



Kids Lectionary Learning
CANADIAN THANKSGIVING

God has given us many blessings.
Find and colour each blessing below.

HOLY SPIRIT

EARTH & CLOUDS

BAPTISMAL
FONT

THE CROSS

"giving Him thanks."

BIBLE

-Luke 17:19

HOME &
FAMILY

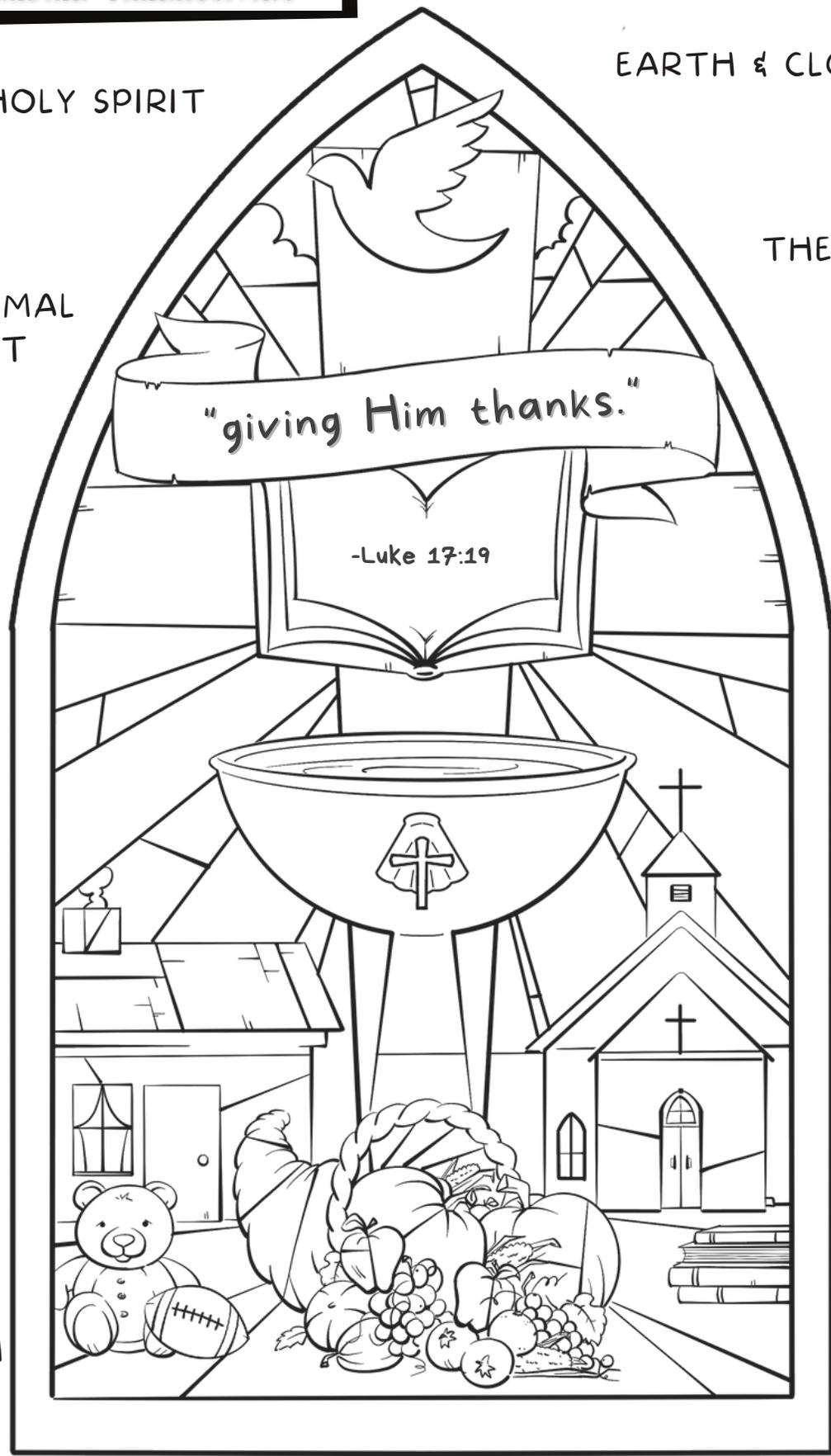
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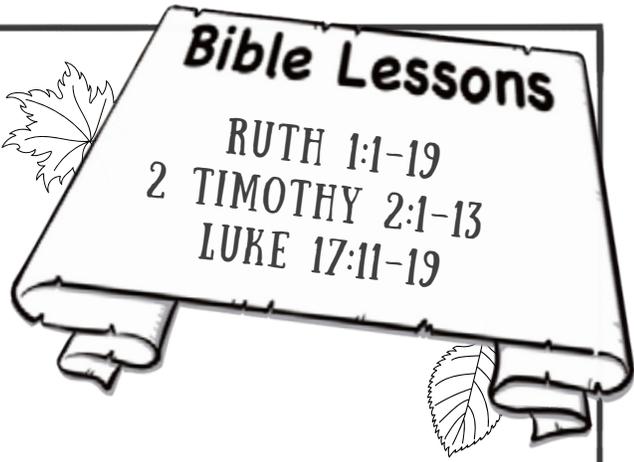
THANK YOU JESUS FOR ALL YOUR BLESSINGS AND LOVE. AMEN.





Kids Lectionary Learning
18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND (CANADA)



"and he
fell on his face
at Jesus' feet,
giving him
thanks.

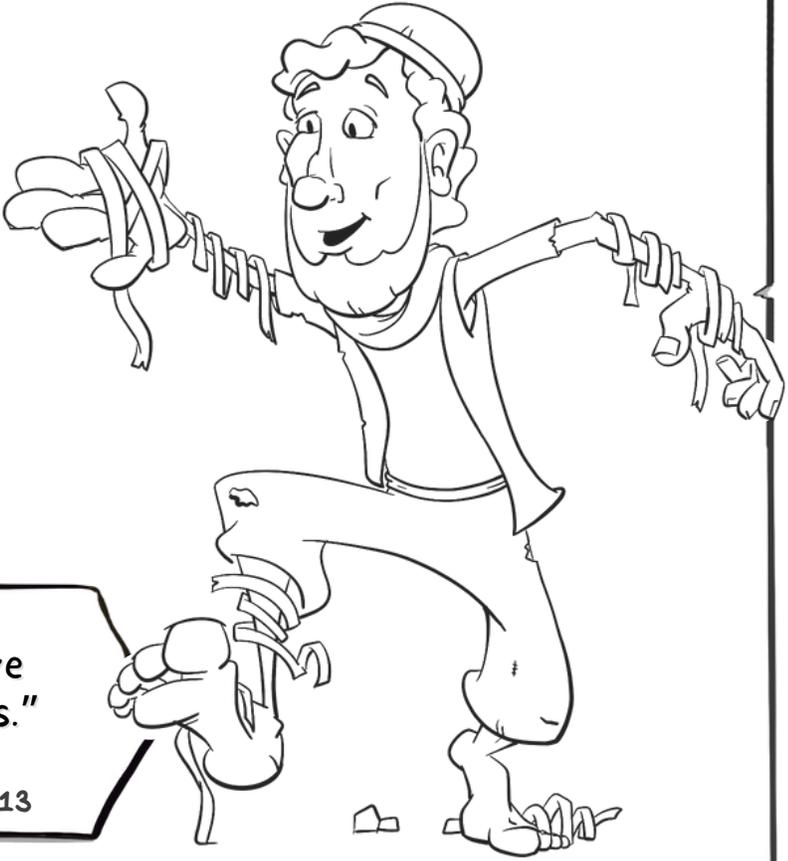
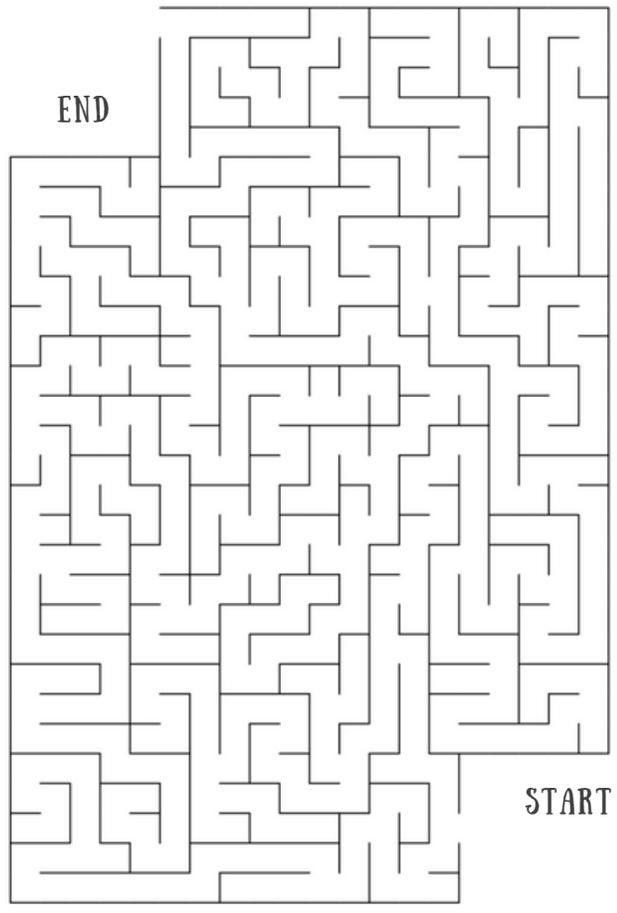
-Luke 17:19

TODAY WE ARE BLESSED TO
READ OF SOME VERY POWERFUL
EXAMPLES OF FAITH AND HEALING.

IT IS ALSO THANKSGIVING WEEKEND
HERE IN CANADA, AND THERE IS SO
MUCH THAT WE CAN BE THANKFUL FOR.

AS YOU READ OR LISTEN TO THE
BIBLE READINGS TODAY, SEE IF YOU
CAN PICK OUT SOME THINGS THAT THE
PEOPLE IN THE READINGS ARE
THANKFUL FOR, AND THAT YOU TOO
CAN BE THANKFUL FOR.

GRAB YOUR BIBLES AND LET'S GO!



"Jesus, Master, have
mercy on us."

- Luke 17:13



"You then, my child,
be strengthened by the grace
that is in Christ Jesus,"

- 2 Timothy 2:1

WORD-SEARCH

CAN YOU FIND THESE WORDS
FROM RUTH 1:1-19 IN OUR
WORD SEARCH BELOW?

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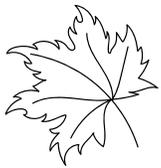


BETHLEHEM
MOAB
NAOMI
RUTH
FOOD

FIELDS
LORD
RETURN
URGE
PEOPLE

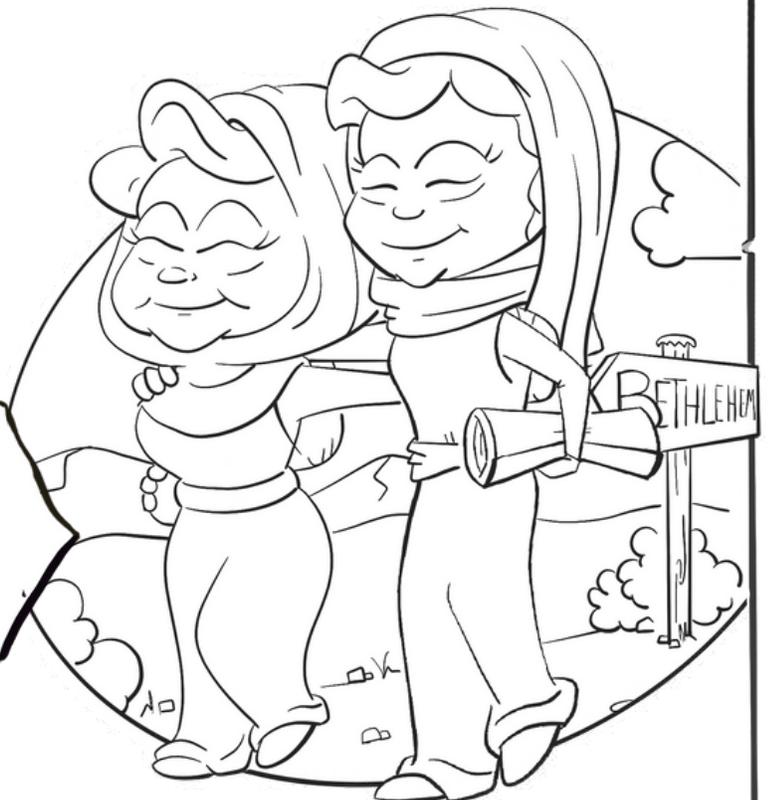
Ruth went with her mother-in-law
Naomi, and promised to stay with her.

Can you colour the picture of Ruth and
Naomi below, and then think of
something other than family, that you
are thankful to Jesus for?



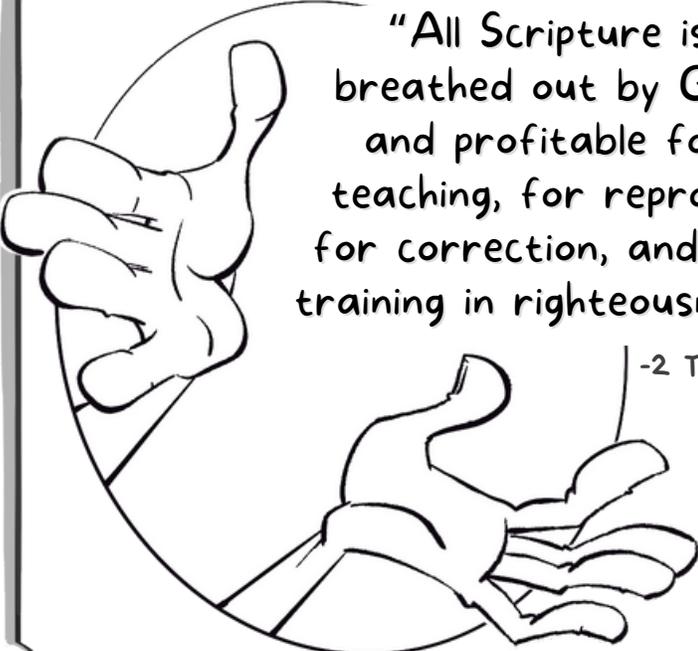
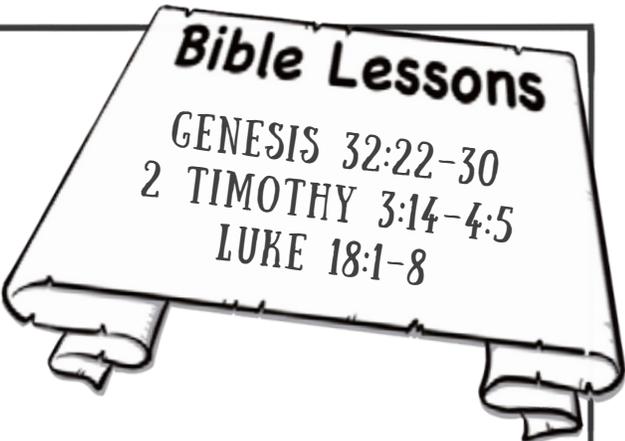
"Share in suffering as
a good soldier of Christ Jesus."

- 2 Timothy 2:3





Kids Lectionary Learning
19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



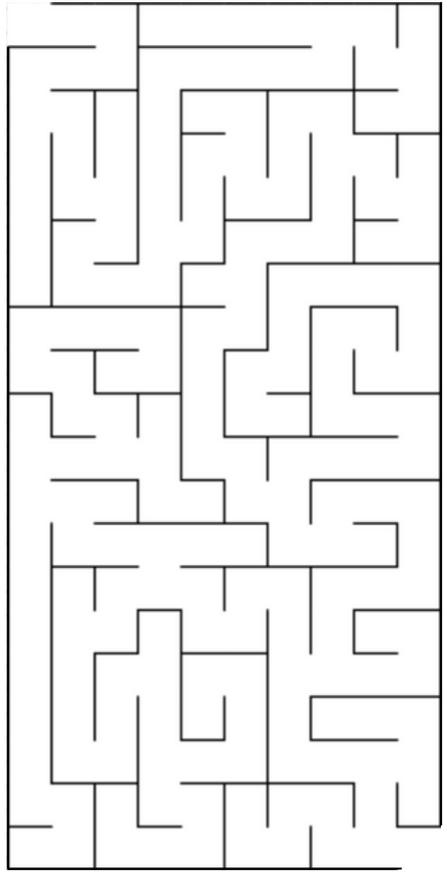
"All Scripture is
breathed out by God
and profitable for
teaching, for reproof,
for correction, and for
training in righteousness,"

-2 Timothy 3:16

TODAY WE LEARN ABOUT FAITH,
PRAYER, THE WORD, AND
WRESTLING WITH GOD?

GRAB YOUR BIBLES AND READ OR
LISTEN TO LESSONS FOR TODAY
AS WE GROW IN GOD'S
GRACE AND TRUTH.

START



END



"Give me justice
against my adversary."

- Luke 18:3



"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed,"

- 2 Timothy 3:14

WORD-SEARCH

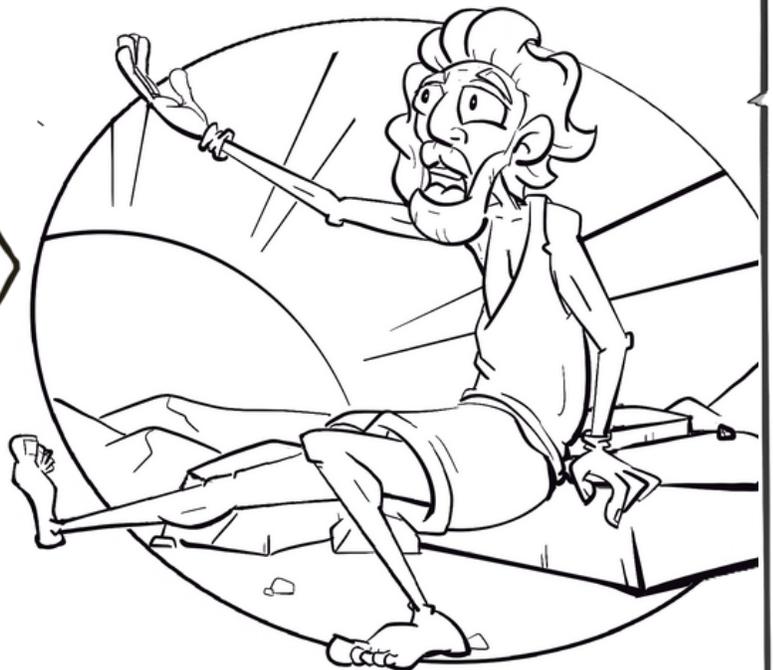
CAN YOU FIND THESE WORDS FROM Genesis 32:22-30 IN OUR WORD SEARCH?

JACOB
ALONE
MAN
WRESTLED
TOUCHED
HIP
BLESS
NAME
ISRAEL
GOD
FACE
DELIVERED

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

"So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

- Genesis 32:30





Kids Lectionary Learning 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Bible Lessons

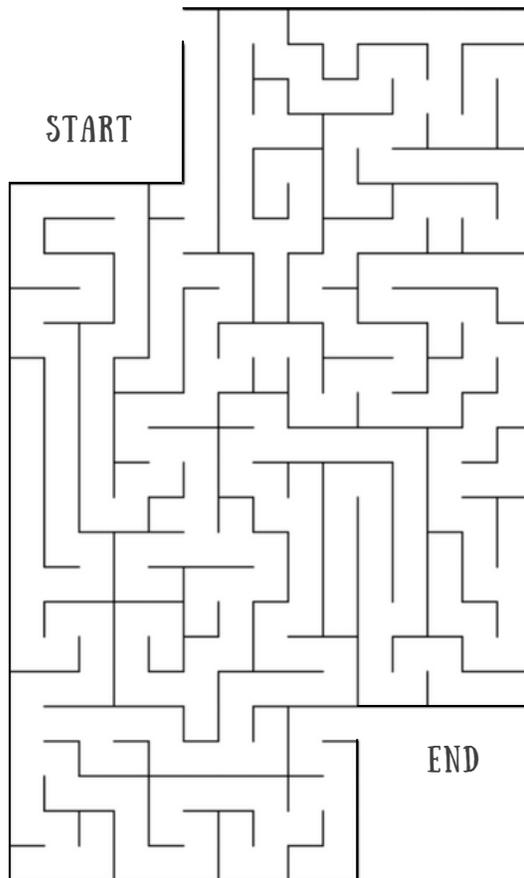
GENESIS 4:1-15
2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8,16-18
LUKE 18:9-17

"But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

-Luke 18:16



START



END

TODAY WE HEAR JESUS SPEAK ABOUT CHILDREN. WE READ OF GOD PROTECTING ST. PAUL AND BLESSING HIM, AND WE SEE THE WARNING FROM GOD IN THE STORY OF CAIN AND ABEL. GRAB YOUR BIBLES AND LET'S GROW TOGETHER.

"So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom.

- 2 Tim. 4:17b-18





"I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race, I
have kept the faith."



- 2 Timothy 4:7

WORD-SEARCH

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

CAN YOU FIND THESE WORDS FROM
LUKE 18:9-17 IN OUR WORD SEARCH?

PARABLE
 RIGHTEOUS
 PRAYED
 GOD
 FAST
 TITHES
 MERCIFUL
 HUMBLED
 INFANTS
 BELONG
 CHILD
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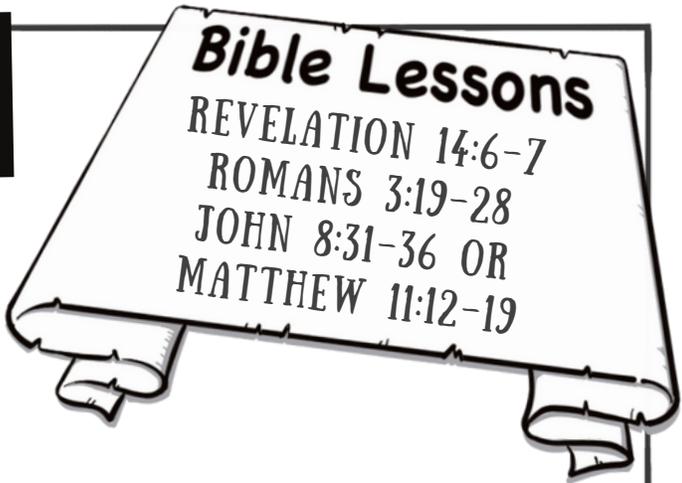
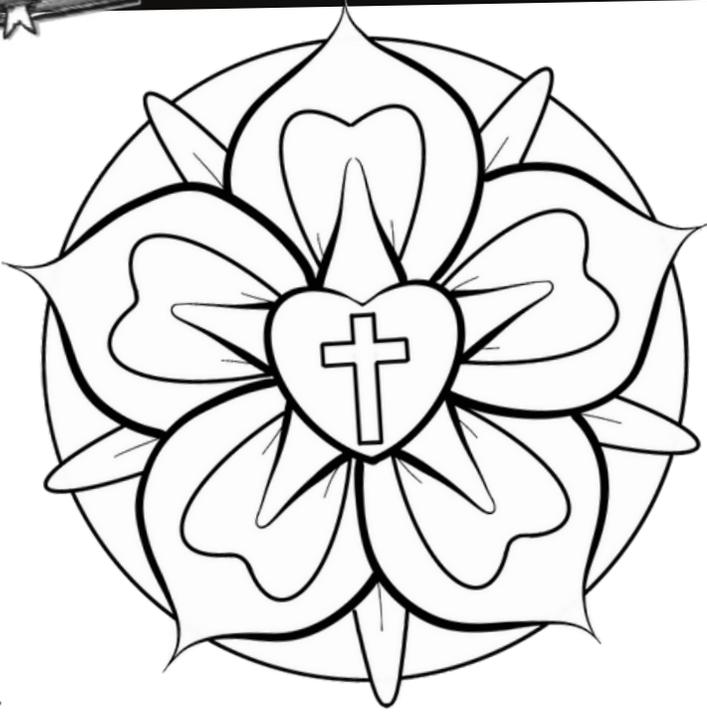
"In the course of time Cain
brought to the Lord an
offering of the fruit of the
ground, and Abel also
brought of the firstborn of
his flock and of their fat
portions."

- Genesis 4:3-4



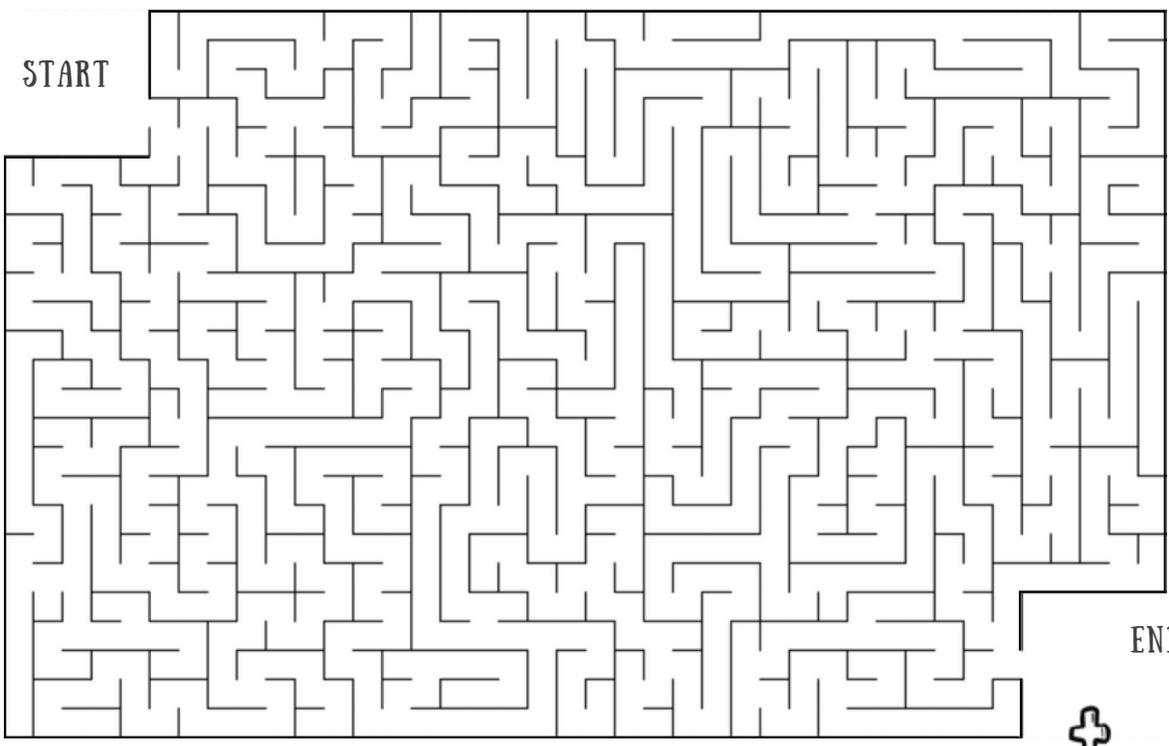


Kids Lectionary Learning
REFORMATION SUNDAY



Bible Lessons
REVELATION 14:6-7
ROMANS 3:19-28
JOHN 8:31-36 OR
MATTHEW 11:12-19

TODAY WE CELEBRATE GOD'S
GRACE AND LOVE FOR US FOR WE,
WHO ARE SINNERS ARE JUSTIFIED BY
GRACE ALONE THROUGH FAITH ALONE
FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST ALONE AND
MADE KNOWN TO US IN SCRIPTURE
ALONE, AND ALL TO THE
GLORY OF GOD ALONE!

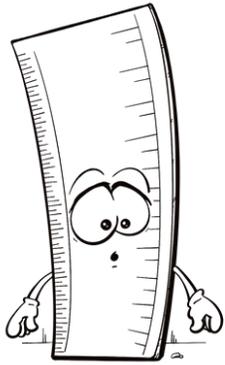


START

END

"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
-John 8:31-32





REFORMATION WORD-SEARCH



CAN YOU FIND THESE LUTHERAN
REFORMATION WORDS FROM ROMANS 3:19-28.

FAITH
GRACE
CHRIST
SCRIPTURE
GLORY
SAVED
GIFT
JUSTIFIED
LAW
JESUS

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

LIL' LOU IS DRESSED UP AS MARTIN LUTHER AND HOLDING A BIBLE. LUTHER POINTED PEOPLE TO CHRIST AND TO THE SCRIPTURES AND THE TRUTH IT REVEALS TO US FOR SALVATION.

CAN YOU COLOUR LIL' LOU AND THANK JESUS FOR THE BIBLE AND HIS LOVE FOR US.



"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,"
- Romans 3:23-24



Kids Lectionary Learning 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND (CANADA)

BIBLE LESSONS

RUTH 1:1-19
2 TIMOTHY 2:1-13
LUKE 17:11-19



"and he
fell on his face
at Jesus' feet,
giving him
thanks.

-Luke 17:19

The first image is of a set of hands praying. This is meant to symbolize saying thanks to God as the healed Samaritan leper did. Whether it is Thanksgiving weekend or any other day, we are blessed by God and blessed to give Him thanks for all that He has given to us.

FIRST READING: Ruth 1:1-19

The first reading for today is from the Old Testament book of Ruth, which was written around 1000 years before the time of Christ. Ruth was written during the time of the judges (like Samson, or Gideon), which was generally a difficult time in Israel's history. We immediately encounter this difficulty in the first few verses of Ruth as we are introduced to Elimelech, his wife Naomi and their two sons, who leave Bethlehem during a famine, and travel to the foreign land of Moab.

Within 10 years in Moab, Elimelech passes away, as do the two now married sons. Naomi is widowed, and without sons when she hears of God's blessings for His people back in Bethlehem. She decides to go back to Bethlehem and urges her to Moabite daughters-in-law to stay in Moab and return to their own people, for she cannot provide for them. Orpah returns to her people, but Ruth does not, pledging her loyalty and devotion to her mother in law.

- "*sojourn*" (v.1) - "to leave or travel with the intention to return."
Elimelech's intention in leaving Bethlehem was for a short visit. However, it turned into a ten, tragedy-filled years, with Elimelech never returning to Israel.
- "*so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.*" (v. 5) To be a widow, and without a son was a very desperate situation and put Naomi among the lowest, most disadvantaged people of the time. She had no one to support her, and she required the generosity of strangers, as Naomi had no family in Moab, and no one else to help her.
- "*the Lord had visited his people and given them food.*" (v.6) - Even in the foreign land of Moab, Naomi heard that God had provided for His people and so she sets out to return to Bethlehem.
- "*But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house."*" (v.8) - This advice, which might seem strange or even rude at first to a young learner, is one that makes sense for Orpah and Ruth. From Naomi's perspective this was the wise thing to do. Orpah and Ruth had stronger family ties in Moab, so it made sense for them to stay in Moab instead of travelling to Bethlehem with Naomi who couldn't provide for them.
- "*the hand of the LORD has gone out against me*" (v.13) - This expression can be difficult for young learners to grasp. Though it could appear as Naomi being bitter against God for the tragedy she has experienced, it seems that Naomi was not accusing God of doing something wrong, instead she is acknowledging God's control over all things. This can even be viewed as an expression of trust even in the midst of struggle. Naomi is returning to Bethlehem and in fact soon she will experience God's hand go out for her, as God provides for her needs and those of Ruth her daughter in law.



- *"Your people shall be my people, and your God my God."* (v.16) - This is a powerful statement of loyalty and faith. Ruth is forsaking the Moabite gods she grew up with and committing to not just Naomi, but to the God of Israel. She is declaring to be a part of Israel and to follow God.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:1–13

The second reading picks up in chapter 2 of Paul's second letter to Timothy, and begins with St. Paul again encouraging young Timothy in Christ. Timothy has encountered false teachings, suffering, and even now has his mentor and friend in faith St. Paul imprisoned and suffering himself. This reading is a blessing from God to help encourage us, as it did for young Timothy, as we too encounter suffering, or disappointment, false teaching, or even the general ups and downs of life as we sojourn here in faith.

- *"be strengthened"* (v.1) - This is one of the 25 times that Paul encourages Timothy in the faith and in his ministry to the people.
- *"Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus"* (v.3) - Paul reminds Timothy to put on the attitude of soldier who expects suffering and hardship. A soldier is faithful to their command, even if it involves suffering.

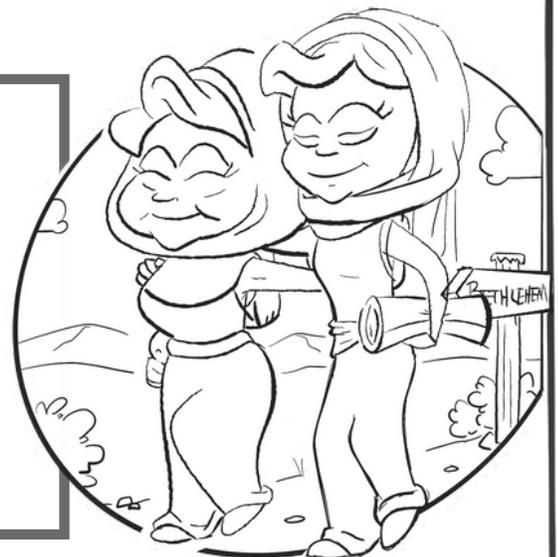
Here St. Paul is echoing the call of Christ in Matthew 16:24 to:

"deny oneself, and take up their cross, and follow Me."

- Paul also uses the example of an athlete who has to obey the rules of the game and yet competes hard to win, as well as a hard working farmer who, within the circles of community, has first claim to the crop.
- These examples, along with Paul's encouragement and words of teaching to Timothy are to encourage him to pass on the gospel to those who also can pass on and teach the gospel message. We are not alone in faith, we are blessed to be adopted into Christ's family by faith, and that same faith moves us to proclaim Jesus Christ and what He has done for us.
- Paul continues by proclaiming that though he is bound and suffering, the Word is not bound. Therefore we can endure in suffering, we can proclaim Christ, we can give thanks and praise in all things because of Jesus' great gift of faith and salvation won for each of us.

Teaching the Image

Is from the first reading of Ruth 1:1–19. It shows Naomi walking together with her daughter in law, Ruth as the journey back to Bethlehem. One could point out to young learners the sign saying "Bethlehem" in the direction they are going, as well as their happy smiles and trusting expressions. Their eyes are closed, even though they are walking, to symbolize walking together in faith. They don't know what all is going to happen but they trust in God as they go together.



**GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:1-10****Jesus Cleanses the Ten Lepers**

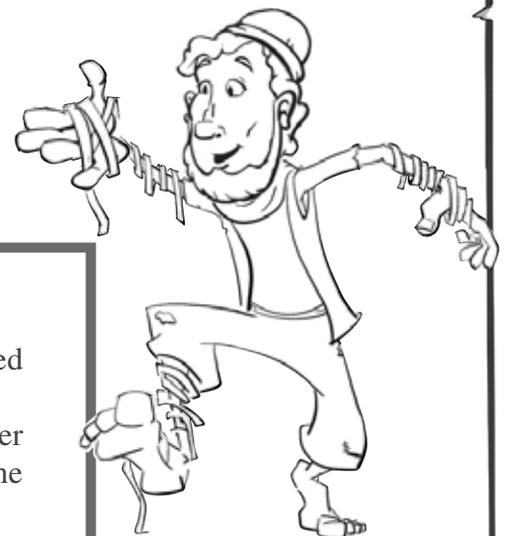
This lesson from Luke 17, shows us a powerful example of God's grace and faith, as Jesus heals 10 lepers, and a Christ-focused response to His gifts and blessings by giving thanks to God for all that He has done for us.

- As Jesus is going to Jerusalem, travelling through Samaria and Galilee, he comes to a village where ten men with leprosy call out to Him for "mercy".
- Leprosy is a word that can be used to describe several skin condition in the Bible, but it was known in general as a terrible skin disease for which there was no cure. People were very afraid of getting leprosy and therefore did not want to be around lepers. The Old Testament even talks of lepers living away from their families and friends (Leviticus 13:45-46).
- *"Go and show yourselves to the priests."*- The 10 men with leprosy started toward the village to find the priests. As they were going, they were completely healed. Under the Old Testament law, the priests were the ones who decided if a leper was cured of the disease and could return to their family and community.
- *"one of them"*- One of the lepers, who Jesus tells us was not a Jew but was a Samaritan, turns back when he is healed and falls down in worship before Jesus praising God in a loud voice. He turned around and went back to thank Jesus. Jesus praised the man for his faith.
- "Where are the nine?"
- Jesus was even more impressed by this single man who returned to thank Him because the former leper was a Samaritan (from the area of Palestine called Samaria). Samaritans and Jews did not like one another, and usually had nothing to do with each other. This one grateful Samaritan didn't care if Jesus was a Jew. The man just wanted to thank Jesus!
- We should be thankful to God, too, for everything He has done and continues to do for us (Philippians 4:6). He has given us our families and friends, our food and clothing, our houses, the church, the Bible—and He sent Jesus to save us from our sins. We should be like the one leper who said "thank you" and not like the other nine who took Jesus' help for granted and didn't stop to thank Him.

**IF CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING**

Some general points from the readings to highlight could be:

- Thankfulness for health (Luke 17)
- Thankfulness for family (Ruth 1)
- Thankfulness for food (Famine in Ruth 1)
- Thankfulness for friends & mentors (2 Timothy)
- Thankfulness for or during suffering (2 Timothy)
- Thankfulness for faith (Luke 17)
- Thankfulness for forgiveness / spiritual healing (Luke 17)

**Teaching the Image**

This image is from our gospel reading and shows the now healed Samaritan man coming back to thank Jesus.

Someone teaching on this text could point out that this man no longer has the marks of leprosy on him, and his bandages that used to cover the leprosy are loose and coming off- no longer needed.



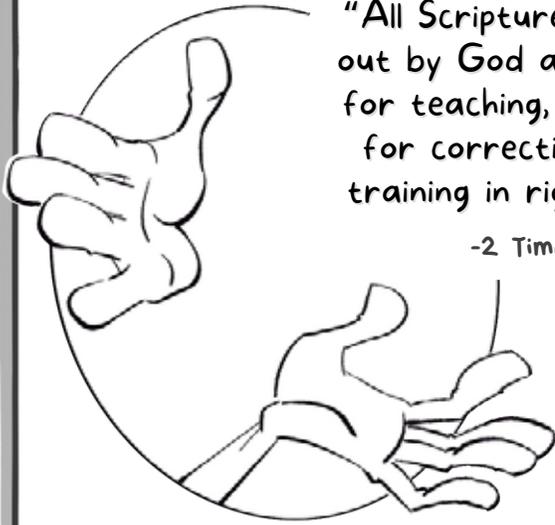
Kids Lectionary Learning 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022

BIBLE LESSONS

GENESIS 32:22-30
2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5
LUKE 18:1-8



"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,"

-2 Timothy 3:16

This first image represents the hands of St. Paul encouraging and reminding Timothy to hold fast to the Word of God. As Timothy faces difficulties Paul reminds him not only of what the Scriptures are for, but also of their power and benefit. That is, they are breathed by God and it is in Him that they have meaning.

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-30

Jacob Wrestles with God

- The passage picks up with Jacob, having sent gifts of peace to his brother Esau who was pursuing him, now sends his family and belongings across the river, staying behind alone on the other side.
- Often the focus can be put on Jacob and his wrestling. However, note that the text states that while Jacob was alone "a Man wrestled with him". The text indicates that it wasn't Jacob who sought out and wrestled the Man, instead, a Man wrestled with him.
- "A Man"- it becomes obvious in verse 25 that this is no ordinary man whom Jacob wrestles. The fact that the Man simply touches Jacob's hip and dislocates it makes this apparent. Many, including Luther, hold that this Man was indeed Jesus- God in human form.

Teaching points:

- Sometimes in life we can feel like we are wrestling with God, or maybe we even feel like we are winning. Life can feel unfair and we may be tempted to believe God is against us. But this appearance is not the reality. For just as we see with Jacob, God has the power and authority to do as He wills and He can allow the match to go on for as long as He desires and has the ability to change everything with a simple touch. Therefore we cling to the promises of Christ and His mercy and grace for us.
- Once defeated, Jacob cries out to God asking God to bless him. In defeat of self, and a submission to God who is above all things, there we find the blessings of God in Christ on the cross.
- Names and their meanings are very important in the Bible. The name Jacob means, "he deceives". The name Israel means "He strives with God" or "God strives".
- The name of the place Jacob named "Peniel" which means "Face of God". Jacob understood that it was only by God's grace and mercy did he wrestle with God and live. This humble lesson is one we all need take to heart and are often reminded of.

**SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5**

The second reading from 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 gives us St. Paul's encouragement and direction to young pastor Timothy to continue in the gospel, in the Word. Timothy is facing difficulties in his ministry and St. Paul is encouraging him to hold fast to the gospel message that he knows, has lived, and has preached.

Paul also encourages Timothy to remain steadfast in the grace he has experienced and that those before him have experienced as well. God's Word and faithfulness do not change even in a changing world or context.

Teaching Points:

- "from childhood"- Timothy had learned the Old Testament Scriptures since childhood, including from his mother and grandmother (2 Tim. 1:5). Paul encourages him in this same faith but with an exhortation to continue in it. It is an active and living Word, one that continually blesses and keeps Timothy in faith.
- "profitable"- Paul reminds Timothy explicitly of what the Word of God gives. It is of value and worth for us because it does these things for us.
 - Profitable for teaching, for instructing us in faith and in the life God has blessed us with.
 - It is profitable for reproof and correction- God's Word is the rule, the norm, by which our lives are judged and God and His Word have the authority to rebuke us and correct us. We are all under the authority of God's word, and God's law works to curb our behaviours. It works as a mirror to show us where we need repentance and correction. And God's word works to guide us in holy living.
 - It is profitable for instruction in righteousness- that is God's Word tells and gives what we need for salvation. It points us to Christ and His gifts of life and forgiveness. These are worthy gifts for Timothy to hold steadfast to.

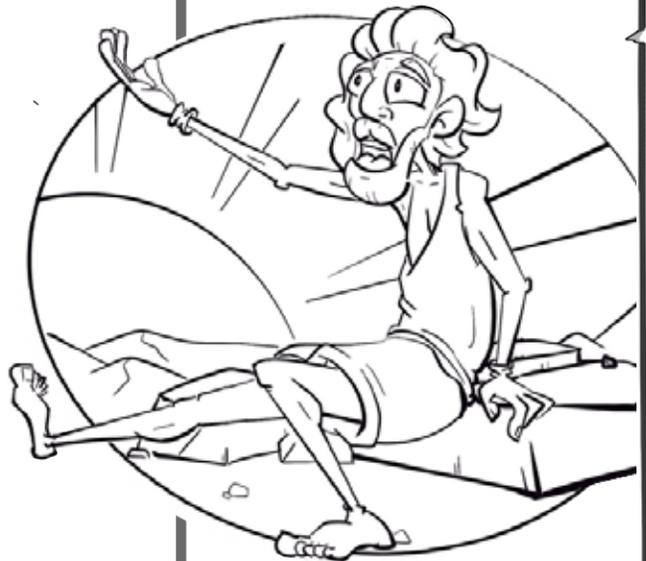
Teaching the Image

This image is from the OT reading from Genesis 32:22-30.

It is an image of Jacob, having wrestled with God all night, and now declaring this the place where he has seen the "face of God and lived".

This image shows the morning sun on the horizon as well as a disheveled and tired looking Jacob.

If teaching on this image, one could point out Jacob's leg sticking out at an awkward angle, due to it being put out of joint at the touch of the Man.



**GOSPEL READING: Luke 18:1-8**

In this parable from Jesus we are told explicitly what the purpose of the parable is: that we may not lose heart in prayer".

- "lose heart"- this phrase is used to show that the act, and struggle, of prayer at times is not just physical. It is emotional and spiritual.
- The "Unjust Judge"- one may want to point out, especially to young learners, that this parable is not saying God is like the unjust judge. Instead, Jesus is making the point that God is not like the unjust judge. The unjust judge gave justice simply to get the woman to stop bothering him, how much more, then, does God, who does love us, therefore care for our concerns and pleas for mercy.

Points of Contrast between God and unjust judge:

- God is fair vs. judge was not
- God cares personally for each of us vs. the judge did not care about widow
- God answers prayers because of His love and grace vs. judge answered out of self-interest.

Teaching Points:

- Sometimes we may feel that God is unjust or that He doesn't hear or care about our prayers. It can feel like we need to keep praying in order to get God to listen to us. And yet Jesus instructs us to pray precisely because God is just and He does hear our prayers.
- At times it may also feel like God doesn't want to answer our prayers. However, the reality of suffering or injustice in the world does not mean God will not answer our prayers, instead it may be that God's answer to our prayers simply is not what we wanted the answer to be. Therefore, we trust and have faith in God and in His forgiveness and grace.

Teaching the Image

This image shows the widow coming before the unjust judge and pleading her case for justice.

This image is meant to show the uncaring, annoyed aspect of the unjust judge. He does not give her justice because he cares for her, or what is right, instead he gives justice simply to get her to stop coming to him.

The woman is shown pleading her case and is meant to show the emotion of the injustice she has suffered.

Though not historically correct, the unjust judge is holding a judges mallet in order to represent the position he holds in this passage.





Kids Lectionary Learning 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

Sunday, Oct. 23, 2022

Teaching the Image



The opening image is from the gospel reading in Luke 18:16. It is meant to illustrate a contemporary representation of children coming to God. One could use this image to show how we come to God through Christ, who was crucified for us on the cross. It is in our risen Lord that we are blessed by God and so the cross is a symbol Jesus' love for his children.

BIBLE LESSONS

GENESIS 4:1-15
2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8,16-18
LUKE 18:9-17

FIRST READING: **Genesis 4:1-15 -Cain and Abel**

- The name Cain means more literally "*I've got him*" or "*Here is he*". Cain is the firstborn son of Adam and Eve but also becomes the first to murder.
- The New Testament refers to Cain multiple times and each points to the righteousness, or rightness of heart of Abel and not Cain as key to Cain's downfall (Heb. 11:4, 1 Jn. 3:12).
- Young learners may struggle with this story and understanding what is taking place and why. It doesn't seem to be the items Cain brought to God that cause God to not accept his offering, instead it is that Cain was not right with God in his heart. This is further shown in Cain's response to Abel's sacrifice being accepted in that he immediately seeks to harm and destroy his brother.
- When teaching this passage one may want to point out quickly that we are not accepted or rejected by God based upon our actions nor the sacrifice or items we "bring to God". We all have sinned and have fallen short (Rom. 3:23), but we are accepted and forgiven by God through Jesus Christ. He was the perfect sacrifice in our place. (Rom. 3:24-25)

Teaching the Image

This image is meant to represent a lion, perhaps like the one mentioned in 2 Tim. 4:17 from which Paul was saved.

This image is meant to be a light hearted image for children to enjoy but one that could be used to teach either persecution and suffering St. Paul (and others) faced, or to engage and ask the learner to think on times when God has kept them safe. Indeed, we do not face lions, but God is faithful to us just as He was to St. Paul.



**SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

"drink offering"- A drink offering was an offering of wine brought before the Lord at the temple and poured out on the altar. It was a sacrifice just as an animal might be given as a sacrifice. This is an obvious connection to the first reading from Genesis 4.

"finished the race"- Paul, throughout his ministry, used the analogy and example of a race and the Christian being an athlete running that race. This is an easier concept for young learners to understand, and highlighting that Christ came to earth, "ran the race" so to speak of life here as we do, and that He is there for us can be a powerful expression.

"laid up for me the crown of righteousness"- Paul knew there was a crown waiting for him in heaven, and he was ready to receive it. He was certain of it. In the New Testament there are sometimes two different words for "crown". One word means a royal crown and the other, which is the one used here is meant to mean a victor's crown, like a trophy. This is a beautiful teaching that points to Christ, who was victorious over the cross and who gives us the victory by faith.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 18:9-17**Teaching Points:**

In the so-called prayer of the Pharisee the pharisee praises himself, and compared himself to other men. This passage could help teach young learners about pride and or about being humble and thankful before God. It isn't hard to focus on ourselves before others, or even God, and we need be wary of looking to find others who are "worse" than ourselves.

Jesus' words on letting the children come to Him are powerful words that may echo well with young learners.

Pointing them to Christ and His love for us in Word and especially in the Sacrament of baptism, where we literally do come to Him, will be blessings to highlight from this text.

Teaching the Image

This image is from the first reading in Genesis 4 and shows Cain, looking with anger and jealousy towards his younger brother Abel, from whom God accepted his offering.

If teaching this image one could highlight the look of Cain, and how we are to act towards others.

Focusing on Christ as the sacrifice for our sins is a great teaching point that comes from this text on sacrifice.



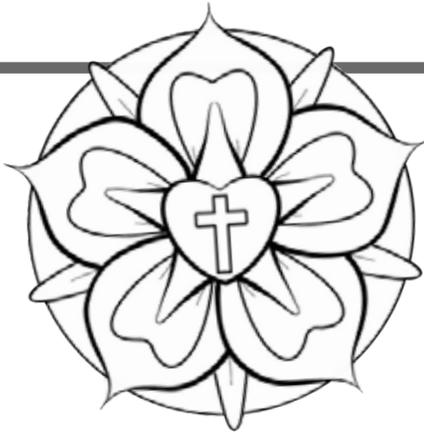


Kids Lectionary Learning REFORMATION SUNDAY

TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022

REVELATION 14:6-7; ROMANS 3:19-28; JOHN 8:31-36 OR; MATTHEW 11:12-19



Teaching the Image

The Luther Rose, (or the Luther Seal) is a well known and recognized symbol for Luther himself, but also for Lutheranism and the Reformation. Luther designed it himself and chose specific colours for each part including a

Black Cross in the centre, a red heart on the white flower. It had a light blue background encircled by a gold ring.

Here is how Luther explained the meaning of his seal:

"The first should be a black cross in a heart, which retains its natural color, so that I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us. For one who believes from the heart will be justified" (Rom. 10:10). Although it is indeed a black cross, which mortifies and which should also cause pain, it leaves the heart in its natural color. It does not corrupt nature, that is, it does not kill but keeps alive. "The just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:17) but by faith in the crucified. Such a heart should stand in the middle of a white rose, to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In other words, it places the believer into a white, joyous rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). That is why the rose should be white and not red, for white is the color of the spirits and the angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). Such a rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such joy in spirit and faith is a beginning of the heavenly future joy, which begins already, but is grasped in hope, not yet revealed. And around this field is a golden ring, symbolizing that such blessedness in Heaven lasts forever and has no end. Such blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and goods, just as gold is the most valuable, most precious and best metal. "

-Martin Luther

REFORMATION FOCUS

Foundational to the Lutheran Reformation was the understanding of justification by faith. Teaching the five "solas" ("only") has been a key part of the Lutheran Church flows beautifully on Reformation Sunday, especially from Romans 3:19-28. Reformation Sunday is a beautiful time to teach, or continue teaching, young learners that we have *"all sinned and fall short of the glory of God"* (Rom. 3:23). But we are justified by grace alone (sola gratia) through faith alone (sola fide) for the sake of Christ alone (solus Christus), a truth revealed to us in Scripture alone (sola Scriptura).

Martin Luther pointed people to the Scriptures, to Christ. May we to be blessed by God's Word and grace as Luther was, and point people to Christ and his love shown to us in that *"while we were still sinners, Christ died for us"* (Rom. 5:8)

