

Sunday School Lesson

May 17, 2020

3rd grade through high school

John 14: 15-21

The Promise of the Holy Spirit



Materials needed:

Bible or Spark Story Bible

Red construction paper or any color

Scissors

String or yarn

Crayons, pencil, pen or markers

Journal

1. Today we are going to learn how Jesus promised that after He left this earth that God sent the Holy Spirit to be with us. Before reading the story talk about the meaning of the word promise: pledge to do something or an assurance that something will happen. Ask your child if they ever made a promise to someone or if someone ever promised them anything.
2. Read the Story "The Promise of the Holy Spirit" to your child or with your child found in John 14: 15-21 and on page 450 of the Spark Story Bible. You can also hear Mrs. Nonnemacher tell the story on our Light of Christ Lutheran Church Youth Facebook page.
3. Jesus loved his disciples. When teaching them about God, He told them to love God and to love one another as He has loved them. He promised them the Holy Spirit will be with them when Jesus is gone.
4. Craft to support the story:

Love One Another Mobile

- a. Cut out four heart shapes: one large and three smaller sized heart shapes
- b. Write LOVE ONE ANOTHER John 13:34 on the large heart
- c. Write names of people whom your child loves on the smaller hearts. You can write more than one name on each heart or you can cut out lots of hearts.
- d. With a hole punch make two holes at the top and one hole at the bottom of the large heart shape. Make one hole on each side of the bottom hole.
- e. With yarn or string attach the small hearts to the large heart. Hang the heart with string attached to the two top holes.
- f. Place in a spot where your child can be reminded of God's Love!

5. Create a Journal Entry: Title it May 17, 2020 The Promise of the Holy Spirit. Draw or write your ideas for this story. Describe a time when you felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. Have you ever made a promise to someone - describe what that felt like. How does it feel to know that Jesus promises to love us always and forever? Draw pictures of God's love being shared in our community of faith.
6. Sing together:

"Jesus Loves, Me, Me, Me"

Jesus loves, Jesus loves, me, me, me.

It's written in the Bible you see, see, see.

The Bible tells me so, Oh I know, I know, I know,

Jesus loves, Jesus loves, me, me, me!

"Love Another"

"Love one another, love one another, love one another," Jesus said.

"Care for one another, care for one another, care for one another," Jesus said.

"Help one another, help one another, help one another," Jesus said.

"Share with one another, share with one another, share with one another," Jesus said.

"Spirit of Gentleness" found on page 396 of the red worship hymnal: Evangelical Lutheran Worship

7. Close with a Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for teaching us about God's love so that we can live out your commandment to love God and one another. Be with our families as we show love to each other always, but especially now as we are quarantined. Help us to remember your promise of the Holy Spirit. Help us to remember that you are always with us. In your name we pray. Amen.

God Bless Us and Keep Us Now and Evermore!! Amen.