

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: 1 Chronicles 29:1-2, 10-18

THEME: Lord, Increase Our Faith – Faith that Delights in Duty

SONG: CW21 748/ CW93 484 Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

VISUAL: Chore chart

OBJECT LESSON

Show either a classroom chore chart or a home chore chart. Ask the children if they help mom and dad with chores at home. Ask them what their favorite chore is in the classroom

BIBLE TRUTH

King David lived in a really nice palace. It was humongous! And it looked really nice on the inside too! One day, he decided that he wanted to build a nice house for God, too. God told him that wasn't his job, so he couldn't do it. King David said ok and prayed and praised God rather than complaining.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

How do you feel when you have to do a chore you don't want to do?

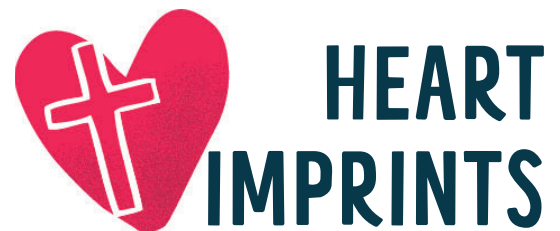
How do you want to be remembered? (various – but which is better to be remembered as the best basketball player or the one who was always kind and helpful?)

Which is more important to remember about Jesus—that he is the King of the Universe or that he humbled himself to be born a human, lived a perfect life, suffered, died on a cross, and was buried?

Only Christians can truly serve God in a way that is pleasing to him. David mentions the people belong to God. What has God done for us that we are his people who can serve him? (Jesus died for us; the Holy Spirit has given us faith through baptism). As his people, we can and want to do our duty to serve him and others.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you deserve the glory for all the good that we are able to do. Send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us to serve you with our lives, not looking for our own glory, but giving the glory to you. Amen.



18th Sunday after Pentecost

Pre-K Message

SCRIPTURE: Luke 17:11-19

THEME: Lord, Increase Our Faith – Faith that Overflows with Gratitude

SONG: CW21 597/ CW93 610 Now Thank We All our God

VISUAL: Gauze, Large bandages

OBJECT LESSON

Wrap your arm or leg or both in the gauze or bandages. Explain how the bandages that you wear help to protect whatever sores you have on your body so that they can heal without getting infected. When you have your arm or leg wrapped up, that means that you can't always participate in everything that everyone else does until you are completely healed.

BIBLE TRUTH

In bible times, both the Old and New Testament, leprosy was apparently a very common disease. The term leprosy covered a variety of skin diseases, but, most often, when referred to in the bible, it was a very contagious disease that would even cause peoples' fingers, toes, arms, and legs to fall off – gross!

Because it was such a contagious (and gross) disease, people who had leprosy had to live far away from their family and friends, often in caves. Whenever anyone who didn't have leprosy came near them, they had to shout out that they were "Unclean! Unclean!" so that no one would come near them.

One day, as Jesus was traveling, 10 people who had leprosy called out to him – from far away – asking him to have pity on them. Jesus did better than pity them; he healed them. Telling them to go and see the priests who would declare them to no longer be unclean, they noticed they were healed as they went.

Out of all 10 of those lepers, only one came back to say thank you.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

What do you think was the worst part of leprosy – the sickness itself or the separation from friends and family?

Have there ever been times when we, like the 9 lepers, get so caught up in our gifts from God that we forget to say thank you?

What sickness did each and every one of us have that was far worse than leprosy? (sin sickness)

Which is a worse effect of sin – living in a world that is full of evil or that sin separates us from God?

How did Jesus heal your "sickness?"

How can you say thank you to Jesus – with your voice? With your hands? With your feet? With your specific talents and abilities (playing piano, being good at soccer, excelling in math)?

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you have given us so many blessings. Forgive us for the times we fail to recognize those gifts and fail to thank you for them. Send your Spirit into our hearts to give us the strength to use our gifts to live our lives in thanksgiving for everything you have done for us. Amen.



HEART IMPRINTS

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 32:22-30

THEME: Lord, Increase Our Faith – Faith Demonstrated through Persistent Prayer

SONG: CW21 723/ CW93 413 When in the Hour of Utmost Need

VISUAL: police badge, firefighter helmet, doctor's stethoscope or white coat

OBJECT LESSON

If you were lost or scared and saw a person wearing a police badge, you could go and ask them for help. That's what they are there for! They will always help you! If there was a scary fire, you don't have to be afraid because you know that firefighters will come and help you—that is their job! If you are feeling sick, doctors have promised that they will always do what is best for you to make you feel better again!

BIBLE TRUTH

After Jacob deceived Esau and stole his birthright, he ran away. When it was time for him to finally go back home, he was afraid that Esau would want to kill him. After sending his family and possessions ahead of him, Jacob spent some time alone in prayer, asking God for help and his blessing so that everything would be ok between him and his brother.

In one of the most amazing sections of Scripture, Jacob's fervent prayer becomes an actual physical wrestling match with God. With great determination, Jacob tells God that he will not let him go until God would bless him.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

God is better than police, firefighters, and doctors. It is his job to help you. We can always go to God in prayer and ask for his help, no matter what we are going through! And, you know that he will help because he proved that he will help you by sending Jesus to wash away your sins.

PRAYER

Lord, fulfill your promises to us to bless us, protect us, and preserve us. Give us faith to come to you with any and all of our problems and the trust to know that you will work all things for our good. Amen.



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20th Sunday after Pentecost

Pre-K Message

SCRIPTURE: Luke 18:18-30

THEME: Lord, Increase Our Faith – Faith Demonstrated through Total Dependence

SONG: CW21 510 In Christ Alone

VISUAL: Ziploc bag, long toothpicks/skewers, pen
(alternate: blow up a balloon, scotch tape, pin/tac)

OBJECT LESSON

Explain how the sealed bag keeps the water inside the bag and, as long as there are no holes in the bag, the water will stay in. You would likely want to keep the bag away from sharp objects so that you don't end up with water everywhere and make a big mess! (alternate: as long as there are no holes in the balloon, it will stay full of air. Still keep away from sharp objects!)

Poke the Ziploc bag with the toothpick (make sure to keep the toothpick still! Practice it!) Or, with the skewer, go through both sides of the bag (again, make sure to go straight and LEAVE IT IN! Practice!). It seems impossible that you could poke this bag and not make a mess. It goes against everything you think you know to be true. (alternate: make sure you poke the balloon where you have placed a piece of scotch tape. The balloon will stay inflated even when you poke with the pin and remove it. Practice to make sure!)

BIBLE TRUTH

When an important man asked Jesus how to inherit eternal life, Jesus told him to keep all of the commandments perfectly. When the man thought that he had already done that, Jesus proved him wrong by asking him to sell all his possessions—essentially to keep the first commandment. The man went away sad. The people wondered how anyone could be saved!

Jesus answered that what is impossible with man is possible with God.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

How do you inherit eternal life? God does it all for you!

It would be impossible for us to inherit eternal life if it depended on us to keep the commandments perfectly. Thankfully, with God – giving us Jesus' perfect life and innocent death – the commandments are kept in our place!

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, because of your great love for us, you were able to do what is impossible for us to do. We praise you for the perfect life you lived in our place and we thank you for the forgiveness you won for us by sacrificing that life. Send your Spirit into our hearts to live our lives not to earn salvation, but in thanksgiving for the salvation you earned for us. Amen.



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