

SPECIAL
SUNDAY



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



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On World Communion Sunday, you are invited to incorporate this children's message as part of your order of worship. The children's message is designed to stand alone or to coordinate with the World Communion Sunday liturgy, sermon starter, offering talk and children's activity.

You will need:

- Attached eye chart

REPEAT TODAY'S MEMORY VERSE:

“Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.”
(Habakkuk 2:2, NRSV)

Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

These are words that God spoke through a prophet named Habakkuk a long time ago—even before Jesus was born. We remember that a prophet is someone who tells God's truth to the people. Habakkuk was frustrated because he saw that people were messing up a lot. There were things happening that seemed very unfair. And Habakkuk wanted God to fix it.

God asked Habakkuk to wait for a vision. If you have ever had an eye exam, the doctor may have checked your vision using an eye chart. I wonder if anyone can read these words when they are so tiny (standing far from the children, show the Jesus Loves You eye chart with the top part folded out of sight so that only the smallest text is showing).

In the Bible, a vision is an understanding of what needs to happen. The time was coming when things would change. And while people were waiting for the vision, they should continue to be faithful and live the right way. God told Habakkuk to write the vision in a way that everyone could see it. (Hold up the eye chart with the whole message visible and ask someone to read it.)

Today our church is supporting young people who have visions. We are thinking about young United Methodist leaders who are living faithfully and who have a dream to help others. I wonder what kind of visions God has for you. One of God's dreams that we can share right now is to tell people how much Jesus loves them. Can you turn to one another and tell someone, “Jesus loves you!”

LET'S PRAY:

God, help us to live faithfully and in the right way. Thank you for Jesus, who walks with us and gives us a clear vision for the hopes you have for your world. Thank you for the young leaders around the world who are making a difference. Help these children in this church share Jesus' love in words and actions. Amen.

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