

**1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Sunday**  
End Time  
October 25-  
Oct. 31, 2021

**SCRIPTURE:** Jeremiah 18:1-11

**THEME:** Reformation Comes Through the Word

**SONG:** CW 93 200 (201) St. 1 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God  
or CW 21 870 St. 1 O Church, Arise

**VISUAL:** Playdough and Playdough tools; desks or tv trays;  
4 index cards with one word or picture on it:  
leaf, pumpkin, acorn, scarecrow

### OBJECT LESSON

Invite four children to make an object out of playdough. Place the leaf card upside down in front of the youngest sculptor and the scarecrow to the oldest. Tell them they will get 60 seconds to mold the object on the card. While they are making their object, walk among the students and make comments about their process. Note if anyone gets frustrated and starts all over again. When they are done, celebrate the objects they made. Draw attention to the fact that one or several of the sculptors started over by squashing their object and reforming it.

### BIBLE TRUTH

Introduce the Bible reading by asking the students about the work of a potter. Draw the connection between a potter's work and the students who modeled objects out of playdough. Ask the students to listen to who is the Potter in Jeremiah's story and who is the clay.

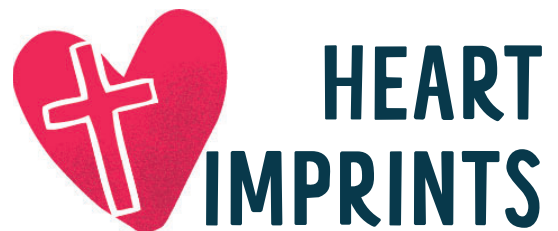
Make the point that people are represented by the clay and we needed to be reformed because of our sin and rebellion toward God. Reinforce that we sin whenever we don't do the things God's word says and whenever we do the things God's word forbids.

### DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Ask the students how God calls us away from our lives of sin? (Through his word, through people in our lives pointing out our sin, through hardships and troubles.) Point out how blessed we are because God uses these means to call us back to him. Ask the students what it means to repent? We are changing our minds about our sins and changing our minds about what we do with our sins. Martin Luther rediscovered in the reformation a trust in Jesus' saving work rather than our own efforts. Point out that as we leave sin behind, we honor God with our thoughts, words, and actions out of thankfulness and Jesus who makes it all possible.

### PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, forgive us for failing to honor you in all that we say, think, and do. Thank you for calling us to repentance and for sending Jesus who paid for all our sins. Give us strength to turn from our sin and help us to glorify you, In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.



**2<sup>nd</sup>** Sunday  
End Time  
November 1-  
Nov. 7, 2021

**SCRIPTURE:** John 5:19-24

**THEME:** Jesus is our Judge

**SONG:** CW 93 200 St. 1-2 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God or  
CW 21 870 St. 1-2 O Church, Arise

**VISUAL:** Sign that says SHOE CONTEST; 2 children to serve as judges

### OBJECT LESSON

Select a couple of children to compete against you in a shoe contest. Ask two students to judge who has the nicest shoes. The judges will work separately and may pick different winners. Ask the first judge who has the nicest shoes. Ask the judge why they chose those shoes. Ask the second judge who has the nicest shoes. Ask the judge why they chose those shoes.

### BIBLE TRUTH

Point out that the judges of the shoe contest used different reasons to pick their winners. In real contests, judges know what the rules are so that it is a fair contest. Introduce the reading from John 5 by telling the students that at the end of the world, Jesus will be the judge. Ask the students to listen for the rules that state how Jesus will judge the world. Read John 5:19-24.

Give the background that the Jewish leaders were upset because Jesus called God his Father. Summarize Jesus' answer: Not only is God his Father, the Father sent him and will entrust the judgement of the living and the dead to Jesus. God does this because Jesus is his Son who perfectly carried out his Father's will to win our salvation. Ask how Jesus will judge the people? (Whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life)

### DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Share how people like to try to invent different rules on how God will judge the world like doing great things for others or trying your best. Point out how simple God makes it for us: hear his word and believe that God sent Jesus to save the world from sin. Lead the children to see how it is important to share the simple message that Jesus saves with others so they too will live forever with Jesus.

### PRAYER

Dear Jesus, we praise you as the Judge of the living and the dead. Help us to hold on to the simple message that believing in you as the Savior of sinners is the only path to heaven. In your name we pray, Amen.



**HEART  
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**3<sup>rd</sup>** Sunday  
End Time  
November 8-  
Nov. 14, 2021

**SCRIPTURE:** John 5:25-29

**THEME:** Our Triumph is in Jesus

**SONG:** CW 93 219 Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See or  
CW 21 870 St. 1-3 O Church, Arise

**VISUAL:** Old trophy, medal, or ribbon

### OBJECT LESSON

Tell the story about how you won the object you brought. Ask the children if they have ever won a trophy, medal, or ribbon. Another way of saying that you won is that you are triumphant. You won a victory. Share with them that on Sunday we celebrate the victory we have in Christ AND the victory won by those who died believing in Jesus.

### BIBLE TRUTH

Remind the students that last week we talked about Jesus, our Judge, giving us heaven because we heard his word and believed that he was our Savior. Today we will hear another part of the victory we have in Christ: the resurrection of the dead! Read John 5:25-29.

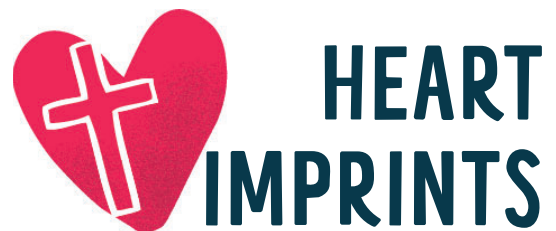
Point out that the victory we celebrate is the victory over death. The Bible teaches us that because we are sinners our bodies will die. (The wages of sin is death.) It also teaches us that without Jesus we are dead right now! (We are dead in our trespasses and sins.) Jesus brings us to life TWICE. Once when he gives us faith in him AND again when he raises our bodies from the dead. We are alive in Christ right now and our loved ones who died believing in Jesus will be alive again on Judgement day.

### DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Point out the challenge near the end of our reading where it almost sounds like Jesus is saying that good people go to heaven and bad people go to hell. Jesus judges good and bad based on the faith that comes through hearing his word. Those who reject Jesus lose their victory because they are still covered in sin and practice evil. Since we know, love and trust in Jesus, our actions are covered by Jesus' perfect life and are good. The good that believers do is also the outward evidence of the faith his Word has worked in our hearts. We celebrate victory because of the faith that Jesus gives us!

### PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for the victory we have in Christ Jesus. Help us to live as your children who are alive in faith and who have the hope of eternal life. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



**4<sup>th</sup>** Sunday  
End Time  
November 15-  
Nov. 21, 2021

**SCRIPTURE:** John 18:33-37

**THEME:** We Honor Jesus as King

**SONG:** CW 93 219 Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See or  
CW 21 870 St. 1-4 O Church, Arise

**VISUAL:** Toy made from legos assembled from your own  
imagination

### OBJECT LESSON

Share the lego creation that you brought and talk about what you were trying to make. Ask students what lego creations they make from their imagination. State how great legos are because you get to decide how to build them. You are the master of the legos.

### BIBLE TRUTH

State that in our Bible readings we see that Jesus is the master of his creation: the world and all who live in it. When Jesus comes on Judgement Day every person will see him and everyone will know that he is king. Point out that in one of the Bible readings, Jesus doesn't look very kingly. Read John 18:33-37.

Ask why Pilate was having a hard time believing that Jesus was the King of the Jews. (The Jews arrested him and handed him over to be killed.) Expound on the details that show that Jesus didn't look very kingly. (Jesus was beaten and tied up and no one was fighting for him.)

Jesus actually came to suffer under the law and the weight of our sins and to overcome them by dying on the cross. It is through his death that he freed us from our sins and made us God's children. Jesus will receive honor as the master of all because he took our punishment and won us salvation.

### DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Pilate thought that Jesus would have earthly glory if he was really a king. Point out that many people also want Jesus to bring glory here on earth. Jesus actually promised something else would happen to his followers. Ask the students what he promised. (suffering, pain) Those things happen so that we don't cling to this sinful world and so that we turn to Jesus and his Word for forgiveness and comfort. In other words, he testifies to the truth and leads us in various ways to that truth. While in this sinful world we long for Jesus' coming and living with him as our King in heaven.

### PRAYER

Dear Jesus, the ruler of the kings of the earth, Thank you for winning our place at your side in heaven through your perfect life and innocent death. Help us long for you and your coming again when we suffer here on earth. Point us to our eternal life with you in heaven. In your name we pray, Amen.

