

St. James Episcopal Church
A Moment for Kids—of All Ages!
NOVEMBER 13, 2016—THE 26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE PEACEABLE KINGDOM



Today's reading from Isaiah is a prophecy that tells what it will be like in God's Kingdom.

"The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox"

We know that wolves and lambs don't hang around each other now, but someday everyone will live together with love—even people who are enemies now. That's someday. But this prophecy also tells us about our lives today. We know that people don't always get along—but Jesus has changed us. He wants to now, today, to love and respect all people.

BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME: THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS

Temples may fall, but what is truly important will always stand. Luke 21:5-19

This week we have another Gospel passage that is difficult to explain to children. Jesus is describing terrible disasters—but there is good news at the end of the passage. Jesus is looking at the Temple—the big, beautiful building that is the center of their life and worship. The Temple itself and the surrounding plaza were the size of about six football fields and had walls the height of a 20 story building. It was grand. It seemed indestructible. But Jesus said that it would fall down. Jesus tells his disciples that things will get bad, but we will be okay—because we have faith. “But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.” What Jesus is telling us is that no matter what, God is with you. There is nothing more important than God’s love for us and our love for God. Some things in our world may seem to be indestructible, important and irreplaceable. But truly, the one thing that really matters is love.

A bit of history: The Temple that Jesus knew was The Second Temple or Herod’s Temple. It stood on Temple Mount in Jerusalem between 516 BCE and 70 CE, when it was destroyed by Roman soldiers. According to Jewish and Christian tradition, it replaced Solomon's Temple (the First Temple) which was believed to have been destroyed by the Neo-Babylonian Empire in 586 BCE, when Jerusalem was conquered and a portion of the population of the Kingdom of Judah was taken into exile in Babylon. Both Temples played a primary role in the faith and lives of the Jewish people.

The Peaceable Kingdom Word Search



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Dinner Table Conversations:

What are things that are important to you?

Name something that is important to you that can be replaced. Name something that is important and can't be replaced.

Places, people, sports teams? Why are they important?

What is the most important thing to you? Why?

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