

FAITH FORMATION

Students do not have class this week and we are hoping to see them at the Ice Cream Social that our Youth Ministry is sponsoring. The Gospel Weekly was given to the children to remind them of this weeks reading. Please make sure you review with your child.

This Week's Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Pharisees were the religion teachers of Jesus' time. They taught Jews their religious traditions and challenged them to apply the Law to their lives. Jesus had more in common with the Pharisees than with any other religious group of his day. In Sunday's Gospel story, Jesus is not criticizing the values and beliefs of a whole religious group. He is criticizing an individual Pharisee's self-righteousness. In Jesus' time, few people liked tax collectors because they collaborated with the Roman government. Jesus' story challenges us to examine how we view others and how God views us. In God's eyes, everybody is somebody.

Promise (Grades Pre School, K-1): This week's session taught your child to recognize that all people are important because God loves them. Talk about ways your family can show other families just how important they are. Make extra efforts this week to ask your child about the things that are important to him or her.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Your child has gained a sense that the saints show ways to follow Jesus. As a family, you might play the "Praise or Putdowns Game" that appears on the last page of the lesson booklet. Talk about ways you can help one another appreciate how God sees all people.

Venture (Grades 4-6): In class, the children have learned what makes people great in God's eyes. Talk together about what it means to be holy. God doesn't create people as nobodies and somebodies. Talk about ways your family can treat everyone as somebody.