

The Sunday School classes learned that Easter keeps going after all the bunnies and candy and eggs are gone! We're still learning about the season of Easter in Sunday School. We sang three songs to remind us of Jesus' life, from baby (Away in the Manger), to his teachings (Love One Another), to his resurrection (Praise Ye the Lord). Now we are learning of his commission to his disciples to teach The Good News. On April 3 we learned about Doubting Thomas. Using a Blind Box, the children reached into it and felt toys and objects they recognized, even though they could not see them, they knew they were there, and they could tell what each was. We read the lessons about Jesus revisiting his disciples after his crucifixion. That was amazing! It was easy to understand why Thomas, who had not seen Jesus, doubted and needed proof, after all nothing like that had ever happened before.

To try to help kids get the idea of unseen faith, we put fluffy cotton clouds over a picture of sun so we could flip them up, because we know the sun is there, even when we can't see it. We also wrote our names with wax on white hearts, and we could not see that until we painted it with watercolor...so we learned that even if we can't see Jesus, he is in our hearts. Also older kids made book marks to keep Jesus with us.

Two Baptisms are coming up this month, schedules are not yet firm, but children love to observe Baptisms. They don't remember their own Baptism, and we learned about Jesus Baptism by John the Baptist, so you might plan to attend church for that.

April 10 - the lesson is about the conversion of Saul to Paul.

April 17 - No Sunday School due to school vacation.

April 24 - is Peter's Dream

May 1 is a special Music Sunday with Bill Valliere and his guitar, and the lesson is Lydia, the dyer of purple.

We continue to enjoy the support of parents in bringing your children. Thank you for helping as needed.

Moving ahead, we hope to expand the involvement of children in several ways. We look forward to beginning to have older children help as greeters, ushers at communion and acolytes. We wish to establish a form of cradle roll to welcome our youngest children, and we are offering a nursery during church for young children, who are not comfortable during the service. It is all volunteer, so please let us know how you wish to help.

Thanks,

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