

***Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way***

November 5, 2017

Twenty-Second Sunday of Pentecost

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalms 34:1-10, 22

I John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12



Practice what you preach. Objects: None.

Have you ever played "Dress Up" or "Let's Pretend?" One of my favorite things was when we "played church." One of the children would be the preacher, another would be the song leader, and the others would pretend to play the piano and collect the offering. It was great fun.

I especially liked playing church when it was my turn to be the preacher. When you were the preacher, you could tell everyone else what to do and walk around looking very important.

In our Bible lesson today, Jesus had something to say about "playing church." Oh, he wasn't talking about little children playing "let's pretend." He was talking about the teachers of the law and the Pharisees in the synagogue where people went to worship. Jesus said that everything that they did was done so that others would see them and think how great they were. They loved to have a special seat of honor in the synagogue and they especially liked it when people called them 'Rabbi.' That means 'Master' or 'teacher.'

What did Jesus tell us to do about teachers like these? He said, "Obey them and do everything they say. But do not do what they do, because they do not practice what they preach."

"Practice what you preach!" It is good advice. When it comes to living the Christian life, we need to make sure that we mean what we say and that we aren't just "playing church."

Dear Father, it is important for us to tell others about Jesus and his love for them, but help us to remember that it is even more important for others to see the love of Jesus in us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

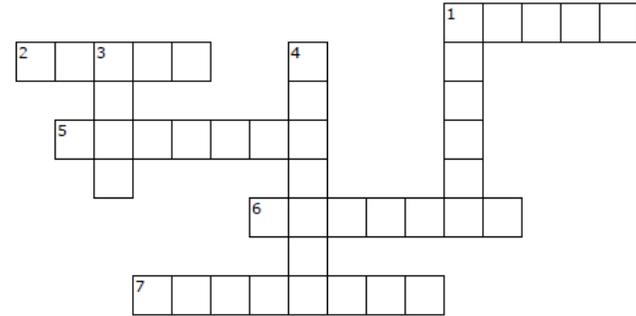
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***Tell Others
About Jesus!***

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. They are before the throne of God, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. Alleluia. (Rev. 7:15)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. To show high respect or esteem for someone
2. A large gathering of people
5. Someone who trains or instructs other people
6. A formal dinner honoring a particular person or occasion
7. Most important, powerful, or famous

DOWN

1. To consider yourself as having no special importance; not proud
3. To do what you are told or expected to do
4. A person hired to work for someone else

CROWD	BANQUET	GREATEST	HUMBLE
HONOR	TEACHER	SERVANT	OBEY

POEM CARD: Give the child a small card to fold. They can color the card and tape a typed copy of this poem on the card as a reminder of today's lesson!

"You can know a lot of Scripture
And have the gift to teach,
But what is more important --
Is to practice what you preach!"

FALL LEAF HEARTS: Give the child some cut out leaves to place in the shape of a heart on a large piece of paper. Inside the heart shaped by leaves, help the child write TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS' LOVE! Cut around the outside of the leaf shaped heart and hang by a piece of yarn!

I WANT TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT.



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