

SERMON NOTES FOR KIDS - October 25, 2020 Philippians 2:1-11

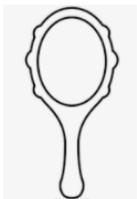
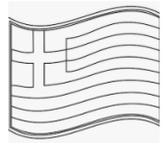
(For ideas for how to do church at home for young families, refer to "Growing your Faith Garden" at www.eastminster.ca)



Good morning kids! If this is your first Sunday following our Church-at-home plan for families, you should look at "Growing your Faith Garden" on our website, to get set up for Sunday.

Do you have a Bible in your Sunday basket? Get it out and have a look at it.

The Bible looks like it is just one ordinary book, but actually it is a collection of many books telling one big story! And that story is the story of how God loves us and wants to have a friendship with us. The Bible has a lot of different kinds of writing in it. It has lots of stories, but it also has poetry, and letters too! Lately Reverend David has been talking about some letters in the Bible that a guy named Paul wrote thousands of years ago to his friends at a church in a place called PHILLIPPI which was in Greece. (Can you see where Greece is on a map?) Philippi is no longer a city, but the ruins of the city are still there! The people of Philippi were known as PHILIPPIANS, (just like we might be known as Bellewillians!) So the book in the Bible is called Philippians. Get an adult to show you where it is! Last week we learned a bit about Paul. Paul started out his life without love in his heart, he was actually quite a bully. But he changed because he learned about Jesus' message of love, and through his friendship with Jesus he made a decision to be a better person for God. It turned out that God had an important job for Paul, to help the early church people to grow in their faith. (If you are having church at home, you are doing something to grow in your faith too!) Well, in today's letter, Paul reminded the Philippians that it is really important to be HUMBLE and to look out for each other. He reminded them not to just brag about themselves, or think about themselves only, but to think of others. And he also told them to remember that they should try to MIRROR Jesus. And these are things Jesus wants us to do today too.



But what does HUMBLE mean? It kind of means that you don't think of yourself as better than other people. So maybe that means to "walk in someone else's shoes", to think about how others feel and to treat them well. And when Paul reminded them (and us!) to "mirror" Jesus, what does that mean? Well, you could play a game with another person where you try to "mirror" what they do. Try it right now! See if someone in your house can "mirror" your actions - they can pretend to be your mirror and do exactly like you do! Well, if we were to "mirror" Jesus, we would be acting the way he did! Last week we learned the Jesus always acted with LOVE FIRST. Jesus was humble. There he was, God's son, but he encouraged other people and he even washed other

people's feet! That is not something that a person would do if they thought they were better than other people is it?

What can you do this week to be HUMBLE and to MIRROR Jesus' message of LOVE FIRST? Maybe one way of showing love first and thinking of others would be with your own family. Can you think of a way to show them that you think they are important? What about your teacher who is working so very hard to make your school safe and happy? What can you do to show your teacher that they are important and to mirror Jesus love for them? What about for a neighbour or a friend?

Today's colouring page is a picture of Paul writing his letters. While the adults are listening to Reverend David's sermon, you can colour this page and think about Paul's letters and how we can be encouraged even now, thousands of years later! On a separate page, can you draw a picture for someone that you can encourage today? Maybe you could draw the words "You are special" or have a family member help you! For older kids, who could you make a card for, or write a letter to, to encourage this week? Do you know someone who is having a tough time? It would be very encouraging to write "I am thinking about you". And you could say a prayer to God about that person to ask God to help them.

We would love it if you would share your colouring with us from today's service!
admin@eastminsterunited.ca We might be able to show your colouring on a future service!
We would love to hear about how your family is working on your Faith Garden at home!

If your family plans to come to in-person church, you can do some of this before coming to church, and you can still bring your page to colour during church. We will have boxes of crayons available that can be assigned to your family, and kept in a mailbox at the church to pick up when you come.

God Bless you and your family this week! Stay Safe! Be Humble and Kind!

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Paul wrote 13 letters that are in the New Testament: Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon.



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