

Children's Liturgy for Fridays During the School Year □

Friday September 19, 2008
Alternate readings from 24th
Friday in Ordinary Time
1 Tim.; Ps. 49; Lk. 8

Focus: "There were women with them who provided for them out of their own resources."

Discussion: Jesus had to leave his home and job to preach the good news about God's love. Where do you think he got his money from. How did he survive? What clues are there in today's gospel reading? The women that supported Jesus were very important to him and helped out a lot. We all are called to be helpful in whatever way we can.

Song Suggestions:

GATHERING SONG:

Come and Follow Me (Agnotti) 8105 WLP
God So Love the World BB, CCH, S&S, RS
The King of Glory (Jabuschi) ACH, BB/MI, CBW III, CVH, GPCOMP, PMB, S&S, WCH, WP, W&S

COMMUNION SONG:

Singer, Sing S&S, WCH, W&S, VAO
Song of Good News (Jabusch) ACH, BB, CBW III, CVH, PMB, WCH, W&S

CLOSING SONG:

The Stranger and the Nets(Cooney)7340WLP
The Summons (Bell) CCH, GC, WCH, W&S
Blest Be the Lord (Schutte) ACH, W&S, BB, CCH, GP, GPCOMP, GTR, MI, JS

Friday September 26, 2008
Hag, 2; Ps. 43; Lk. 9

Focus: "Blessed be the Lord, my rock. He is my love."

Discussion: God is our rock and our fortress. Discuss the figurative idea of God - the solid foundation. Now add the idea of erosion. This process wears down solid objects such as rocks into a life sustaining mixture know as soil. Jesus is like God's rock that has been ground up and given to us that we may grow in him.

Song Suggestions:

GATHERING SONG:

Blest Be the Lord (Schutte) ACH, BB, CCH, GC, GP, GPC, GTR, JS, MI, UV
The Light of Christ (Fishel) BB, CBWIII, GC, GPC, MI, WCH, W&S

COMMUNION SONG:

Rejoice, Chosen People (Haas) G-4869
Sweet Redeemer (Angrisano) S&S

CLOSING SONG:

The Face of God VAO
Yes, We Believe VAO, W&S

Friday October 3, 2008
Based on Ps. 119 (26th Friday)

Focus: "Lord, you search me and know me."

Discussion: Discuss the image of God that this psalm presents. God is everywhere and sees all. How do the children feel about an all-seeing God. We may at times feel lonely but we are never alone. We may at times feel that no one likes us but this is not true. God is love.

Song Suggestions:

GATHERING SONG:

Be Holy VAO
Christ Be the Word (Janco) 5220 WLP

COMMUNION SONG:

Come to Me, All Who Are Weary (Schutte) BB, GP, GPC, JS2, RS
Lord, You Are Good VAO
Psalms 119: More than Gold (Booth) BB

CLOSING SONG:

Tree of Life (Haugen) CCH, G2, GC, RS
Way of the Cross (Booth) S&S

Friday October 10, 2008
Joel 1, 2; Ps. 9; Lk. 11

Focus: "If a house is divided against itself, it will surely fall." Jesus casts out devils through the power of God.

Discussion: Jesus' power over evil frightened some people because they could not understand how this power could come through an ordinary person. He was strange and different, not what a person dedicated to God should look like. It is not what people look like but what they do and how they behave that really matters.

Song Suggestions:

GATHERING SONG:

Reason to Live W&S, VAO
The Summons (Bell) CCH, GC, W&S, WCH

COMMUNION SONG:

A House Not Made with Hands (Meyer) G-2987
Come to the Lord (Booth) S&S

CLOSING SONG:

Make of Our Hands a Throne PMB, SM, W&S, WCH, VAO
We Cannot Measure How You Heal (Bell) G2, GC

Friday October 17, 2008
Alternate readings
Rom. 4; Ps. 32; Lk. 12: 1-7

Focus: "Every hair on your head has been counted."

Discussion: Cows are branded to be for purposes of identification. Are we marked for identification by God? In the gospel, Jesus points out that no one is forgotten by God. We are precious to God. Through the Holy Spirit and with the seal baptism we have been marked as God's property.

Song Suggestions:

GATHERING SONG:

Faith, While Trees Are Still in Bloom (Powell) G-4441
Make of Our Hands a Throne PMB, SM, W&S, WCH, VAO

COMMUNION SONG:

I Am the Bread of Life (Talbot) VAO
Reason to Live W&S, VAO

CLOSING SONG:

Wisdom, My Road 7263 WLP
Psalms 67: O God, Let All the Nations BB

Friday October 24, 2008
Rom. 7; Ps. 119; Lk. 12, 54-59

Focus: "Settle with your opponents while the hour is still favorable."

Discussion: We know how to do many things in our lives. One thing we don't do well is prepare ourselves spiritually. The gospel today points out that part of this preparation involves getting along with others. We must seek to work out our troubles with others. God teaches us to be humble enough to recognize when we have wronged others and do something about it.

Song Suggestions:

GATHERING SONG:

Come to the Lord (Booth) S&S
If You Believe and I Believe (Bell) GC, RS

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COMMUNION SONG:

Bread of Life (Fisher) S&S

I Am the Bread of Life (Talbot) VAO

In This Bread VAO

CLOSING SONG:

Psalm 119: More than Gold (Booth) BB

Seek First the Kingdom of God (Haas)

G-3955

Friday October 31, 2008

Rom. 9; Ps. 147; Lk. 14

Focus: "Which of you here, if an ox falls in a well will not pull him out on the sabbath day."

Discussion: It is important that we devote some time to God, and to that part of us that is called spiritual. What does it mean when Jesus says that it is right to cure on the sabbath? Why would it not be? Sometimes we develop a narrow idea about life. This narrow view becomes an excuse not to act or be helpful. Being too strict in keeping the sabbath gave people an excuse not to do anything.

Song Suggestions:

GATHERING SONG:

Sing to the Mountains (Dufford) ACH,

BB/MI, CBW III, CCH, G2, GC, GP,

GPC, GTR, JS2, S&S, SM, W&S, WCH

The King Shall Come BB/MI, CCH,GC,

GPCOMP, HM, JS2, PMB2, SM, SS, W&S,

WCH, WP

COMMUNION SONG:

Lord, You Are Good VAO

We Walk By Faith (Haugen) BB/MI,

CCH,GC, GPCOMP, PMB2, SM, SS, W&S,

WCH, WP

CLOSING SONG:

Make of Our Hands a Throne PMB, SM,

W&S, WCH, VAO

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Friday November 7, 2008

Rom. 15; Ps. 98; Lk. 16

Focus: "The children of this world are wiser in dealing with their own kind than children of light."

Discussion: Even if we could put a tenth the energy that we put into our work, play or hobbies into the development of our spiritual lives, our

progress would be great. We often prefer to do almost anything rather than pray. In what way was the steward in today's gospel resourceful. Jesus gave this example to make the point that we need to use our imaginations, talents, and energy not just for daily activities but also for the activities that are spiritual.

Song Suggestions:

GATHERING SONG:

I Rejoiced (Walker) BB/MI, GP2, JS2

Save Us, O Lord (Dufford) BB/MI, GP,

GPC, JS, W&S

COMMUNION SONG:

Psalm 126: Those Who Sow in Tears

(Farrell) BB, JS

I Am the Bread of Life (Talbot) VAO

CLOSING SONG:

The Face of God VAO

We Cannot Measure How You Heal (Bell)

G2, GC

Friday November 14, 2008

See 713-724

Focus: "Love one another."

Discussion: Love involves treating other fairly, helping even when we don't feel like it. It involves standing up for a friend or belief even when it's not the popular thing to do. Being kind is an every day job. We have no right to treat people well only on the times when we feel like it.

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GPC, JS, W&S

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The Face of God VAO

CLOSING SONG:

Come to the Lord (Booth) S&S

We Cannot Measure How You Heal (Bell)

G2, GC

Friday November 19, 2010

1 Mac. 4; 1 Chron. 29; Lk. 19

Focus: "My house shall be called a house of prayer."

Discussion: Jesus drove the merchants out of the temple because they were taking advantage of people. Imagine that your body is a church. Your head is the bell tower, your middle and legs are the furnace that keeps the church warm. Your heart is the door to let people in. Jesus can help us drive away the things inside us that would take advantage of us.

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Canticle of the Sun (Haugen) ACH, BB/

MI, GC, GPCOMP, GTR, RS, WCH, W&S

Song of Good News (Jabusch) ACH,

BB, CBW III, CVH, PMB, WCH, W&S

COMMUNION SONG:

In Remembrance of You (Willcock) BB, S&S

Set Me a Seal (Maher) S&S

CLOSING SONG:

Holy is His Name VAO

Though the Mountains May Fall ACH, BB/

MI, GC, GPCOMP, GTR, RS, WCH, W&S

Friday November 28, 2008

Dan. 7; Dan 3; Lk. 21

Focus: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words will never pass away."

Discussion: Have the children draw up a list of what is important to them. Read today's gospel. What in this world really lasts. We are part of God and God lasts forever. Therefore, we should strive for things that bring us closer to God.

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