

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

September 8, 2019

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33



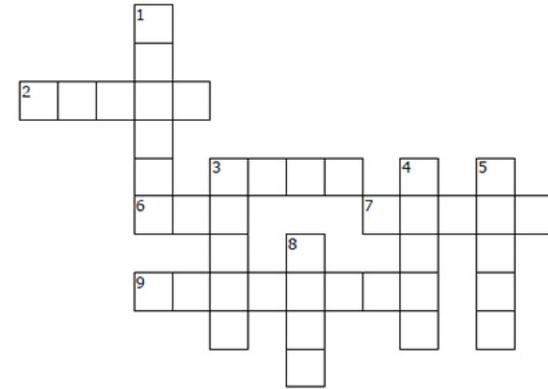
13th Sunday after Pentecost

Gather the children in a circle. Ask them if they know the “Hokey Pokey” song. Maybe sing a couple of verses and have them do it with you. For the last verse sing the “put your whole self in put your whole self out.”

After you sing that have the kids sit down if you would like. Tell them that today’s Bible story from the gospel of Luke is kind of a hard one. Following and loving Jesus is not easy and you may have to give up everything you have to follow Jesus. Say, “Just like the song the “Hokey Pokey” that we just sang, Jesus tells us that the only way to follow him is to put our whole selves in. What does it mean to follow Jesus? How do we act, what do we say, if we are following Jesus? (Accept all answers) So when we are at school do we follow Jesus? Yes. When we are at soccer, football, or swim practice or dance class do we follow Jesus? What if following Jesus, which means loving everyone, even those that other people ignore, means that we get made fun of for being nice to kids that other kids are not nice to? What if following Jesus means that you share the ball in soccer practice or don’t need to be the one who makes the goal? What if following Jesus means giving away part of your allowance to buy food for someone or clothes for someone? Those can all be tough things but Jesus wants our whole selves to follow him not just on Sundays or at church but Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and everywhere! Is that easy or hard? Well the good news is that Jesus promises to be with us on all of those days and at every time of our day! We will mess up and not get it right but we get to try again every single day and God says that is ok and God loves us! And that is “what’s it’s all about!” *adapted from Faith Formations Journeys*

Let’s pray together. Dear God, love is what you offer us every day and is what our lives are all about. Help us to put our whole selves into following and loving you. Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2. To form something by combining materials or parts; to construct
- 3. The amount paid for a something; the price
- 6. Fighting between two or more countries
- 7. Coins or currency used to buy things
- 9. A follower of Jesus

DOWN

- 1. To take someone as a model; to imitate
- 3. A wooden structure consisting of an upright with a horizontal beam
- 4. A very tall, narrow building, or part of a building
- 5. The opposite of war
- 8. A male ruler in some countries

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| cost | king | tower | cross | money |
| follow | war | peace | disciple | build |

Activity: As a family this week, write down how you followed Jesus. Keep the list near the dinner table and talk about it together over your meal.

Discussion Question: To follow Jesus, we may have to give up some things. What are you willing to give up? What would be hardest? Easiest?

Family Table Prayer for September:

For back to school
new friends to meet
for books and teachers, too
for family time and meals together
LORD, we thank YOU!

September Memory Verse: Isaiah 30:21 Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.”



I will follow Jesus, God's Son

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