



FAITH AT HOME

Aldersgate Church ~ St. Louis Park, MN

Week of March 27, 2022: John 18:28-40

Memory Verse

John 18:37: "...Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'"

A Time to Pray:

A Prayer for the Day:

Loving God, the world can be very confusing. Please guide us and walk with us today, and help us to love all the best we can. Amen.

A Bedtime Blessing:

Rest my sweet child
As the moon shines down
May your dreams be mild
And may peace abound

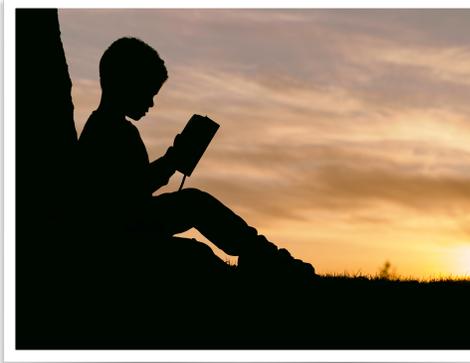
A Dinner/ MN Foodshare Month Prayer:

(consider getting some donations to STEP and placing them on your dinner table one night)
As we sit down to eat,
sweet Lord, please be with those who are hungry, displaced, and scared.
Thank you for your love and blessing. Amen.

The Story: The Wrong Man

[Part one of a story from a young girl's viewpoint (see next week for the second part.)]

You will never believe what has just happened! I saw it with my own eyes. The man Jesus, remember the one we cheered through the streets of Jerusalem, shouted out hosanna, waved palm branches in the air, and laid our cloaks before him, has been arrested! The religious police marched him from the house of Caiaphas, the High Priest, to the court of the Roman Governor Pilate.



And believe me, Jesus was not taken there for a party, or a cup of tea, or for his dinner. The religious leaders wanted to get Jesus into trouble. They blamed him for things he did not do, and they even got people to tell lies about him, and I think they may even have paid some people to turn up at Pilate's courthouse to cause trouble, or, at the very least, to do what the religious leaders wanted him to do.

I managed to sneak into the courthouse, so that I could hear what Pilate had to say about Jesus.

Pilate told the religious authorities that it was a religious issue and they should deal with it themselves. Then the religious leaders said that Jesus was a criminal! I could

Activity:

What Kind of King?

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Jesus came to Earth to live and die for us... unfortunately, there were many alive at the time who did not recognize the significance of who He was or what He was doing. They expected a ruler who might free them from political oppression or overthrow the human powers of the time. Jesus came to be king, but He did so by service and sacrifice. He came to free us from the powers of sin and death. This message reminds us all that Jesus is king of Heaven, and king of our hearts.

For an **activity** make and decorate a crown reminding us Jesus is the king of our hearts. Then outline your hand and a foot, and then color/decorate them, reminding us that while Jesus is the king of our hearts, he is the kind of king who serves with his hands and his feet.



hardly believe what they were saying, and I think I may have shouted out that Jesus wasn't a criminal, but no one would listen to a wee girl talking.

Then the religious leaders said that by their law they cannot execute anyone. I asked one of the grown-ups near me what they meant by execute, and he said, "It means they want to kill Jesus".

I said to the man, "They cannot kill Jesus. He has not done anything wrong. He is my friend, and he is kind, and loving and generous to everyone. He made my dad well when he was sick, and he always spoke kindly to my mum, and he said my granny was a wise and generous soul."

Pilate then went back inside to speak to Jesus on his own, and when he came back out he told the religious leaders that he didn't think Jesus had done anything wrong. He then said there was a custom that one prisoner could be freed at Passover, so he could set Jesus free. I shouted out: "Yes!" but everyone else shouted that they should free Barabbas. He was a really bad man who had killed people.

And Pilate let Barabbas go! Can you believe that? He let the wrong man go.

Minnesota FoodShare Month & Your Kids:

March is Minnesota Food Share Month, which is a statewide effort to support local Food shelves. We are supporting STEP (St. Louis Park Emergency Program), and they need breakfast foods, and this Sunday is our **LAST DAY TO COLLECT!** And, hey, kids love breakfast! Consider taking them to the grocery store this week to pick healthy cereals, peanut butter and jelly, and oatmeal to bring to church as part of our effort to support STEP. Also, note the dinner prayer in the left column on the first page, and consider talking with your kids about how many kids in our state and cities don't know when their next meal will come, and how we can help.

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