

Sunday School & Choir Sunday School January 2021 Newsletter

January 3rd - Matthew 2:1-23
The Visit of the Magi

In today's Bible passage, a group of wise men who've studied the stars notice an unusual star and follow it to Jerusalem, where Israel's king lived. They're looking for the newborn king who had caused the star to rise. When the wise men find Jesus, they worship him. Hearing of this, King Herod wants to kill Jesus, but God leads both the wise men and Jesus' family to keep him safe.

Big Idea: Jesus is King!



January 10th - Matthew 3:1-17
Jesus' Baptism by John

John the Baptist shows up to prepare the way for Jesus. He travels around baptizing people and preaching that they need to repent and prepare their hearts for Jesus. When Jesus comes, John the Baptist baptizes Jesus. At Jesus' baptism, the skies open and God the Father announces that Jesus is his Son.

Big Idea: Jesus is the Son of God., now and forever.

January 17th - Matthew 4:1-11
Temptation in the Wilderness

Before he starts teaching and healing, Jesus takes 40 days of quiet time in the desert. When Jesus is weak and hungry, Satan comes to him and tries to tempt him in three ways. But Jesus shows us the right way and uses Bible verses to say no to temptation.

Big Idea: Jesus shows us the way.

January 24th - Matthew 4:12-25
Calling of the Disciples

Jesus calls four fishermen to follow him. They immediately leave their nets to follow him. Jesus also calls Philip, who recruits his friend Nathanael. Nathanael is impressed by Jesus' knowledge of him. Jesus changes all of these men's lives, and Jesus can change our lives, too.

Big Idea: Jesus can change our lives.

Word of the Month

TRUST: a firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability or strength of someone or something

January 31st - Matthew 5:1-16
Sermon on the Mount

Jesus teaches from the mountaintop. Included in his teachings are the beatitudes - ways that we are blessed by God even in hard times or situations. Jesus also tells us to let our light shine - our good work to others gives glory to God.

Big idea: Do unto others as you would like done to you.

Click below for a read aloud with Mrs. Michaeltz!
Most People
By Michael Leannah

Check out the videos from our Choir Sunday School Directors!

PreK - 1st Grade -- Mrs. Roess

2nd & 3rd Grade -- Mrs. Widen

4th - 6th Grade -- Mr. Warner

Sunday School Lesson & Activities

January 10th

Jesus' Baptism by John - Matthew 3:1-17

Big idea: Jesus is the Son of God, now and forever.

Craft

- 3yr - 2nd - [Dove Craft](#)
- 3rd - 6th - [Baptism of Jesus Spinner](#)
- [Coloring Sheet](#)

Family Activity - [Baptism Activity](#)

Prayer of the Day:

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus as your beloved Son. Help us to trust that we are all your beloved children and that you want us to share your great love with the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

January 3rd

The Visit of the Magi - Matthew 2:1-23

Big idea: Jesus is King!

Craft

- 3yr - 2nd - [Wise Men Craft](#)
- 3rd - 6th - [Three Wise Men Paper Craft](#)
- [Coloring Sheet](#)

Family Activity - [Trusting in God's Hands](#)

Prayer of the Day:

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus. Like the Magi, may we follow the star that leads us to You and share the good news of Jesus with the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

January 17th

Temptation in the Wilderness - Matthew 4:1-11

Big idea: Jesus show us the way.

Craft

- 3yr - 2nd - [Temptation Craft](#)
- 3rd - 6th - [Temptation of Christ Craft](#)
- [Coloring Sheet](#)

Family Activity - [Temptation Object Lesson for Families](#)

Prayer of the Day:

Dear God, when we feel tempted, turn us to You. Teach us to trust that You are always with us and that You help us through hard things. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

January 24th

Calling of the Disciples - Matthew 4:12-25

Big idea:

Craft

- 3yr - 2nd - [Fishers of Men Craft](#)
- 3rd - 6th - [Fishers of Men Spinners](#)
- [Coloring Sheet](#)

Family Activity - [Fishers of Men Game](#)

Prayer of the Day:

Dear God, thank you for calling us to follow Jesus. Just as the disciples dropped their nets to follow You, help us to drop the things that get in the way of sharing your love with others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

January 31st

Sermon on the Mount - Matthew 5:1-16

Big Idea:

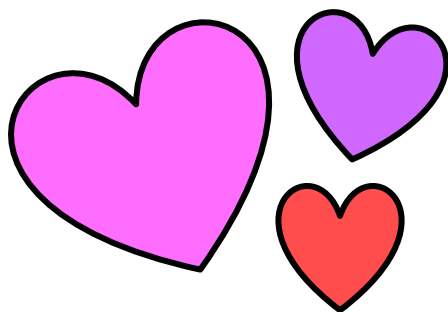
Craft

- 3yr - 2nd - [Printable Beatitudes](#)
- 3rd - 6th - [The Golden Rule](#)
- [Coloring Sheet](#)

Family Activity - [Sermon on the Mount Scavenger Hunt](#)

Prayer of the Day:

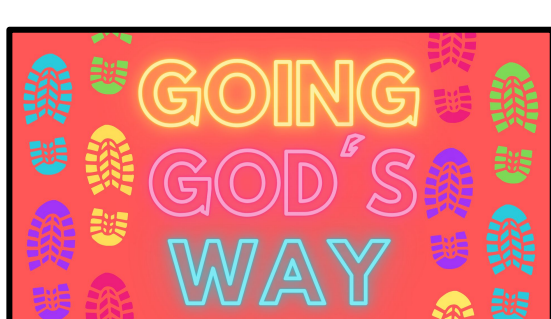
Dear God, Jesus tells his disciples to be salt and light in this world. As we live out our call to follow you, may your light so shine in us that we would bring glory to You and love to your people. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Children and Family Ministry Announcements

If you are interested in reading a prayer for Going God's Way please contact Katy Michaeltz (kmichaeltz@mtolivet.org). We are looking for volunteers and would love to have you!

New dates have been added for Open Gym and Open Art Studio!
Both registrations can be found online.



Have you watched [Going God's Way](#) yet? Click the link to check out our new videos for 4th- 6th graders designed to inspire you throughout the week!