



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

WITH MRS. RENEE

All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2020

READ

Hebrews 12:102

Matthew 5:1-10

REREAD AND WONDER ABOUT THE BEATITUDES (MATTHEW 5:1-10)

Emphasize that this is where Jesus offers us his expectations for his followers and how we are to be his hands and feet here on Earth. Within the Beatitudes we see humility, sorrow, meekness, justice, mercy, and peace. God's blessing will be on those who experience these.

Think about the people in the church, in history, in the community, and in their families who are examples of these expectations of Jesus. Talk about how these people actively reflect the Beatitudes.

Wonder about some or all of these things:

- I wonder how we might offer hope to the hopeless?
- I wonder how we might offer gladness to the grieving?
- I wonder how we might offer nourishment to the hungry? I wonder if nourishment can be more than food and drink?
- I wonder how we might offer mercy to others?
- I wonder who we know that is humble? How have we witnessed this?
- I wonder who we know who has a pure heart? How do we witness this?
- I wonder who we know that offers peace to others? How have we witnessed this?
- I wonder who we know that stands up for what they believe, even when they are bullied by others?

TELL STORIES AND REMEMBER

Adults, tell the story of one or more people that have been important to you on your faith journey. Even if you have told the story before, it is in the retelling that they become family stories. Describe the person in detail. Get out a picture if you have one. What did that person do that was so important or meaningful to you? How did that person help you grow in your understanding of God and God's love for you and for the world?

Do you have a family "heirloom" that has been passed down for several generations? Get it out and tell that story.

Who are the "cloud of witnesses" surrounding you now? How do they help you "run with perseverance"?

Light a candle to remember each person. Say each person's name as you light the candle. Say a short prayer of thanks for their life.

REMEMBER THE SAINTS IN YOUR LIVES

Cut out or draw a cross, bird, star, fish, or flame (or any other symbol that reminds you of those persons). Write the name of the person(s) on your symbol. Post it up somewhere in your home (refrigerator, a door, bathroom mirror, hang it from the ceiling) so that you can actively remember and thank God for those persons over the next few weeks. (Or write names on strips of paper and make a paper chain; hang that up)

WATCH LOUIS ARMSTRONG PLAY AND SING, WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyljbMBpGDA>

LYRICS:

O when the saints go marching in
When the saints go marching in
O Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

Talk about the words and what they mean:

- Where are the saints marching into?
- Why would you want to be in that number?
- How can you be a saint here on earth right now?

CHECK OUT THESE CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

"The Keeping Quilt", by Patricia Palacco

"Grandad's Prayers of the Earth", by Douglas Wood

"Francis, the Poor Man of Assisi", by Tomie DePaolo