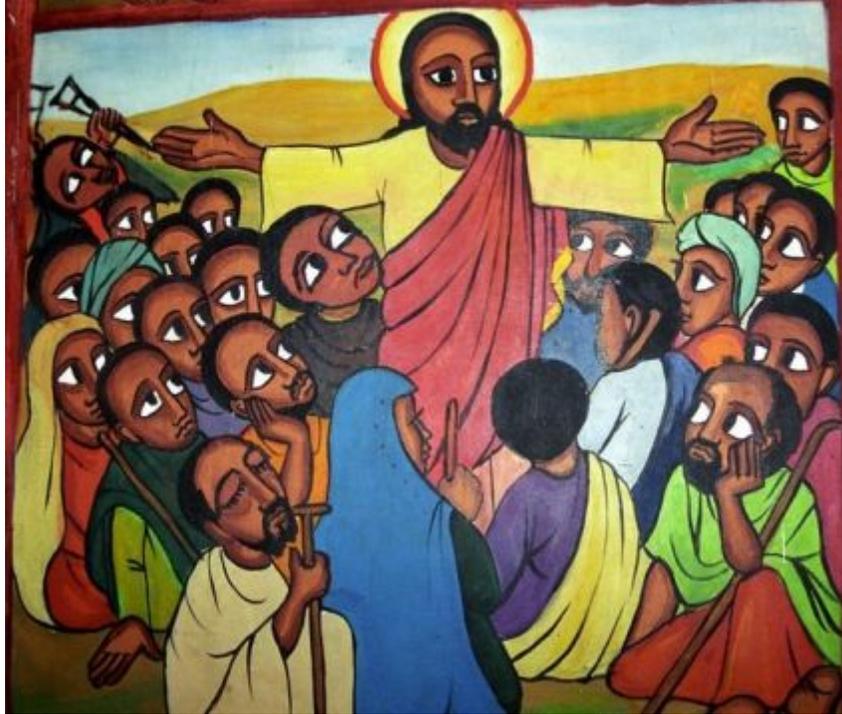


Children's Church

Sunday, July 5, 2020

"Come to me all who are tired and I will give you rest."



Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+11&version=ICB>

“What can I say about the people who live today? What are they like? They are like children sitting in the marketplace. One group calls to the other,

‘We played music for you, but you did not dance;
we sang a sad song, but you did not cry.’

John came, and he did not eat like other people or drink wine. And people say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of Man came, eating and drinking wine, and people say, ‘Look at him! He eats too much and drinks too much. He is a friend of tax collectors and “sinners.”’ But wisdom is proved to be right by the things it does.”

Then Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth. I praise you because you have hidden these things from the people who are wise and smart. But you have shown them to those who are like little children. ²⁶Yes, Father, this is what you really wanted.

“My Father has given me all things. No one knows the Son—only the Father knows the Son. And no one knows the Father—only the Son knows the Father. And the only people who will know about the Father are those whom the Son chooses to tell.

“Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads. I will give you rest. Accept my work and learn from me. I am gentle and humble in spirit. And you will find rest for your souls. The work that I ask you to accept is easy. The load I give you to carry is not heavy.”

Discussion:

- Jesus tells us to come to him when we are tired or sad and he will give us comfort. When you feel tired or sad this week, think of a prayer and talk to Jesus. You just may feel better!

FUN FACT! In a different version of this reading, Jesus tells us to “take his yoke upon us; that the burden is light.” A “yoke” is a bar that is used to join the heads or necks of two animals so that they can share the load they are carrying. When Jesus tells us to take his “yoke” upon us, he is telling us that he wants to share whatever it is that is hurting us or causing us trouble. Yet again, Jesus reminds us that we are never alone – there is nothing that can happen to us that he cannot help us with as we go through life.

Experiment:

Tools: 2 eggs, 2 cups of water, salt

Directions: Place one egg in a cup with just water. What happens?

Now, place the other egg in a cup of water with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of salt. Make sure the salt is completely dissolved (this may take a lot of stirring!). Place the other egg in the salty water solution. What happens?

Just like water needs the salt's help to float, so, too, do we need Jesus' help to carry whatever load we are carrying!



Help with a Heavy Load

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Matthew 11:28-30

Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

U G J H S N I N G G E N T L E
 P N N G E O D Z M F H E T B W
 J Q Y C N A U F F Q G W W Q A
 K B R R Z L R L J N K S T L O
 A U A H A F M T S K H D L B E
 I E G I C W Z T Q R E S T E W
 L G S Y U Y G W E A R Y L V V
 G Q D Q F O L J C L X B L Q A
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 K T Y H P R U V D L P L S H I
 J N L B S B U R D E N X I T K
 R O O S A C F H W E A R Y T R

LIGHT	BURDEN	EASY	COME	LEARN
HEART	GENTLE	LIGHT	WEARY	WEARY
LEARN	REST	YOKE	HUMBLE	SOULS