

***“All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)***

This week our congregation is having our annual Vacation Bible School. Since we had no idea how many youth we would have this year because of Covid 19 we decided to keep it simple instead of spending money on a canned program and spend lots of money on extra supplies. Since Sunday school has fallen to the side of the priorities of many parents these days, I feel that this is a great opportunity to share the basic Bible studies through short dramas and improvisation.

On Monday, Johnny Janezic and I played the characters of Moses and Pharoah and shared the Exodus story. What a blast! The kids even participated by asking some very good questions during the experience. The Bible is full of wonderful stories where God's people constantly struggle with knowing and trusting in God. Bible stories can make these lessons come to life for all of us.

God recorded these stories to help parents of all time in the important job of teaching children. God wants us to know who God is for all people. There is always a reason God placed each story in the Bible. Though some stories such as the parables are used to teach a lesson, most of them refer to historical and real-life experiences of God's people. God is the great and infinite deity and we will end the week knowing God, in our Lord Jesus Christ, has come to us to love us unconditionally.

If we had more time it would be fun to share the Gospel stories of Jesus through this dramatic way. Maybe this is something we CAN do in our future. I mean, these Bible stories are very encouraging on a personal level. They can lift our spirits when times are tough and over joy us when life is well!

Last week I was prepared to share a children's sermon on Sunday knowing that there are kids coming to worship again. Maybe we could find a few people in our congregation who might have some teaching talents to help me share a Bible story in church. I recently acquired a bunch of costumes from another congregation which used them years ago in a "living pictures" drama where they acted out the Lord's Supper. We could have someone dress as one of the characters and share the story for the day! We even have women's costumes! Are YOU one that has some talents to share in this way? It would be yet another way we can live out our baptismal promises to teach the good news of Jesus Christ!

Come - let me know you are able! Be a part of the excitement of seeing these kids shine in the light of Christ!

Peace,

Pastor Tony