



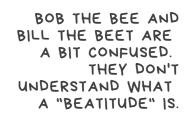


THE BEATITUDES WORD-SEARCH

CAN YOU FIND THESE WORDS FROM MATTHEW 5:1-12 AND JESUS' BEATITUDES?

MOUNTAIN TAUGHT BLESSED POOR KINGDOM MOURN MEEK
SATISFIED
MERCY
HEART
PEACE
HEAVEN





IS JESUS SAYING "BEE-ATITUDES" OR A "BEET-ATUDE"?

NO, OF COURSE NOT.

"BEATITUDE" MEANS
"SUPREME BLESSEDNESS".

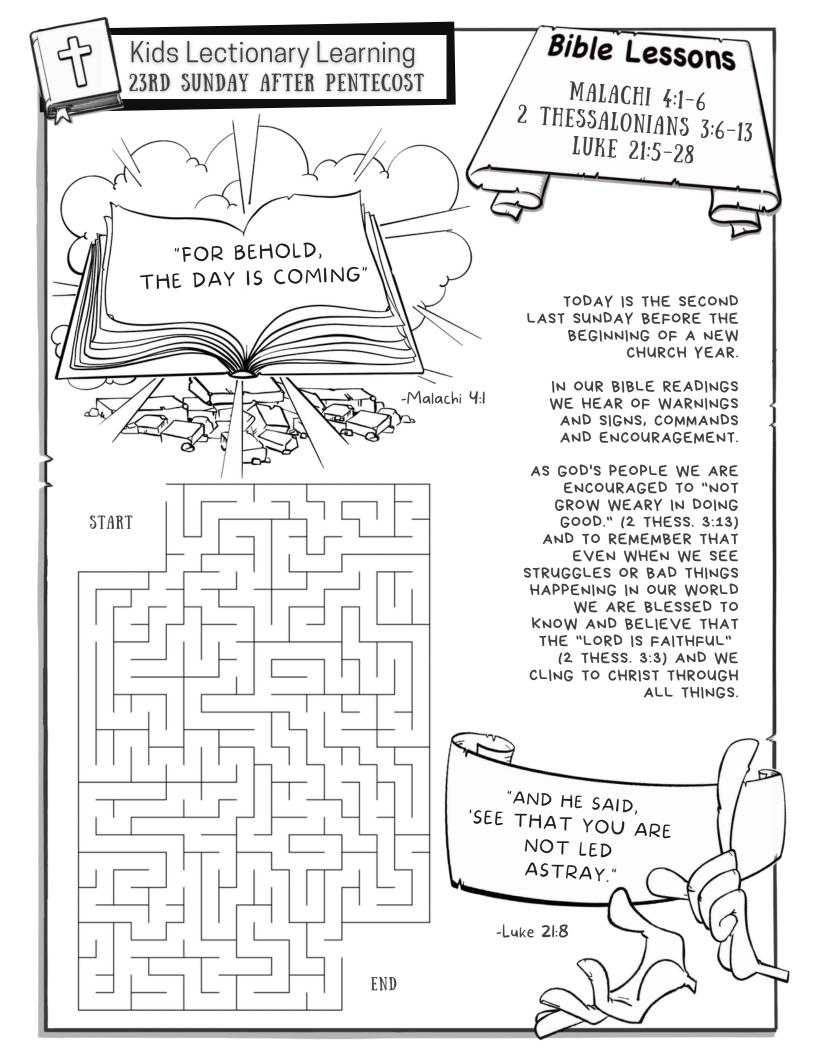
JESUS IS TEACHING THE CROWDS, AND US, ABOUT THE BLESSEDNESS HE ALONE GIVES.

"and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

- Revelation 7:17









MALACHI 4:1-6



WORD-SEARCH



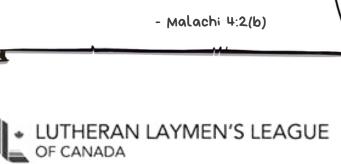
CAN YOU FIND THESE WORDS FROM MALACHI 4:1-6 IN OUR WORD SEARCH?

BEHOLD
DAY
ABLAZE
LORD
BRANCH
NAME
SUN
RISE
HEALING
GREAT
HEARTS
CHILDREN

J C H I L D R E N Z P X E H M C T P B P S N H E A L I N G O O O Q J E W D W G M N N B G H W W Z J V H H D W F X L F O H L S U P B G O X A H A Z C P K N Q K F X R M L B U W N X J B A E W Z Q E T M D H C B A K C M G F L Q A N T H Z N R B K Y E L K M D T M O Z H A A L D B Q I D O D A W A M R E N A W W K H X E A G H A D S R C Z Y M V T R E Y A S Z R U R H E T X N L T M H V G Z O N I O H P O E U L O R D G Y P O S U A M I H E A R T S J Q G S E Y L P S

CAN YOU COLOUR HUGHIE THE HIGHLAND STEER AS HE LEAPS ABOUT, AND AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE COMING OF CHRIST OUR LORD.

"You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall."

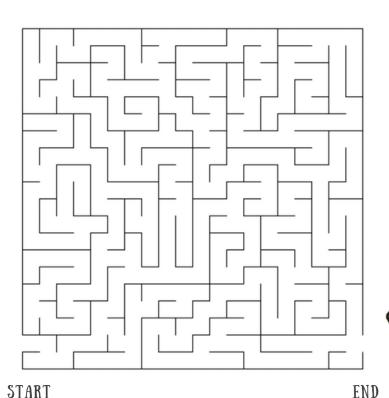




Kids Lectionary Learning LAST SUNDAY OF CHURCH YEAR

"FOR BY HIM ALL THINGS WERE CREATED, IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH,"

-Colossians 1:16



Bible Lessons

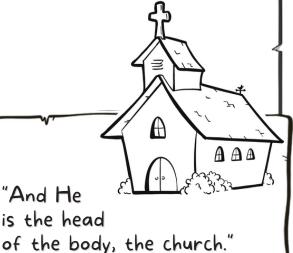
MALACHI 3:13-18; COLOSSIANS 1:13-20; LUKE 23:27-43

TODAY IS THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR, AND THE FINAL SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT.

AND TODAY WE HEAR AGAIN WARNING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHET MALACHI. WE GET TO LEARN FROM ST. PAUL AS HE TEACHES ABOUT JESUS AND HIS IMPORTANCE AND AUTHORITY OVER ALL THINGS.

AND THE GOSPEL READING FROM LUKE 23 TELLS US OF JESUS' WORDS AS HE CARRIES HIS CROSS, AND SPEAKS AND PRAYS FROM THE CROSS.

SO GRAB YOUR BIBLES AND LET'S READ AND LEARN TOGETHER TODAY!



is the head of the body, the church."

- Colossians 1:18





WORD-SEARCH

CAN YOU FIND THESE WORDS FROM Luke 23:27-43 IN OUR WORD SEARCH?

JESUS	CHRIST
WEEP	MOCKED
TWO	KING
CRIMINALS	REMEMBER
FORGIVE	KINGDOM
CAST	TODAY
SAVE	PARADISE

GBCSJCIRTU
IQWAISMCTJ
UKTCDSKAYP
CPARADISEMI
QPRFNEGUON
JCRIOGHJKD
JCRIOGHJKD
UVMPMEZIDM
SEPTTIMAVB
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"And Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.'"

- Luke 23:34

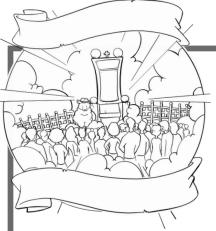




TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022

REVELATION 7:9-17; 1 JOHN 3:1-3; MATTHEW 5:1-12



Today is All Saints' Day observed (All Saints' Day is Nov. 1st), a day set aside to remember those who have died in the faith. On All Saint's Day we remember, and give thanks to God, for those whose souls, by grace through faith, now rest in God's heavenly presence.

It can be a bittersweet day for many as we still can feel the pangs of grief or loss as we remember those loved ones who have died, but there is comfort in knowing they now are with Christ and in a place where there are no more tears.

The word "saint" is from the Latin word for "holy". And so we remember the saints, the "holy ones" who received salvation by grace through faith. We can remember all who were called and believed in Christ by celebrating God's love and grace to them, and by honouring the example they have left for us. The first image is meant to be a partial illustration of the multitude, the saints, gathered before the throne

of God.

REVELATION 7:9-17

"A great multitude"- In John's vision he is given a glimpse of the throneroom of God and a picture of the fulfillment of the Great Commission (Matthew 24:14), just as Jesus has promised.

John's vision and description are centered around God and His throne, that is, His divine sovereignty. This is great comfort for the readers for we are shown that God does rule and He provides into eternity for His saints, His people.

"Clothed with white robes"- These robes remind and illustrate the righteousness of Jesus, and how we are made right, cleaned white as snow, because of His great sacrifice. These robes also remind us of the priests (or pastors) and their service to God. One could highlight or point out the pastors alb (robe) and use that as a teaching moment, or discuss other times we see white robes (i.e. baptismal gown, wedding gown, etc)

Palm branches were emblems and common symbols of victory. The fact that the multitude in heaven have them illustrates the celebration of Christ's great victory.

If teaching on this passage one could ask or remind young learners of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem (John 12:12-16), where Jesus was also praised as Savior and King, with the crowds proclaiming "Hosanna", which means "save us/ save now!".

"Wash away all tears"- This is a beautiful example of God's great and tender love for us. If teaching young learners one could explain using examples of a loving father or brushing away the tears from her child's face. God loves us with that kind of nurturing care.

On this side of heaven we know and experience our share of pain and tears. God invites us to cry out to Him and to come to Him in prayer. And yet this passage gives to us a glimpse into the eternal reality and consolation when one day in heaven He will wipe away all tears forever.

1 JOHN 3:1-3

TEACHING SUPPLEMENT



1 John 3:1-3 shows us a powerful and clear description of God's love, one that again highlights the fatherly love of God for us, His children.

John chapter 3 focuses on God's love, and here John explains how believers are not only "called children of God" but truly are God's children. God's Word does what it says. When God says we are His children, we are. When God says "Your sins are forgiven", they are. This is great comfort for children of all ages, especially as we remember those who have gone before us and are now resting secure with their heavenly Father.

MATTHEW 5:1-12- THE BEATITUDES

Jesus begins His sermon on the Mount by stating who is blessed. Sometimes the greek word for "blessed" can be translated as "happy", but it does contain more than an emotional feeling. "Blessed" includes God's gifts and promises, and His love even when we don't feel happy.

For example, the poor in spirit, those who recognize their spiritual poverty of frailty, will receive the kingdom of heaven. They are blessed, they can be and feel happy, and the can be assured of God's love and promises to them, not because they have some internal strength that warrants God's favour, but because they recognize they do not. Their strength, their hope, their "blessedness", comes from God.

Below is a very simplified look at the beatitudes:

Those who mourn, who are sorry for their sins, receive comfort in Christ's forgiveness.

The meek, those who have a quiet or humbled character, will inherit the earth.

Those who seek for righteousness, seek after Christ, will be satisfied.

The merciful will receive mercy.

The pure in heart will see and understand, by God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, the heart of God.

The peacemakers will be called, and will be, children of God.

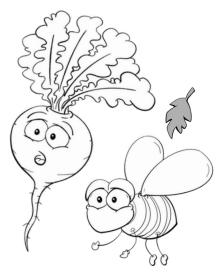
Those who endure suffering or persecution for doing God's will and obeying His commands will inherit the kingdom of God.

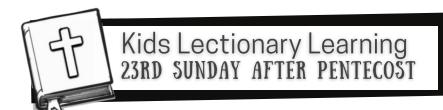
There is much depth and quality to each of these beatitudes, and they give us a beautiful window through which to see how we are blessed, and how God's kingdom comes.

Teaching the Image

On the page is a bee as well as a beet. There is no deep symbolism to these illustrations, instead they could be used to help remember or teach the "beeatitudes" or "beet-atudes" as a phonetic example.





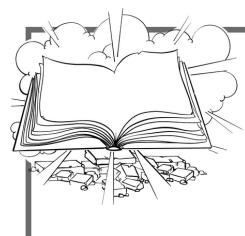


TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022

MALACHI 4:1-6; 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13; LUKE 21:5-28

As we near the end of the Church Year, the final Sundays are given the theme of the end times (eschatology) and point us towards the second coming of Christ. We are given warnings, commands, and encouragement, even as God's people see destruction, violence, and signs all around. We are blessed to know and believe that the "Lord is faithful" (2 Thess. 3:3) and we cling to Christ through all things.



Teaching the Image

Our opening image is of light beams shining through the clouds and upon stone blocks that have been broken and thrown down.

This is in reference to our gospel reading from Luke 21:5-28 and Jesus' words foretelling the destruction of the temple.

This image could be used to teach the historical reality of the temple being destroyed in 70 AD, but also about the end times.

The image is meant to illustrate the harsh reality of the destruction foretold, but the light shining through the dark clouds shows us the grace and blessings of salvation in Christ.

MALACHI 4:1-6

Our first reading is from the final book of the Old Testament, Malachi. Malachi is written after Israels return from captivity in Babylon, and is from approximately 430 B.C.

The name Malachi means "my messenger" and Malachi the prophet fulfills this name as he proclaims a message about the coming Messiah and the Day of the Lord coming like a furnace.

Malachi lived during a time of moral and social decline for Israel and he speaks out against the decline of Israel.

In it we are reminded that the day of the Lord is coming and that despite all we may see and feel God is in control and is working according to His time and plan.

This passage also serves as a stark warning and reminder for the proud and the wicked, specifically the imagery of fire and stubble.

Malachi also gives encouragement to those the faithful and those who fear God. The phrase "sun of righteousness", has been held by even early Christians as a direct reference to Christ, the coming Messiah.

Malachi exhorts the people to remember the Law of Moses which was, and is, an important reminder, as after this time in Isreals history God's prophetic voice is silent for 400 years.

The Old Testament ends with a very different tone than it began in Genesis 1:1 due to sin and its consequences. Malachi ends with a command to obey the Law, but also with the expectation of a new dawning of the Sun of Righteousness, the Messiah, and Elijah in preparation for the Lord.

TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

The second reading for this day is from St. Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians and is written for a church going through persecution (1:4-7), and in need of guidance for Christian living.

Paul opens with a command in the "name of our Lord Jesus Christ" to keep away from those who are intentionally idle. Many had seemingly misapplied the teachings on Christ's return and had stopped working or doing what their godly callings required. Paul points to his own time among them and the work he did to provide for himself. Paul tells the faithful that those who are purposely idle (note that he is not speaking to those who cannot work or provide for themselves) should be avoided in order that they may return to their responsibilities in life faithfully and in repentance.

Paul also encourages the faithful in their walk and exhorts them to "not grow weary in doing good." This builds up the Thessalonians as they look to live faithfully as Christians, but it also points them to Christ- the one who is good and who is always there for us in the midst of all we face.

LUKE 21:5-28

Our gospel reading for today is one of both warning and of strength. Jesus, looking beyond the physical appearance of the temple, foretells the destruction of the temple, as well as coming wars persecution, and destruction. Jesus' words foretold the destruction of the temple in AD 70, but they also foreshadow the end times.

Jesus warns his disciples that difficut times lay ahead but they need not be afraid nor despair when news of national, international, or natural disasters take place. The disciples, like the church, will endure suffering and persecutions beacause of Christ, and yet Christ will give His people the endurance and faith they need to remain faithful until the end.

Teaching the Image

Stemming from the first reading from Malachi 4:1-6, we have Hughie the Highland Steer jumping and playing joyfully.

This image could be used to teach on the joy that comes from Christ and His salvation, or upon the specific text of Malachi 4 where it talks about how the people of God will be joyful and "shall go out leaping like calves from the stall" (v.2).



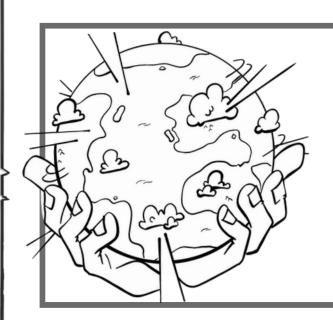
TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022

MALACHI 3:13-18; COLOSSIANS 1:13-20; LUKE 23:27-43

Today is the last Sunday of the Church year, and the final Sunday before Advent. And as we consider Jesus the Christ, who is our King, and who will come again on that final day, we also consider His reign from the cross and His words of promise to the thief in Luke 23.

Teaching the Image



The first image for the learning pages is a representation of a pair of hands holding the earth. This image is meant to represent God's hands and the fact that He is in control.

This image could be used to teach on the end times, or suffering, and how God is in control even when we may feel like He is not.

This image could also be used to teach the second lesson for today from Colossians 1:13-20. St Paul writes how Jesus is first among all powers, and that He was there at creation, and it is He who has won for us salvation. He is the King and Ruler over all.

MALACHI 3:13-18

Last week we read from the final portion of Malachi 4. This week we step back a chapter and hear the prophet Malachi speak of God's law and the Book of Remembrance.

Verses 13 begins with God proclaiming how His people have spoken against Him and have felt it offers no benefit to serve and obey God.

Malachi 3:16 then tells us of the book of remembrance and that God remains faithful and and remembers and delivers those who do fear and obey Him. Our service, like those of Israel, may not bring earthly rewards in all circumstances, yet God promises that His people are His "treasured possession" and that He will deliver them (v.17).

God assures us that to those who fear Him, their service is not without purpose or benefit. God's many gifts, like grace, faith, and opportunities to serve, are blessings from God and we can celebrate and give thanks for His grace and mercy.



TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

COLOSSIANS 1:13-20

As we look to the end times, and the coming of Christ our King, Colossians 1:13-20 presents us with St. Paul's letter to the Colossian church and teachings on Christ as preeminent, first. After St. Paul greets the Colossian Christians and assures them of his prayers for them (1:1-14), Paul announces the universal importance and authority Jesus has and the reconciliation (the making right between God and humanity) that Jesus brings by His death and resurrection. St. Paul shows the lordship of Jesus by teaching on the created order. Jesus, true God and Man, the second member of the Trinity, not only created all things, but rules all things- and He rules His church. And this God, the first over all things, came and died for you and for me so that we may have salvation and hope in Him.

LUKE 23:27-43

The gospel reading opens with Jesus, already condemned, now carrying His cross to the place of execution. Luke records for us Jesus' words of warning to the women and crowds about what will come. Christ knew of the suffering to come for Jerusalem and His people, just as He knows the trials people throughout the ages have faced and do face. We see His concern not being for Himself, but for His people even in the midst of tragedy.

Verses 32-38 show us Jesus, now on the cross, pained and suffering, and yet praying for those who are crucifying him. Depsite the physical, emotional, spiritual, and even social pain He endured, Christ' love for His people, even those who are mocking Him, is miraculous. Even when His Kingship is mocked, such as the sign hung on the cross over Him, Christ, the King of Kings, fulfills His purpose to bring not and earthly kingdom, but a spirtual, heavenly, eternal salvation and citizenship by grace through faith.

Verse 39-43 give us the account and interaction of Jesus and the theif on the cross, which is recorded only here in the gospel of Luke. Jesus is crucified with two criminals, and as they are on the cross one criminal rails against Jesus to save Him and them physically from their punishment. The other criminal, aware of Jesus' innocence and also his own guilt, rebukes the other criminal and admits his own guilt and belief in Christ as the Messiah and King. Jesus compassion is evident as He proclaims to the theif on the cross, as they are about to die, those powerful words, "today you with be with Me in paradise." (v. 43)



Teaching the Image

This image is a cartoon representation of the soldiers mocking Jesus as He is on the cross.

The emphasis when teaching this image would be to highlight Jesus' words from the cross,

"Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Jesus' grace for us sinners is an amazing gift, and even when mocked, He prayed and loved.