

## *January Sunday School*



*The Church that  
Children Built*

*Usually our curriculum rotates between Scripture, Prayer & Living Our Faith. This year would be a Living our Faith year. The focus is on the promises in the Baptismal Covenant.*

### **The Baptismal Covenant**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching & fellowship, in the breaking of the bread and in the prayers?

Will you persevere in resisting evil and whenever you fall into sin repent and return to the Lord?

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being?

*That will break down into the following focuses:*

Staying connected with God

Saying "I'm sorry" and standing up for what's right

Sharing your faith

Serving others

Making the world a better place

## January: Serving Others

Matthew 25:31 – 46

One of the promises that we make at baptism is that we will “seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself.”

What that means is that we are called to look for the presence of Christ in every person we meet and to serve others with love.

Read Matthew 25:31-46

31 “Now when the Human One comes in his majesty and all his angels are with him, he will sit on his majestic throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will separate them from each other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right side. But the goats he will put on his left.

34 “Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who will receive good things from my Father. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. 35 I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. 36 I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.’

37 “Then those who are righteous will reply to him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? 38 When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

40 “Then the king will reply to them, ‘I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.’

41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Get away from me, you who will receive terrible things. Go into the unending

fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 I was hungry and you didn't give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you didn't give me anything to drink. 43 I was a stranger and you didn't welcome me. I was naked and you didn't give me clothes to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'

44 "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and didn't do anything to help you?' 45 Then he will answer, 'I assure you that when you haven't done it for one of the least of these, you haven't done it for me.' 46 And they will go away into eternal punishment. But the righteous ones will go into eternal life."

What do you think this passage is meant to tell us?

Who does Jesus tell us to help?

How does he tell us to help them?

Who in your life needs help?

What can you do to help them?

What does it mean to look for Jesus in everyone we meet?

How do we do that?

In your bag you have a book that tells this story in a slightly different way. Illustrate the book and then read it to a parent, a friend, a sibling or a stuffed animal.