



KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, JULY 9TH, 2023

BIBLE LESSONS:

ZECH. 9:9-12

MATT. 11:25-30

Zechariah 9: 9-12 and Matthew 11: 25-30

In our Old Testament reading today, Zechariah is telling the people that a great ruler will come and bring peace. "I will cut off the chariot" and both the war horse and battle bow will be cut off also, and He will "speak peace to the nations".

You and I are also included in Zechariah's prophecy when he says that "His rule shall be from sea to sea" and "to the ends of the earth". It is our role in sharing the Gospel (the Good News about Jesus' death and resurrection) with others that he is talking about here; how the message and love of Christ will reach all nations, first through the disciples' teaching and then to those whom their followers witnessed to and so on. God's message of Grace, Love and Forgiveness is being shared right now in remote parts of foreign lands and in the small places of Canada like Warman Saskatchewan, Fisherville Ontario and Osoyoos, British Columbia! Zechariah foretold that God's kingdom and also His peace would not be limited by geography but flow through His people everywhere.



In the Gospel lesson Matthew relays how Jesus would work through the faith of children to share the good news of Jesus with everyone, and how it was God's will that we all have faith like children rather than relying on earthly wisdom.

Again, in verses 28-30 we are reassured that there is peace through Christ – and that by clinging in faith to Christ and letting go of our earthly burdens we can be comforted. There is no one who puts something down more quickly and confidently than a child who has been carrying something heavy. God wants us to drop our heavy load quickly and trust in Him with the same eager trust as a child so that we can have that peace which only He can provide.



Prayer

Let us pray together: Dear heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus to bring us peace. Help us to trust in You so that we can let go of our earthly troubles and cling to You with the help of the faith You give us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen