

Sunday Connections 11.11.2018

Lighthouse (P1-P6)

Bible Passage: The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collection

Aim: To consider what our attitude should be as we come to God in prayer.

Retold Brilliantly [Here](#): Luke 18:9-14

To Think About: The Pharisee (with the funny hat in the video) was responsible for making sure the people learned and kept all of the religious laws. The tax collector, collected money for the government, sometimes tax collectors weren't honest and stole some money, but they both prayed to God. How did the Pharisee choose to say his prayers? How about the tax collector? What was different about how each of their prayers [you will want to go into the text for this]? The Pharisee looked like he had it together on the outside and wanted people to think well of him. What is God more interested in [our hearts and that we know that we need him].

Pray Together Idea: Go on a prayer walk. A few ideas to get you started! Look for something you find beautiful and give thanks to God. Do you see any places where people go to get help (police station, Citizens Advice, church, etc)? Pray for the people inside those places. If you spy a creature that God has made, praise God! If you see a place that makes you happy, say thank you!

Youth (P7-S4)

Bible Passage: Ruth Chapters 1-4

Aim: To show that God used an ordinary person, with all of his doubts and fears, for His purpose of rescuing the people of Israel.

Retold Here: We watched this version together [HERE](#)

To Think About: Who Are the Characters in this Epic Narrative? How did they show love to one another? Orpah often gets the raw end of the deal, what do you think? How does the story of Naomi's family being redeemed fit into God's plan to redeem the world?

A Wee Reflection on Remembrance: It is important to be honest with children and young people about the condition of our world. About grief and about loss. What they hear from their Christian parents and the church can be very different than what is taught elsewhere. It is important that they know that when we are sad or scared, that God understand our sadness and is with us in it and through it. It is important that they hear that Jesus showed us that God is bigger than these and that God has a bigger story in mind.