

Kids Lectionary Learning

25 Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Daniel 12:1–3; Hebrews 10:11–25; Mark 13:1–13

Image 1- "Shining light in sky with clouds and stars"

In the first reading from Daniel 12 we hear of the time of the end when there will be trouble but also the rising of the dead. Some we read to everlasting shame and contempt (v.2) but for those whose name is "found written in the book" (v.1) they will be raised and will shine like the bright sky and stars (v.2-3).

The illustration is to show the sky and the light and stars shining. Discussion could center around who is our light (Jesus), and who is the one who is wise and has turned us to righteousness (Jesus). Indeed, we are to reflect and live as wise people and to do the right thing, but it is because of Jesus that we receive salvation and find our names written in the book. It is because of Jesus we shall have everlasting life, and not everlasting contempt.

Image 2- "Lil' Lou standing 'on guard'"

This image of the character Lil' Lou is meant to illustrate a common stance or thought we have we someone is on guard. Jesus states in our gospel reading from Mark 13:9 to "Be on your guard". As adults we understand this to be more than a physical stance, but discussion could take place around how does a person stand on guard with armour or a spear, followed by how a person is to be on guard spiritually or emotionally?

Do we have things (Bible, Sacraments, Church, family) that can help us to be on guard against sin? What has Jesus done for us to be on guard, and what happens when we fail to be on guard? (Discuss forgiveness and grace)

Image 3- "Lil' Kay holding fast to the monkey bars"

The second reading from Hebrews 10:11-25 states in verse 23 to "hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering". The illustration of Kay holding fast to the monkey bars is to be a relatable and concrete image of what "holding fast" or "holding tight" means, at least in part.

Discussion could take place again on other things we "hold fast" too, like monkey bars, or someone's hand, or even to more abstract things like love. How does a family hold onto love or one another in hard times?

Continue discussion on how we hold fast to Christ. Can the blessings of reading the Bible, attending Church, serving one another help us hold fast? And how then also does God hold fast to us? Is our salvation dependent upon us holding

onto Jesus by our own strength? No. Should we serve Him faithfully by obeying His Word? Yes. But it is by God's grace alone, through faith that we are saved.

Image 4- The pencil

The pencil drawing on a note pad is a simple illustration to allow kids to colour and imagine. The drawing is meant to show some enthusiasm for the activities but also reflect positively upon listening, growing, and reading God's Word.

The activities

The Word Search takes words directly from Mark 13 and asks kids to find them. A parent or helper could then ask the children where in the passage the word is used, or what does the word mean. (Note: all passages are from ESV translation)

The maze is simply a fun activity that even the very young ones can try.

The grid drawing of the Bible is meant to be a simple activity that allows kids to practice drawing, but also to reflect on God's Word as a "thing" in our world. "The Book" is referenced in our first reading from Daniel as well.

May God bless your learning, hearing, and growing in His Word on this 25th Sunday after Pentecost.