

March 24/28 – Division - Luke 16.19-31

Opening Prayer:

A God of all the world,
make us brave when there is danger,
make us kind when there is hatred,
make us gentle when there is sadness,
make us tender when there is hurt,
make us generous when there is poverty,
make us bridges when there is division,
make us friends when there are enemies.
Bring us closer to you, Lord God,
for then will we truly love one another.
Amen.

Recap of Last Week:

Last week we told the story of Jesus and the lost sheep.

The Story: Play Video/Videos

Check Video Folder

Game/Activity:

Opposites

Play a game together where the cards are turned upside down and the children have to pick a card, turn it over and then shout out as quickly as possible the opposite word to the one written on the card.

Use the opposites as a way of introducing the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus

Footprints

You will need: paper, pens and scissors.

In this week's Bible story, we need to be like Lazarus and make good choices in our lives. Chat with your group about what so you mean by good choices. On the back of their footprints ask them to draw or write some good choices they have made. You can use your footprints in this week's game follow me.

Use footprints from March 5th, make new ones if need be.

Craft:

Family Faith Questions:

Discuss these topics as you do your crafts together.

How does money affect your family faith life?

Hot And Cold

You will need: colorful construction paper, crayons in blue tones and in red, yellow and orange tones, white paper, pencils, scissors, glue, some internet or story book pictures of the Rich Man and Lazarus (see page 139).

Give each child a piece of construction paper and ask them to lay it in front of them with the short ends top and bottom (portrait fashion). Ask them to use the blue toned crayons and using long strokes with different crayons create a cool area at the top third of their card. Encourage them to use lots of shades of blue and to overlap the strokes rather than 'color in'. Now ask them to do the same at the bottom third of their card but with the red, orange and yellow crayons this time. Try and encourage them to leave a chasm or gap in between so the two areas do not meet.

Now give the children a piece of white paper and ask them to draw the Rich Man and Lazarus and then cut their pictures out. An option would be to have pictures from the internet prepared ready to cut out and stick on. Once they have cut their pictures out, ask them to place the right person in the right part of the picture and then stick them on.

Talk about the story and how the Rich Man did not help Lazarus when he went past him every day. Discuss how he could have helped him. Talk about how we can help each other often in simple ways.

Next Week:

Next week we will focus on Jesus and Zacchaeus.

Sending Prayer:

Ask the kids if there are any prayers they'd like to focus on. Pray together.