of Jesus – even though we may not feel like we have the best gifts to share the message.

BIBLE TRUTH

Read the Bible story.

- Why was Simon willing to try letting down the nets one more time?
- Why was Simon afraid after his nets were filled with fish?
- What did Jesus mean when he told Simon, “From now on, you will fish for people”?

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

- God doesn’t choose us to spread the good news of Jesus because we are terrific speakers or have a commanding presence like the angels.
- God gives us the gifts and opportunities to spread the Gospel.
- How can we share the good news with our friends and family?

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank you for giving us opportunities to spread the good news of Jesus. Help us to share your love with others – love so great that you sent your son to die for us and take away our sins! Thank you for being with us as we share the good news. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



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6th
Sunday
After Epiphany
February 7 -
Feb. 13, 2022

SCRIPTURE: Luke 6:17-26

THEME: Blessings are often found in unlikely places

SONG: CW21 690 st. 1,4 - Blest Are They

VISUAL: Piñata filled with real dollar bills

OBJECT LESSON

- Show students the piñata. What normally comes out of a piñata when you hit it?
- Invite a student to come up and hit the piñata. When the piñata is broken open, they will see money come out instead of candy!
- Explain that today's Bible lesson will show us that God blesses us in unexpected ways.

BIBLE TRUTH

Read verses 17-23.

- Discuss some of the miracles Jesus was doing. Healing people of their earthly diseases was not his primary mission.
- What is the ultimate blessing Jesus explains to his disciples?
- Does the blessing of eternal life go away when hard times come?

Read verses 24-26.

- Explain to students that Jesus isn't saying it's wrong to be rich or to have good food. We need to be careful not to value these things over our faith and spiritual blessings.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

- What are some things that people think are great blessings here on Earth?
- Why is eternal life our greatest blessing?
- What will be so special about Heaven?

PRAYER

Dear God,
Thank you for giving us so many blessings here on Earth. Thank you especially for sending Your Son, Jesus, to take away our sins so we can spend eternity in Heaven. Help us to remember that Heaven is our greatest blessing. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



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7th Sunday
After Epiphany
February 14 -
Feb. 20, 2022

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:17-21

THEME: Show kindness to those who hurt us

SONG: CW21 726 / CW93 490 Love In Christ is Strong and Living Or CW21 - 371 Oh, How Good It Is

VISUAL: A dirty piece of clothing with a noticeable stain

OBJECT LESSON

- Show students the dirty piece of clothing.
- Ask students to think of ways they could clean the clothing. Could we clean it with mud? Could we clean it with ketchup? Why not?

BIBLE TRUTH

Read the Bible verses.

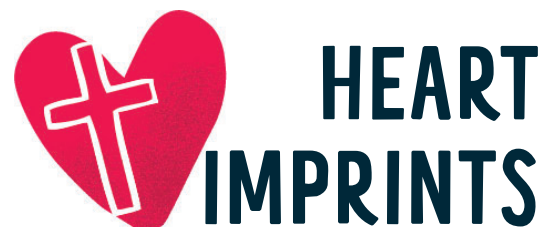
- Ask students to give examples of evil they see in the world.
- What would be a way to repay evil with evil?
- How instead can we repay evil with good?

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

- Why is it easier to repay evil with evil?
- Can you think of an example when Jesus didn't repay evil with evil? (When he was on the cross he forgave those who nailed him to the cross.) Because Jesus stayed on the cross, he won forgiveness for us when we fail to love our enemies.
- Explain to students that repaying evil with good has a domino effect. The more we show God's love to others, the more we show our love for God.

PRAYER

Dear God,
Forgive us for the times we take revenge on others, rather than repaying evil with good. Help us to show your love to those around us, especially those who are not kind to us. In your name we pray, Amen.



8th Sunday
After Epiphany
February 21 -
Feb. 27, 2022

SCRIPTURE: Luke 9:28-36

THEME: Jesus displays his glory

SONG: CW21 388/ CW93 97 st. 2 Down from the Mount of Glory

VISUAL: A pair of sunglasses

OBJECT LESSON

Why do we use sunglasses? To protect our eyes and make it easier to see when it is sunny out.

Jesus took on human nature during his time on earth so we could see him easier too.

BIBLE TRUTH

Read the Bible lesson.

For most of his time on earth Jesus looked like an ordinary man. He hid his glory and divine nature from the people. At transfiguration Jesus reveals his glory, so that the disciples (and we) will understand who he really is when his glory is hidden on the cross. And that's where his true glory is as he suffers and dies for the sins of the world.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

The disciples were frightened during Jesus' transfiguration. Would you be afraid if you saw what they saw? We likely would because we are sinners just like the disciples and God's unfiltered glory highlights our inability to be perfect and to be in his presence.

One day we too will see God's glory: Either when we die or when judgement day comes. We will not need to fear then because Jesus' sacrifice makes us pure so that we can be in God's presence. Until then we can remember the encouragement God gives to Christians of all time in 2 Corinthians: "we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

When will we see the full glory of God? God's glory isn't always apparent in our lives, but through Jesus we will experience that glory forever in heaven.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for revealing to us in your word that you are true God as well as true man. Thank you for revealing your glory and your plan of salvation for us in your word.



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