

Plymouth Congregational Church

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN



October 11, 2020

Dear God,

Thanks for today, for this beautiful world, for the health and safety of my friends and family, and for all the things you have given us! Life is better with you and your LOVE!

Amen.

Plymouth Children's Prayer



An Incident in the Wilderness

based on Exodus 32:1-7

Israelite 1: How long has it been?

Israelite 2: I don't know! Why are you asking me?
I don't keep track of these things.

Israelite 3: It's been 40 days, at least!

Israelite 4: What are we going to do? Moses was the one who led us out of Egypt. He told us what to do and where to go. When we needed something, Moses got it for us. Now he's gone. Who will lead us now?

All: Yikes! What are we going to do?

Israelite 1: Something has to be done.

Israelite 2: And quickly.

Israelite 3: Let's ask Aaron to make us a statue of a god to lead us.

All: Why Aaron?

Israelite 4: Moses left him in charge. You want something done, go to Aaron. You got questions, ask Aaron. You need extra food...

All: Ask Aaron, we get it.

Israelite 1: Let's go and speak to him now.

Israelite 2: Hey, Aaron, we don't know what has happened to this man Moses who led us out of Egypt, so make us a statue of a god.

Aaron: What? Why?

Why do you think the Israelites want a statue of a god?

(Pause for discussion.)

Aaron: Let's wait for a few more days. Surely Moses will return soon.

Narrator: A few days pass, and still there is no sign of Moses.

All (chanting): We want a god. Make us a god. We want a god. Make us a god.

Aaron: What shall I do? If I wait much longer there could be trouble, someone might even get hurt. Should I make that statue?

All (chanting): We want a god. Make us a god. We want a god. Make us a god.

What do you think Aaron will do?

(Pause for discussion.)

Narrator: So Aaron sent out a message.

Messenger: Take off all your gold earrings and bring them to me immediately.

Narrator: Aaron delayed making the statue for as long as he could, but Moses still did not return.

All (chanting): We want a god. Make us a god. We want a god. Make us a god.

Narrator: Finally Aaron knew he couldn't delay any longer and made a statue shaped like a calf.

All: Hooray! We finally have a god we can see! Let's have a party to celebrate!

Narrator: Meanwhile up on the mountain, God and Moses were meeting and God was not happy.

What do you think will happen?



Being an Advocate

Advocates are people who stand up for the rights of others as well as themselves

Two advocates

Malala Yousafzai was born in Mingora, Pakistan, in 1997. Most parents wanted baby boys, but Malala's father was very happy to have a baby girl. He was a teacher and ran a school for girls, even thought lots of people that than only boys should go to school and be educated.

In 2011, Taliban extremists with guns came to her town. They put a stop to many things, like television and listening to music, and they closed the school, saying girls couldn't go. In 2012, Malala began to speak out in public saying that girls had as much right to go to school and learn as boys. This made the Taliban very angry and one day when Malala was on a bus, a gunman got on board and shot her. Fortunately, Malala survived and was flown to England where she had surgery.

In 2014, Malala won the Nobel Peace Prize, the youngest person to ever win the prize. Malala is now an advocate and speaks out around the world on behalf of education for girls and women.

Greta Thunberg was born in Sweden in 2003. In 2018, when she was only 15, Greta began a movement that, in only one year, has spread around the entire world, calling on governments to take immediate action to address the harmful changes that happening to the earth's climate. But at the start, she was all alone. She stopped going to school and instead sat all by herself outside of her country's parliament buildings (like the Capital Building in the U.S.) to protest the government's inaction on the climate change crisis.

But her idea caught on, inspiring school children, as well as youth and adults, to participate in "climate strikes" by walking out of classrooms and taking other actions. Coordinated climate strikes have taken place in cities around the world, involving more than one million students.

Greta spoke at the 2018 Climate Change Conference, and was nominated for the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize (she didn't win).

For more information about speaking out go to www.seasonsonline.ca and click on the Links tab.
See links for October 11, 2020.

Story strips

Moses leads the people out of Egypt.

God parts the waters of the Red Sea so the people can go through.

The people move to an oasis, but the water is bitter and the people complain about the taste. God shows Moses how to make the water taste sweet.

The people complain that God has brought them out to the wilderness to die, because there is no food. God provides manna for them to eat.

The people complain that they are bored of eating manna. God provides quail for them to eat.

The people complain to Moses that God has brought them out to the wilderness to die, because there is no water. God provides water from a rock.



Moses' Story

based on Exodus 19, 20, and 32:1-14

This echo story combines the stories from October 8 and October 15. A leader reads the line, and then reads the words in parenthesis for the children to echo.

The thunder went "Crack!" (Crack)
The lightning flashed. (flashed)
The trumpets blared. (blared)
When God spoke to Moses, (When God spoke to Moses)
"Take these rules for loving (rules for loving)
to my people." (my people)

But the noise of God speaking (God speaking)
made the people tremble. (tremble)
"You talk with God, Moses. (You, Moses)
We are too afraid." (too afraid)

So Moses went up the mountain. (up the mountain)

But Moses stayed a long time (a long time)
The people of Israel gave up. (gave up)
They went to his brother Aaron. (his brother Aaron)
"Give us a god we can see!" (a god we can see)
Aaron made a golden calf. (golden calf)
And, on the mountain, (on the mountain)
God was not happy. (not happy)

Greetings friends,

During these days of uncertainty, as followers of Jesus, let us remember that we are a HOPE-giving people. Remembering the words of Jesus, "do not be afraid, for I am with you always," we put our trust in the Lord, and in that we find comfort. You are all in my prayers.

If there is anything that I can do for you, please contact me via email at andrea@plymouthmiami.org.

Blessings,

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