



FAITH AT HOME

Aldersgate Church ~ St. Louis Park, MN

Week of November 20, 2022: Isaiah 6:1-3, 13-20, 37:1-7, 2:1-4

Memory Verse

Isaiah 2:4: "...Nation shall not lift sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

A Family Prayer

Dear God,
we thank you for the gift of words. We thank you for the ways in which words let us express how we are feeling, feelings of happiness and sadness, feelings of joy and frustration.

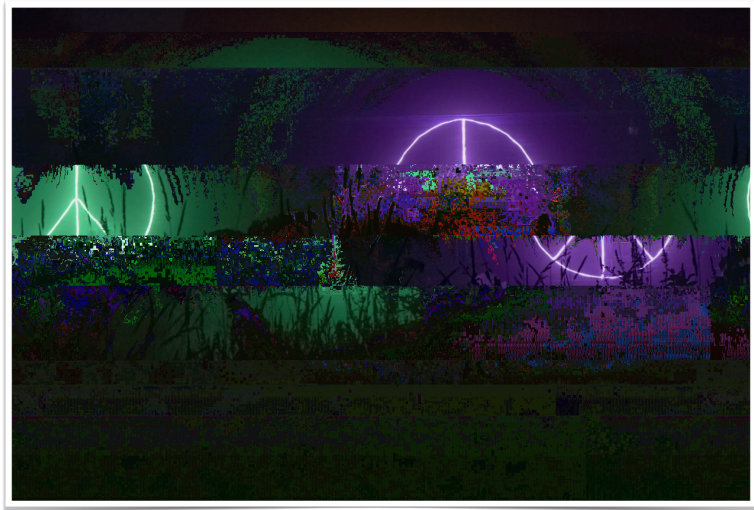
Lord God, we are sorry when we have misused the gift of words and the power they hold. Sometimes we forget that words can do tremendous damage when used to gossip and spread rumours, when used to spread pain or guilt.

Forgive us God.

Turn the power of our words to acts of healing and encouragement so all may come to know of the love that you call us...

The Story:

King Sennacherib, the ruler of Assyria, had attacked several cities in Judea and was preparing to attack Jerusalem. The leader of Judea, King Hezekiah, offered him gold and silver to leave them alone. This did not work. Instead, Sennacherib sent a general (Rabshakeh) from his army to talk to Hezekiah and tell him to surrender. The general's speech was filled with rumors and threats. It was insulting to the people of Judea. The general said that God could not save the people of Judea so they should just give up. Hezekiah was sorry that he had offered them money. He did not believe the rumors. Hezekiah went to the prophet Isaiah and asked for help. Isaiah told Hezekiah that God would save Judea and told him to go pray to God. Hezekiah pled for God to save the people of Judea. He was humble. He said he needed God's help. God saved them



... to share. Hear these words we pray. Amen.



Activities:

Names (all ages)

You will need: a book of baby names or internet access to research the meaning of names

Look up the meaning of your child's name and discuss how the meaning of their name might describe them. This week's Bible story has many names which might sound strange but have their own meaning.

Names 2.0 (all ages)

You will need: paper and pencil, pens, etc.

Direct your child to write their name horizontally down the paper and then think of positive adjectives for each letter.

Family Discussion: What is gossip? What are rumors? Ask your child if anyone has said something about them that was not true. How did they feel? Did they do anything about it? Have they ever said anything about someone else that was not true? How did that feel?

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for listening to us, especially when we need help. Teach us to seek truth. Teach us to seek peace. Amen.

Games:

Telephone ~ all age

Play the telephone game. Begin with a silly statement that is a bit confusing. Whisper it to one person. Then have them tell another and so on. The more people in the group the better this works. Listen to what is said at the end and compare to the beginning statement.



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