

GETTING READY:

You will need:

- internet access and printer for video, activity and song links;
- Spark Story Bible or Connect Bible;
- regular weight paper/cardboard tubes for the Challenge Project
- markers or crayons, tape
- ingredients for mini shepherd's pies and shepherd's crook breadsticks

HOW WE'RE LIVING IN FAITH THIS WEEK:

Our Week 1 challenge for younger kids

is to create a shepherd and sheep scene to remind us of God's love for us! Keep this in a safe place until next week because we'll be using it again.

Our Week 1 challenge for all kids is to help make a special dinner including mini shepherd's pies and shepherd's crook breadsticks using these simple recipes. As you enjoy your special meal, talk about God's blessings in your lives and how you show your love for God.

Our Week 1 song is "Kids of the Kingdom" from Vacation Bible School! Singing is a wonderful way to tell God we love him. Singing can also be a part of Living in Faith Every Day. Miss Sue was in her backyard with friends singing this song that tells everyone we are part of God's family!

Send us photos! We would love to see a picture of your finished challenge activities! Your picture might be in next week's broadcast. Don't forget to answer this week's question - Where do you like to pray? Send your photos and answers to childrens@saintandrews.org.

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING THIS WEEK:

God calls us to live in Faith Everyday (LIFE)

Dr. Michael Chan, Assistant Professor of Old Testament Learning at Luther Seminary, and Pastor Sarah are introducing the four practices of LIFE (Living in Faith Every Day) in worship this weekend. The four practices are:

- Worship and pray frequently and fervently;
- Tending to scripture faithfully and fruitfully;
- Sharing our faith story authentically and compellingly; and
- Serving courageously and generously.

Watch this week's Digital Dock broadcast to learn about our first five weeks of lessons this fall and hear Pastor Sarah's message just for kids. (add link)

Bible Story - the Good Shepherd

Jesus often used parables (stories) to teach people important lessons. Our story this week reminds us that the Father (God) knows us, and we know the Father (God). We trust God with our whole heart and work hard to follow his teachings. Read the story of The Good Shepherd (John 10:1-18) on page 1227 of the *Connect Bible* or on page 436 in the *Spark Story Bible*.

Consider talking about this parable the Faith5 way:

1. Share your highs and lows
2. Read the scripture or story
3. Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs/lows - or - what you heard that sounded important
4. Pray for one another's highs and lows
5. Bless one another by making the sign of the cross of each other's foreheads, saying "God loves you and so do I."

Prayer

Dear God, we thank you for your son Jesus. We thank you for always loving us, no matter what. Please help us remember to do something each day to show how much your love means to us. We can pray, read the Bible, tell a friend about Jesus or help someone. Please help us make good choices this week, even when we're upset or tired. We love you - every day, all the time! Amen.