

SPECIAL
SUNDAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY



Proverbs 3:5-6 (CEB)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
don't rely on your own intelligence.
Know him in all your paths,
and he will keep your ways straight.

SUPPLIES:

A stack of books from which you have learned something, including the Bible.

I've got a stack of books here with me today. They're great books and I've learned something from each of them (share briefly the book and a one-line thing you've learned from that book).

Finally show the Bible and tell the story of Nicodemus.

The story of Nicodemus is found in the New Testament book of John. Nicodemus was a prominent leader among the Jews. He'd heard lots of stories about Jesus and people were telling him all kinds of things. He was a good guy. He was a bad guy. So, Nicodemus needed to know for himself. Instead of listening to all the other people, Nicodemus met up with Jesus to see for himself who Jesus was. I like this story a lot because Nicodemus didn't rely on what his friends were saying or what he thought he knew about Jesus. He made time to go talk directly to Jesus. And Jesus told him about God's amazing love!

As we go through school and life, we'll have lots of people telling us different things. It's important that you take the time to learn the truth from the source. Even when you read lots of different books, don't forget about this book - hold up the Bible - it contains lots of stories that point us to God's love for each of us.

LET US PRAY:

Dear God, thank you for all the ways we learn. Help us to trust you with our whole heart and to find ways to learn more about you. We love you God, thank you for loving us. Amen.

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