



Ask Me About...

A Weekly Sunday School Newsletter that Encourages Parents to Discuss Sunday School Experiences and Concepts With Their Children at Home

Overview of New Unit for the Fall: "Don't Just Pass Through...Pass It On!"

This fall, we are elaborating on the definition of stewardship that we learned during our unit, "Just Passing Through", last year. As stewards, we must use our time, talents, and possessions **to take care of each other, the earth and ourselves.** Using Scripture as our foundation and the evidence that science has provided as a tool, our students will study how their daily, independent actions affect the limited freshwater supply of the earth. With all of the critical ecological issues facing our children today, why focus on water? Firstly, it sustains life. Secondly, it is non-renewable. The water we use today is the same exact water created in the book

of Genesis. Thirdly, every child uses it daily and can affect its conservation. Fourthly, how people utilize and care for the water and environment across the world will affect the quality of water that we receive in Connecticut. Consequently, students have to focus on the global issue of caring for the quality of water supply of others.

During this unit of study, we will integrate evidence from science with our Christian faith. This unit will provide our students with important background information pertaining to the current crisis of our water supply. This unit will also provide each student with specific em-

powering actions that each of them can perform in their own homes to conserve and care for our limited, life-giving water supply. Finally, students will be encouraged to continually educate themselves about the status of our environment and take action to make a difference. No matter how small the splash, it does have ripples. Therefore, if you have to make a splash-do it for the glory of God!



Dates to Remember

Muffin Ministries
4th-6th Graders
Saturday, Sept. 27th
2:00-4:00
Bishop Room

Heifer Presentation
to Church
Sunday, Sept. 28
Students Stay in
Worship

Communion Sunday
October 5
Students Go Directly
to Sunday School at
10:30 am

**NO SUNDAY
SCHOOL**
October 12

Unit Scripture Verses:

- "You were created in Christ Jesus for good works." (Ephesians 2:10)
- "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit-fruit that will last." (John 15:16)
- "By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit."
- "God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:8)

Today in Sunday School...

we will be studying the Ripple Effect of our independent actions on the earth. Every action an individual makes has an effect on this earth. The size of the action and the type of action determines the splash and the quality of the ripples that emanate from that action. God does not expect perfection. HOWEVER, He does want us to continually stride, as dynamic beings, to act in such a way that we are forever growing and working to create positive ripples throughout this world. Through these good works, He is glorified.

Though we may be "Just Passing Through" on this earth, it is our role as stewards to ensure that we "Pass It On" to all those presently living and to the future generations of God's people.

Memory Prayer



We forget sometimes to look around us,
At all the answers God has given to prayers
we never spoke.
We did not pray for the greatest gift of all, life,
and yet it was given to us.
We did not pray for health,
and yet it was given to us.
We did not pray for love,
and yet it was given to us.
We did not pray for sunshine, the moonlight, the flowers,
the trees, the shimmering stars, or the towering heavens,
and yet they were all given to us.

Let us sing our praise to God,
who gives life to all creation.
Your glory shines in the starry skies
and in the brightness of morning.
Your wonders fill our hearts and minds.
We praise, the Eternal God,
Who has called us as partners
To help make our world a better place.

Head Teacher: Micky Pratt

- What did Micky have outside in the parking lot today? (a pool)
- What did you do with the pool? (throw rocks into it)
- What happens when you throw rocks into the pool? (splashes, RIPPLES!)
- What is the ripple effect? (when an action causes a series of other things to happen)
- What would be a ripple effect of stealing? Of giving money to the poor?
- Every time we do something we make a splash in life. What kind of splashes does God want us to make on His earth? Why?
- Does God expect us to always make good and big splashes? Why not?
- What would make God happy? (to spend our whole life trying to make good splashes)
- When you make a good splash, who benefits? (yourself, others, and also the earth)

WHOLE GROUP INSTRUCTION (questions to stimulate discussion)

- What story did Micky read to you today? (Faith the Cow)
- What was the story about? (How Dan West started Heifer International)
- What were some of the ripple effects of his action that you saw in the book?
- Listen to this scripture: *“God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”* (2 Corinthians 9:8) Did Dan West abound?
- Today you did a craft. What did you do? (created paper dolls which will have our heads) What is Micky planning to do with the craft? (put it in on the bulletin board in the hallway)
- What is the bulletin board about? (It describes the memory prayer above—we have been called as partners, stewards, to help make our world a better place)

