

Take Home Page: The Sacraments

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Today your child was reminded that **the kingdom of God is waiting for us**. The children explored the Holy Sacraments and their differences, as well as why we need them in our lives.

Help me learn my memory verse...

"No one can enter God's kingdom without being born through water and the Holy Spirit." --John 3:5

Ask me...

1. What are the Holy Sacraments?
2. Which of the Holy Sacraments do you find to be the most interesting? Why?

Live Your Faith...

Talk together as a family about forgiveness. Take turns sharing the things you each did that need forgiveness from your family members for this week, and genuinely ask for forgiveness. Pray together and thank God for His Sacraments, and for dying so that your sins could be forgiven.

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Today your child was reminded that **our ministers are here to help us**. The children explored the various ministries in the church of Christ and some of the responsibilities assigned to each ministry. They also talked about the benefits that we experience when we take the time to “commune” with God.

Help me learn my memory verse...

"I will place shepherds over them who will take good care of them." --Jeremiah 23:4

Ask me...

1. Who is your favorite minister? Why?
2. What makes the apostle ministry different from other ministers?
3. What kinds of characteristics do you think ministers should have? Why?

Live Your Faith...

Together as a family, decide on which minister in your local congregation your family will bless this week. You could invite him and his family over for dinner, or simply deliver a hot meal one night to their home. Write a note letting them know how much your family appreciates all the sacrifices he and his family make for all of God's children.

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Take Home Page: The Development and Spread of Christianity

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Today your child was reminded that **each congregation must work toward health, growth and completion.** The children explored how the congregation in Jerusalem developed through the courageous testifying of the first Apostles and Christians. They also examined how too much “noise” in our lives can affect our relationship with God and other fellow believers.

Help me learn my memory verse...

*“The believers studied what the apostles taught. They shared life together.
They broke bread and ate together. And they prayed.” --Acts 2:42*

Ask me...

1. What was so special about the first Pentecost? What happened?
2. Do you think it is important for the work of God to continue to grow? Why or why not?
3. What could YOU do to help God’s work to grow in your community?

Live Your Faith...

Set aside some time this week to gather as a family. Talk about the ways in which you were able to see or feel God’s presence throughout your week. Then if possible, play some soft reflective music and spend time quietly focusing on God, talking to Him, reading the Bible, and “listening” to Him. Set a timer for 10 minutes and challenge everyone to just spend that time focusing completely on God in some way. Try to do this once a week for at least a month.

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“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” --Matthew 28:19

Ask me...

1. What is the “Great Commission” that Jesus charged His apostles with?
2. What do you think it was like for the apostles who walked with Jesus long ago?
3. How do we benefit from having apostles today?

Live Your Faith...

Take the “how long can you squat” challenge. Have everyone in your family take the squatting position like they are sitting in a chair but without a chair. The goal is to see you can stay in that position the longest, without straightening up or falling. When you recover, talk about how easy or hard the squatting challenge was. When life gets hard, will you each still choose to follow God and trust Him? Talk about what that would look like in your lives and how you can encourage and pray for each other every day.

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Ask me...

1. What kind of person was Peter?
2. Why do you think Jesus chose him to lead His church?
3. Do you believe that every person is entitled to God's word and grace? Why or why not?

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How can your family help spread the word of God and share the love of Jesus this week? Brainstorm and come up with a plan together, as well as how you will execute your plan as a family. Try to find ways to involve everyone and talk about how important it is as a Christian to share your faith and love for the Lord with others.

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Today your child was reminded that God wants us to **commit ourselves to Him**. The children examined how a persecutor of Christ's congregation becomes an ardent defender and Apostle of Christ. They also talked about how Apostle Paul helped to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ with complete commitment, and how he comforted and taught the faithful through his written letters.

Help me learn my memory verse...

*"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,
that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."*

--Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

Ask me...

1. How would you describe Paul before He followed Jesus? After?
2. Would you still tell others about Jesus if you were persecuted and put in prison as Paul was? Why or why not?
3. Are you completely committed to the Lord? How do you know?

Live Your Faith...

If you could go anywhere in the world on a mission trip, where would you go? Talk together as a family and share your ideas and why you would choose that place. Then turn your attention to local places in your community where you could also serve together. Work together this week to investigate where you could invest your time as a family and make plans to spend time together serving in some way at that place in the next month.

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"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true."

--2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)

Ask me...

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