

Home Family Worship with Kids 35. November 22nd, 2020

Matthew 25:31-46 Parable of the Sheep and the Goats

Message:

Here is another Parable that Jesus told. Jesus told parables, stories to really make us think. Parables help us look at what God has given us and how he wants us to respond, how to grow in His love.

Watch the video of the Bible reading:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2sDWuzUe78Y&feature=emb_logo

Or read from the Bible the Parable of the Sheep and Goats, Matthew 25:31-46

One day, Jesus told about a time that is coming. He said that at the end of the world, He will come back and sit on a throne. It will be full of glory, and all the holy angels will be with Him!

Then everyone from the whole world will come together there. Jesus will divide everyone into groups, just like a shepherd separates out sheep and goats.

Our Lord said that the good people will get God's Kingdom! They who have fed hungry people, given drinks to thirsty people, been friendly to people they didn't know, given clothes to people who didn't have enough, visited sick people, and gone to see prisoners. Jesus said that, when the good people do these things to other people, they do it to Him.

Then He said a sad thing. He said that the people who do not help others around them will need to go away from Him. They will be separated from God.

Jesus is teaching the people that he wants us to love and care for all people, people who are like us and people who are not. If Jesus asked us to give him a drink, we would. If Jesus asked us to give him a place to stay, we would. In this parable Jesus is asking us to think of everyone as him. When you look at someone, imagine it is Jesus.

Here are some questions about the Gospel story:

1. When Jesus told this story, He told about when He will come back. He said that He will divide everyone into two groups, just like when a shepherd separates what two animals?
2. Which kind of people did God welcome into His kingdom?
3. What did they do that pleased God?
4. God wants us to help those in need. Did you ever . . .
 - open the door for someone?
 - help someone who was hurt on the playground?
 - bring in food for a food drive?
 - play with someone who was all alone?

Jesus wants us to be helpful and caring, so we can be like Him.

Videos: Bible reading:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2sDWuzUe78Y&feature=emb_logo

Life Kids Story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iWskdx-XwWY>

Lego – The Sheep and the Goats.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2EReZl6S6s>

Songs: Wanna be a sheep. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpot1idJf54>

I just wanna be a sheep. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tpYgYoNGM38>

The Baa Baa song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGPQX3vQtU8>

Activity: 1. **What am I doing?** On slips of paper write things you can do that helps others. Each person chooses a slip and acts out what is written. Rest of the family guesses.

2. **SHEEP and GOATS POSTER:** Have the children draw a sheep and a goat or give them a picture of a goat and of a sheep. These pictures can be glued at the top of a piece of construction paper and the children can write a list characteristics of each under the sheep or goat picture. Examples: write the positive characteristics of the sheep in our story such as inherit the kingdom of God, right hand, blessed, give me food when hungry, give me water when thirsty, took me in, clothed me, and visited me. And the opposite characteristics could be listed on the side under the goat's picture.

3. **GET WELL CARDS:** Give the children supplies to make get well cards for friends or church members that might be sick. Stickers and markers could be used to decorate the cards and the children can write phrases such as, "Hope you get well soon," "I'm praying for you," "We miss you in Church," etc.;. The children should be reminded that, as Jesus said in our lesson today, we should visit the sick and help others who are in need.

4. **Partner a Village:** As a family discuss the Village Partnership the congregation is raising money for. Information is in the Bulletin. Think of ways to collect some money. If you have recycled bottles and cans – that money may be able to be used for this activity.