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UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY



Children's Message



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On United Methodist Student Day, you are invited to use or adapt this children's message into your order of worship. It is designed to stand alone or to coordinate with the United Methodist Student Day liturgy, sermon starter, offering talk, children's activity and children's bulletin. The lesson is based on Isaiah 2:3.

Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

—Isaiah 2:3

Invite the children to walk with you on a path through the worship space and if you have a balcony or choir loft, gather for the message from there.

SAY:

Today we are celebrating students. How many of you go to school?

<after children raise hands, invite the congregation to clap for the students>

Look at all of these people here who are your church family and who care about you. We are so proud of you and want you to grow in your school learning and your God learning.

What are some of your favorite things to learn about in school?

<allow students to answer>



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Sometimes you might find that those subjects that interest you the most are the ones that you decide one day to make your job. Can you think of some jobs that what you learn from your favorite school subjects would be helpful?

Today's memory verse is from Isaiah 2:3:

*"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."*

Can you repeat those words:

*"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."*

Did you notice that this morning we walked a path to find our space for today's message? Sometimes we think of God as being up high, right? Isaiah was imagining God up on a mountain. And that might be one way to learn God's ways and God's path for us, but what are some others? (Sunday school, church, family, friends, the Bible, etc.)

The same way that you might have favorite things to learn about in school, you also might have favorite things to learn about in church. And my prayer for you is that will help lead you on God's path and teach you God ways wherever you are. And that you can then share what you learn with others.

Let's say our memory verse again:

*"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."*

LET'S PRAY:

Teaching God,

Thank you for these children. Help them to be life long students, learning to walk on your paths. Guide them with peace, love, joy, and hope as they follow Jesus and his teachings. Amen



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