

KIDS ACTIVITIES

Sunday 22nd November

"Serve Others, Serve Christ"



The King Will Judge All People

"The Son of Man will come again in his great glory. All his angels will come with him. He will be King and sit on his great throne. All the people of the world will be gathered before him. Then he will separate them into two groups as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. The Son of Man will put the sheep, the good people, on his right and the goats, the bad people, on his left. "Then the King will say to the good people on his right, 'Come. My Father has given you his blessing. Come and receive the kingdom God has prepared for you since the world was made. I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was alone and away from home, and you invited me into your house. I was without clothes, and you gave me something to wear. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' "Then the good people will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and give you food? When did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you alone and away from home and invite you into our house? When did we see you without clothes and give you something to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and care for you?' "Then the King will answer, 'I tell you the truth. Anything you did for any of my people here, you also did for me.' "Then the King will say to those on his left, 'Go away from me. God has said that you will be punished. Go into the fire that burns forever. That fire was prepared for the devil and his helpers. I was hungry, and you gave me nothing to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me nothing to drink. I was alone and away from home, and you did not invite me into your house. I was without clothes, and you gave me nothing to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you did not care for me.' "Then those people will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty? When did we see you alone and away from home? Or when did we see you without clothes or sick or in prison? When did we see these things and not help you?' "Then the King will answer, 'I tell you the truth. Anything you refused to do for any of my people here, you refused to do for me.' "These people will go off to be punished forever. But the good people will go to live forever."



Matthew 25:31-46



THINK

- If Jesus showed up here today, how do you think we might treat Him?
- What would we do to make Him feel welcomed and loved?
- If He asked for something, would we provide it?
- Have you ever seen Jesus?
- What do you think He looks like?

Did you know that Jesus told us when we do things for other people, it's like we are doing things for Him? It seems crazy, but it's true! In the Gospel today, Jesus was describing for people what it might be like someday, when He comes back to Earth. He said that He would gather everyone together and look at how our lives have been lived. Jesus promised to bless those who had served and cared for Him, but He said it would not go well for those who ignored Him when He came. The people listening to this message were confused, since they didn't remember seeing Jesus or denying help to Him. Jesus would tell the people that whatever they had done to help others, they actually did to help Him. We might be a lot more motivated to help people in need if we recognized that in doing so, we were helping Jesus! But what does this mean for us? Does it mean we'll get in trouble if we don't do enough to help every needy person we see? Well, of course we can't help everyone that asks. And we know that we are saved by the love of God. However, it is important to take care of other people because it shows that we love God.

God lets us be part of His plan to serve people. He sends people our way who need God's care, and then we have opportunities to help them. Sometimes this means giving to people who don't have much. Sometimes it means just showing someone that we are willing to listen if they need to talk, or saying a kind word to someone who is sad. We know that all people are made in God's image. They all belong to God! There are chances around us all the time to love and serve Jesus. We are special agents of His work. We can be joyful and hopeful about His eventual return, and meanwhile we love Him and His people!



Pray

Dear God,
Thank you for letting us be part of your work
When we serve other people, we serve you
Help us look for ways to do that
And to care for those around us
Help us to share your love
In Jesus name, Amen!

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