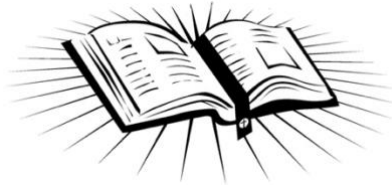




***Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way***

August 23, 2020

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20



12th Sunday after Pentecost

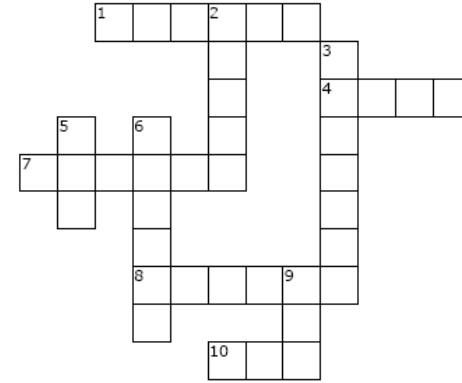
Heellloooo friends! Let's play a guessing game. I'm going to ask you some questions and you tell me who I'm thinking about. Here we go. This person cares about us, helps us to learn new things, and we can find them either online or in a classroom. Yes! A teacher. Next one: this person cares about us, makes us feel better when we are not well, wears a white coat, and we can find them either online or at an office or hospital. Yes! A doctor. Next: These people care about you, love you, and are around you a lot! You can find them where you live. YES! Your family! Our last one: This person cares about us, loves us, teaches us, shows us how to live and love one another. It's JESUS!!!

So, how do we get to know all these people? Teachers...well, we know them from school, right? And doctors? We know them from the hospital and see them when we are not well, some of us have had the same doctor since we were born and they've watched you grow up. Our family...that's easy, we know them because they are almost always around us, we share in life together! How about Jesus? How do we know about him?

In our Gospel lesson from Matthew, Jesus asks his friends who people say he is; then, he asks them who do YOU say that I am. So, friends, who do YOU say Jesus is? And how do we get to know him better? One way to know Jesus is to read your Bible and listen to the stories that people tell you about him. Another way to know Jesus is to close your eyes...and feel that deep love that is in your heart because guess what? Jesus is always right there with you.

Dear Jesus, we are thankful that we can know you. Thank you for taking care of us, for helping us, and for teaching us how to love others. Help us show your love to others every day. Amen

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Persons; men, women, and children; human beings
4. A large stone that sticks up out of the ground or the sea
7. A male parent
8. The Messiah, as foretold by the prophets
10. An adult male human being

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2. The name that Jesus called Simon
3. A persons who speaks for God
5. To speak
6. The whole body of believers in Christ
9. A male child in relation to his parents

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Activity: This week, play the part of a newspaper reporter. Interview your family, neighbors and others and ask them who they think Jesus is. Either write a newspaper story or draw pictures from the information that you have gathered. Remember, use the 5 W's...who, what, when, where, and why.

Discussion Question Who do YOU say Jesus is? In what ways have you seen Jesus make a difference in your life and in the lives around you?

Family Table Prayer for August:

The air we breathe is precious
As are all people in Your sight
Make us one with each other
United in heart and mind. Amen.

August Memory Verse: How very good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity! Psalm 133:1



I can tell my friends about Jesus.

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