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Dear Families,

We are excited to kick off our first **Faith & Family** kit with you. The F&F kit is a wonderful way for you to be equipped and resourced to help your children grow in the faith. We will work through three different kits this fall. The first kit is called *Teach Your Kids to Pray*.

As the Episcopal Church puts it so eloquently, "Jesus teaches us to come before God with humble hearts, boldly offering our thanksgivings and concerns to God or simply listening for God's voice in our lives and in the world. Whether in thought, word, or deed, individually or corporately, when we pray, we invite and dwell in God's loving presence."

Teach Your Kids to Pray is 5 weeks long, and kicks off on September 6 and will wrap up on October 10.

This kit contains the following:

- **Daily prayer cards for each week (5 mins):** Every day, you have the opportunity to practice a family prayer time. The card looks different each week as it follows the Gospel reading and collect for the week. Suggested times:
 - right after dinner at the dinner table
 - right before bedtime
- **Weekly Gospel readings with coloring sheets (20 mins):** Every Wednesday night, we encourage families to read and have conversation together about the previous Sunday's Gospel reading. Suggested times on Wednesday:
 - Right after dinner, instead of daily prayer time on that day
 - Afternoon right after nap time
- **Prayer calendar and stickers:** Encourage your kids and yourselves! For every time you pray, put a sticker on the calendar.

To find out more on how to use the kits, join us for a special Children & Family Ministry town hall on August 30 at 8 pm. Stay tuned for the Children & Family Ministry emails for more information and to get registered. (Not signed up? Visit incarnation.org/eNews, and be sure to click "Children & Family Ministry" at the bottom of the submission form.)

If you don't already, make sure you follow Incarnation's Children & Family Ministry department on Instagram (@incarnationdallas_cfm) and on Facebook (@CFMCOTI). We have weekly activities for you and your families. You can also get news and events from the parish by following their social media channels on Instagram and Facebook at @incarnationDFW.

Peace & blessings to you all,

Ashley Hensel
Director of Children & Family Ministry
Church of the Incarnation

PRAYER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9/6	9/7	9/8	9/9	9/10	9/11	9/12
9/13	9/14	9/15	9/16	9/17	9/18	9/19
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Week 1- The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Week of Sunday September 6–Saturday September 12, 2020

Daily Devotional for Families at the Close of Day

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon, Luke 2:29–32)

Lord, you now have set your servant free *

to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *

whom you have prepared for all the world to see;

A Light to enlighten the nations, *

and the glory of your people Israel.

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke 10:23b–37

Jesus said to the disciples, “Blessed are the eyes which see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.” And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have answered right; do this, and you will live.” But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed mercy on him.” And Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Collect

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for aid against peril

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Here may be added any special prayers

Closing Blessing

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The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

One day, a lawyer put Jesus to the test. He said, "I know the law says to love God with all my heart and to love my neighbor as myself. But who is my neighbor?"



Jesus told him this parable:

“A man was on his way to the city of Jericho. Some robbers beat him. They stole everything he had.”



“The man was hurt. He needed help. Along came a priest. The priest saw the man, but he did not stop. Along came a helper in the temple. He saw the man but did not stop. Along came a Samaritan man. When he saw the hurt man, he stopped. The Samaritan man cleaned up the man’s wounds.”



“He lifted the man onto his own donkey and took him down the road to an inn. They stayed at the inn. The Samaritan man took care of the hurt man all night long,” said Jesus.



“In the morning, the Samaritan man gave the innkeeper two silver coins and said, ‘Take good care of him until I return.’”



After Jesus finished the story, he asked, “Which one of the three men was the neighbor?” The lawyer answered, “The one who took care of the hurt man.” Jesus said, “Go and do as he did.”



A good Samaritan helped a man who was hurt.

Week 2- The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Week of Sunday, September 13–Saturday, September 19, 2020

Daily Devotional for Families at the Close of Day

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon, Luke 2:29–32)

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to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see;
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel According to St. Luke 17:11–19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
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Collect for aid against peril

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Here may be added any special prayers

Closing Blessing

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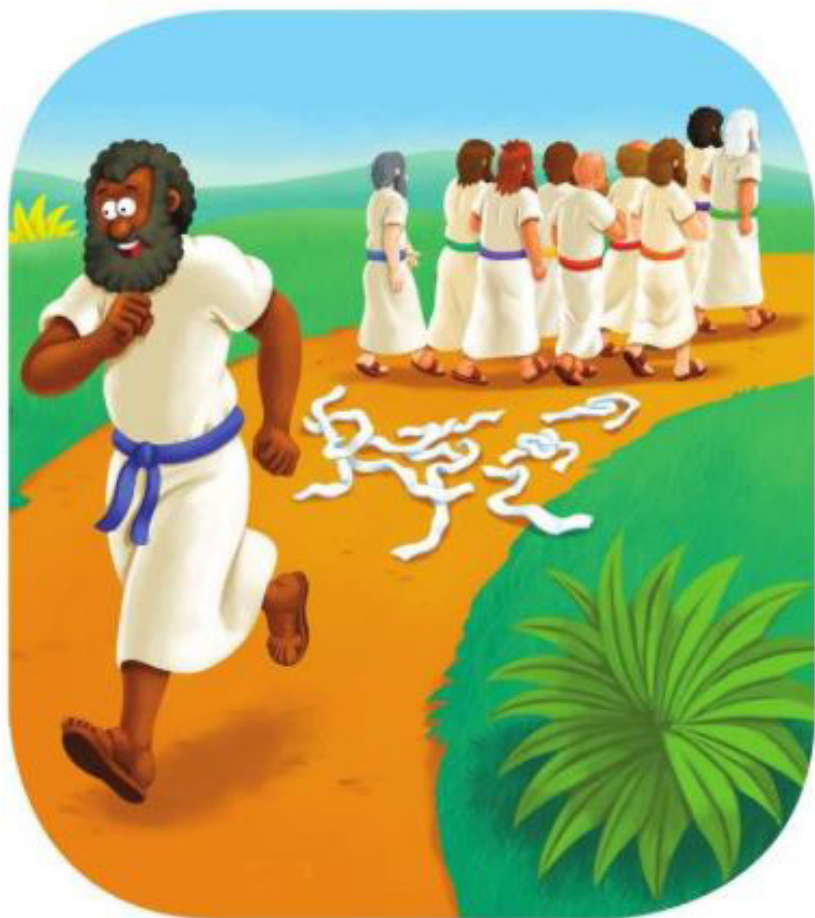
Ten Lepers

Luke 17:11-19

As Jesus was traveling, he met ten lepers.
Their bodies were covered with sores.
The lepers shouted,
“Jesus, please heal us!”



Jesus said, “Go. Show yourselves to the priests.” The ten lepers left. While they were walking away, something amazing happened.



All ten of them were healed! Only one man went back to thank Jesus.



He threw himself at Jesus' feet
and said, "Thank you!"
Jesus wondered where the other
men were. They did not come
back to thank him.



Week 3- The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Week of Sunday, September 20–Saturday, September 26, 2020

Daily Devotional for Families at the Close of Day

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon, Luke 2:29–32)

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to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see;
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel According to St. Matthew 6:24–34

Jesus said, “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on.
Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day’s own trouble be sufficient for the day.”

Collect

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
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 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
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Collect for aid against peril

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Closing Blessing

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The Singer

The Sermon on the Mount, from Matthew 6, 9, and Luke 12

WHEREVER JESUS WENT, lots of people went, too.

They loved being near him. Old people. Young people. All kinds of people came to see Jesus. Sick people. Well people. Happy people. Sad people. And worried people. Lots of them. Worrying about lots of things.

What if we don't have enough food? Or clothes? Or suppose we run out of money? What if there isn't enough? And everything goes wrong? And we won't be all right? What then?

When Jesus saw all the people, his heart was filled with love for them. They were like a little flock of sheep that didn't have a shepherd to take care of them. So Jesus sat them all down and he talked to them.

The people sat quietly on the grassy mountainside and listened. From where they sat, they could see the blue lake glittering below them and little fishing boats coming in from a night's catch. The spring air was fresh and clear.







"See those birds over there?" Jesus said.

Everyone looked. Little sparrows were pecking at seeds along the stony path.

"Where do they get their food? Perhaps they have pantries all stocked up? Cabinets full of food?"

Everyone laughed — who's ever seen a bird with a bag of groceries?

"No," Jesus said. "They don't need to worry about that. Because God knows what they need and he feeds them."









"And what about these wild flowers?"

Everyone looked. All around them flowers were growing. Anemones, daisies, pure white lilies.

"Where do they get their lovely clothes? Do they make them? Or do they go to work every day so they can buy them? Do they have closets full of clothes?"

Everyone laughed again — who's ever seen a flower putting on a dress?

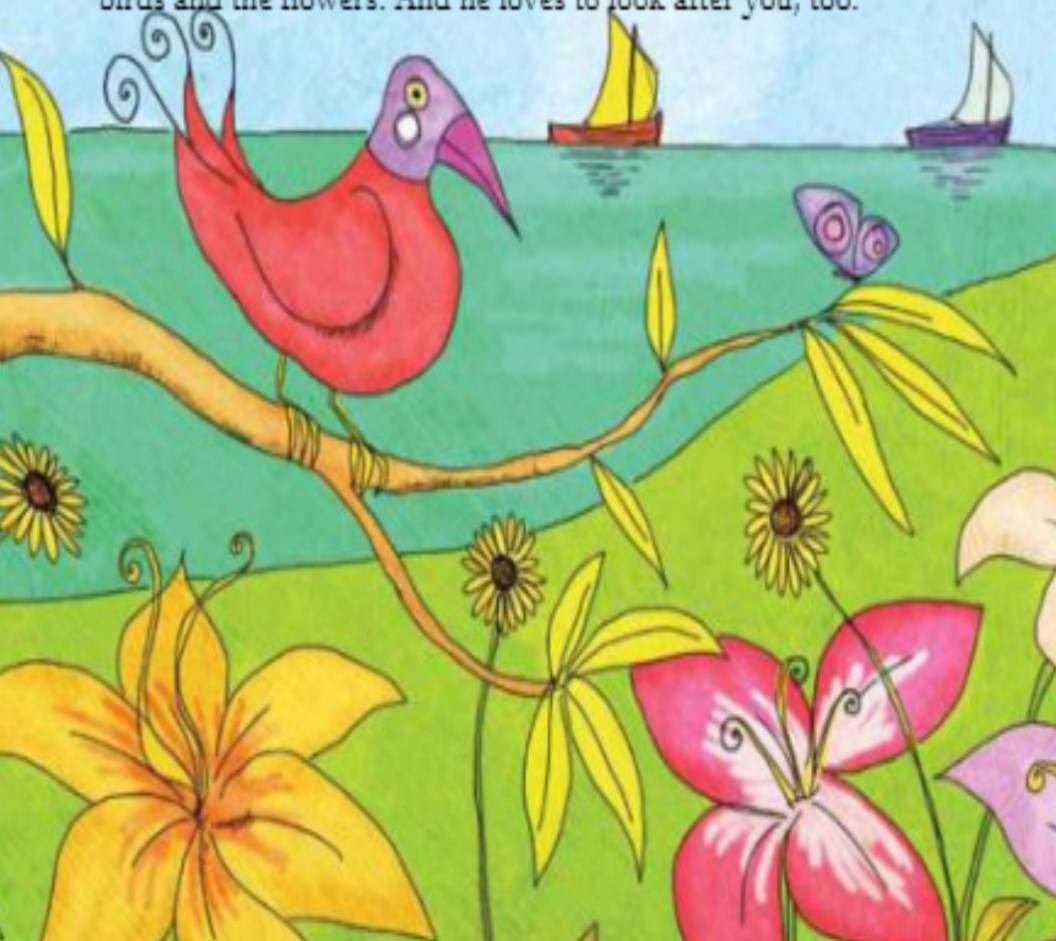
"No," Jesus said. "They don't need to worry about that because God clothes them in royal robes of splendor! Not even a king is that well dressed!"





They had never met a king but, as they gazed out over the lake, glittering and sparkling below them, the hillsides dressed in reds, purples, and golds, they felt a great burden lift from their hearts. They could not imagine anything more beautiful.

"Little flock," Jesus said, "you are more important than birds! More important than flowers! The birds and the flowers don't sit and worry about things. And God doesn't want his children to worry either. God loves to look after the birds and the flowers. And he loves to look after you, too."





Jesus knew that God would always love and watch over the world he had made — everything in it — birds, flowers, trees, animals, everything! And, most of all, his children.

Even though people had forgotten, the birds and the flowers hadn't forgotten — they still knew their song. It was the song all of God's creation had sung to him from the very beginning. It was the song people's hearts were made to sing: "God made us. He loves us. He is very pleased with us."

It was why Jesus had come into the world: to sing them that wonderful song; to sing it not only with his voice, but with his whole life — so that God's children could remember it and join in and sing it, too.

JESUS
LOVES ME



Week 4- The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Week of Sunday, September 27–Saturday, October 3, 2020

Daily Devotional for Families at the Close of Day

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon, Luke 2:29–32)

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Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel According to St. Luke 7:11–17

Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” And this report concerning him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

Collect

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
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Collect for aid against peril

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Closing Blessing

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A Widow's Son Is Raised to Life

Luke 7:11-17

In the city of Nain in Galilee lived a widow. She had only one child who was now a young man. Proudly the widow had watched her son grow! She thought of the time when he would be able to earn their living.

One day the young man became ill. How worried his mother was! Day after day, she sat at his bedside watching for some sign that he was getting better. Tenderly she nursed him, but in spite of all her loving care, he grew worse. Then one day he died.

Now the widow was alone. Both her husband and

her son were dead and she was very sad and lonely.

Neighbors and friends came to weep with her and plan for the funeral. They wrapped long strips of linen cloth around the lifeless body and placed it on a frame called a bier.

The funeral procession started. In front were the men carrying the bier. Many people followed. The mourners wept aloud as they slowly walked toward the burial place. Suddenly the funeral procession stopped outside the gate. Everyone wondered what had happened. Then they saw a great crowd coming toward them. Walking in front of the crowd were Jesus and his twelve disciples.

When Jesus saw the widow's great sorrow, he wanted very much to help her. He knew the deep ache and loneliness that filled her heart. "Do not

weep,” he said kindly. Then going over to the bier he said, “Young man, I tell you to arise!”

The young man who had been dead sat up. He began to talk. In amazement, the mourners unwrapped the long linen strips from the young man’s body. Then Jesus took him to his mother.

At once the cries stopped and a great silence fell over the people. They could hardly believe their own eyes. Soon they were sure that Jesus had raised the young man to life again. How they rejoiced! “A great prophet is come among us!” they exclaimed. Others cried, “Surely God has visited his people!”



Jesus raises the widow's son to life



Week 5- The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Week of Sunday, October 4–Saturday, October 10, 2020

Daily Devotional for Families at the Close of Day

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon, Luke 2:29–32)

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and the glory of your people Israel.

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel According to St. Luke 14:1–11 7

One sabbath when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler who belonged to the Pharisees, they were watching him. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. And Jesus spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath, or not?” But they were silent. Then he took him and healed him, and let him go. And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well, will not immediately pull him out on a sabbath day?” And they could not reply to this. Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he marked how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, “When you are invited by any one to a marriage feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest a more eminent man than you be invited by him; and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give place to this man,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, go up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Collect

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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Jesus Confronts Hypocrisy and Embraces Humility (Luke 14:1-14) Bible Lesson

 ministry-to-children.com/hypocrisy-humility-lesson



Kids are naturally egotistical, and have no problem boasting or viewing the world as surrounding their needs. In today's culture of self-esteem encouragement and "everyone's a winner" mentality, it's easy for this concept to solidify. There is nothing wrong with positive attitude boosting, of course...until it leads to pride and entitlement expectations. Throughout His ministry, Jesus emphasized the importance of putting others ahead of ourselves. He preached this idea and lived it out, as well, inviting us to do the same. The focus of this lesson is on such a message...Jesus was not

afraid to ruffle feathers, defy authority, and promote the humble road.

Lesson focus: God wants us to work for His glory and not our own; when we live to make Him happy, He will reward our efforts.

Passage: Luke 14:1-14

Key Verse: *For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.* -Luke 14:11

Target Audience: Pre-k through sixth grade (adaptable)

Materials Needed: Papers and/or cards; decorative materials; Bibles.

Lesson Opening: Start with a tricky little illustration... Explain that you will start by giving each child a small treat (sticker, piece of candy, toy, etc.). Invite them to line up in order to receive first pick. For large groups, this may need to be monitored or adjusted (perhaps raise a hand instead of lining up). After the chaos of jostling for a good spot in line, deliberately walk to the *last* person in line for first pick at the treats. Explain that today we are going to talk about what it means to be humble, and what it means to do things that go against our usual expectations. Jesus sure did this a lot!

Bible Lesson:

Explain that in the Bible, Jesus frequently did things that confused people and changed the way they typically thought or did things. When our lesson begins, we meet Jesus at the home of some Pharisees. If students are not familiar with this term, explain that a Pharisee was a legal teacher and church leader who was very grumpy and strict about following rules. These people tried to trick Jesus. They asked Him if He would heal someone on a

Holy Day...

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way.

Then he asked them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?" And they had nothing to say. Luke 14:1-6

Describe the ancient lifestyle, elaborating on the fact that in Jesus's time, people took a day of rest very seriously and wouldn't even cook or clean on that day. The Pharisees wanted to make sure this was followed, and they asked Jesus if He could heal someone, since that was technically "work." The Messiah didn't think much of it and instantly healed the man. Why should that matter? To show that Jesus did not worry about what people thought of Him. His aim was to help people, no matter what.

Ask kids if they know what "humility" means. If they need help understanding, use puppets to demonstrate (or other appropriate method). "Proud Patty" could be boasting and taking the credit for things, while "Humble Holly" quietly completes her tasks. In addition (or for older groups already familiar with humility concept), have students perform skits that act out scenarios, showing one side that is pridefully bragging and another that acts humbly. Continue on with the lesson...

When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: 8 "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. 9 If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place.10 But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. 11 For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

-Luke 14:7-11

Remind students of the opening activity. Also think back to lessons on competition and pride...do we naturally want to be the best? Sure...and there's nothing wrong with working hard and wanting to do a job well. But sometimes we get a little too eager. If we walk with a nose in the air, we might not see where we're headed and trip! God doesn't want us bragging or always trying to be first. We might want to impress, but when our fears of other people's thoughts interrupt God's work, that is a problem.

Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

-Luke 14:12-14

What is the difference between acting humble and acting out of pride or over-confidence? What is the difference between a movie star and a trash collector? Talk with children about seeing people and situations as God sees them. Brainstorm ways to demonstrate humility. In closing, bring back the point of how Jesus lays it all out for us. The Pharisees who originally tried to throw Him off were trying so hard to match each tiny piece of the law... but they missed the bigger picture and neglected the value of individuals. Jesus confronted their pride and admonished them to live differently. Let's act with humility before we are called out as well...

Craft:

Thanks to the thankless...come up with someone who demonstrates humility by working hard, but does not always get the credit deserved (janitor, teacher, etc.). Create a thank-you card for them to show appreciation for what they do. If extra time allows, create fancy reminder cards to keep in mind ways of demonstrating a humble attitude.

Close with prayer and thank God for loving us and sending Jesus to live out an example of humility. Ask that we be kept from pride and live in His love.

