

Children's Sermon for Nov. 10 (based on Luke 20:27-38.)

Items needed: box of wooden matches; pliers; large candle.

Beforehand, light large candle, but keep it out of sight. After kids come up, show them box of matches. Tell them they should NEVER play with matches. You are using them to teach a lesson. Take a match out of the box and hold it with the pliers. Light the match and let the matchstick burn up completely, until the fire burns out. Ask the kids if the match can burn again---no, because it's all burned up. Then, bring out the large, lit candle. Drop the burned-up matchstick right into the center, so the matchstick is in the candle's flame. See, the match can still burn, because it is in the candle's flame. In today's Bible reading, Jesus is talking with some men who think people are like a matchstick---once you are done, you are done forever. Jesus says, the life of God is like this candle--when our life burns out, the flame of God's life will keep us burning brightly.

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