

SUNDAY March 22, 2020 Digital Lesson

This morning, Pastor Natalee shared a message that we will respond to Kid Min style!

Video link attached: Kid Bible Story: Early Church

Ask:

- How were Jesus' friends, the disciples, able to act like Jesus even though they couldn't see him anymore after he went to heaven? (sharing with each other, loving, praying)
- What did Jesus leave for the disciples that enabled them to do miracles? (The Holy Spirit)
- Is our church the building where we go to worship? (no, it's people who make the building a church.)
- When we help others, pray, love one another we are what? (The church)
- So...while we are away from our church building what can we do as "the church"? (Discuss)

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- Let's focus on the Holy Spirit. Grab your Bibles and ask/help kids to take turns reading John 14:15-17 aloud.

Share this message with your kids:

Jesus was trying to comfort his disciples. He knew that he would soon return to heaven and his disciples would be left alone. "Don't worry" he told them, "I am going to prepare a place for you, but I will come again, and when I do, you will come and be with me." The disciples didn't fully understand, so in this week's lesson, Jesus continues... "If you love me, you will do what I have taught you and I will ask the Father to send a helper who will never leave you." The helper that Jesus was talking about is the Holy Spirit. Jesus asked the Father and he sent the Holy Spirit to live in us and help us to follow Jesus and obey his teachings.

You know, when we try to explain how the Holy Spirit leads us day by day, most people can't understand it. Jesus said, "The world can't accept it because they don't know him and they can't see him." Do you know what they can see? They can see how you and I treat other people. They see when we are generous, loving, caring, helpful, and kind. I have heard it said, "You are the only sermon some people will ever hear." That is what you and I need to remember, we are the sermon, the only sermon some people will ever hear. **WE ARE THE CHURCH.** The building we worship together in is just a building without the people in it who are the church. You and me.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command." What did Jesus tell us to do? He said, "Love one another as I have loved you." Then he asked the Father to send the Holy Spirit to help us. When others see how knowing Jesus has changed the way we treat other people, then they will want to know him too.

Pray:

Father, as the Holy Spirit leads us day by day, help us to follow and to obey. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Activities:

Filled with the Holy Spirit!

What you need: sidewalk chalk, concrete ;)

Say: Think about what a balloon looks like before it's filled with air. When it's empty, it is lifeless and needs something to fulfill it's purpose. What is that? (AIR!) Before God sent his Holy Spirit, the church was lifeless, just like a balloon with no air in it. The church wasn't telling people about Jesus. After the Holy Spirit breathed life into the church, people began to tell others about Jesus and it became alive.

Just as the balloon needs to be filled with air to be what it was intended to be, you and I need the Holy Spirit to fill us so that we can be all that God wants us to be.

What you do:

- Gather the kids and some sidewalk chalk.
- Have older kids, or yourself draw a large church on the concrete.
- Allow kids to use various colors of chalk to write their names above the church as people who want to tell OTHERS about Jesus.
- Next, choose another color and draw a balloon shape around each name.
- Finally attach all the balloons with a chalk string to the church.



- See an example created by my family here:
Say: This building needs US to be a church. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we share the good news of Christ with others. We are the church!

I would love feedback about this lesson! Please share any comments and suggestions you may have to: traci.lowry@hmumc.org.

****Check our website for a fun family activity on Thursday****

Finally, Our Kid Ministry team is in prayer for each of you as we tackle this new normal! Please feel free to share specific prayer requests with me via email. We would love to be praying for you and your individual needs and concerns. We love you!!!