



HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

“Come and See” Children’s Message

This children’s message connects with the sermon starter, liturgy and offering talk “Come and See” based on John 1:35-51.

A plant and wooden figures (perhaps from a Christmas Nativity) can illustrate the story as you tell it for a visual representation.



Today we heard about a man named Nathanael. We’ll call him “Nate.” Nate was hanging out under a fig tree and his friend Phil said, “I just met this man named Jesus from Nazareth. He is the one about whom Moses wrote – we’ve been hearing about him forever, and now he has finally arrived. He asked me to follow him.”

Nate laughed and said, “Can anything GOOD come out of Nazareth?”

Nate hadn’t met Jesus yet but already he was being all “Judgey McJudgey” because Jesus didn’t come from someplace more exciting than crummy Nazareth.

But Phil encouraged him to come and see for himself.

So, Nate did just that, and you know what? He realized that he had made a mistake to judge Jesus before meeting him. He saw that Jesus was an amazing person and the Son of God and decided to follow him for the rest of his life.



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Tomorrow many of you don't have school. Do you know why?

- We celebrate the life of the Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who was a pastor who followed the teachings of Jesus.
- He helped change laws that treated people unfairly because of where they come from and how they looked.
- He reminded us not to judge people who are different from us.

Today our church and many other congregations are also celebrating Human Relations Day. We remember that everyone is part of the family of God. And we are working together to help neighborhoods have what they need to be strong and healthy.

Let us pray.

God of justice, help us to be like the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr and share your love with everyone we meet. Remind us to be friends with people who are different from us. Bless these children as they learn to follow Jesus. Amen.