

Chapel Talks 2017/18: Faith, Hope, Love



**SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS
with children around the world
through Christian education.**

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LETTER FROM DR. PHIL

Three wonderful gifts that God gives to us, His children, are “faith, hope, and love.” In these chapel lessons, you will hear about these gifts, learning a good way to remember them; we will also learn the importance of sharing these gifts with others, especially through the vehicle of Christian education. Here is a summary and outline of the lessons, written by Rev. Matt Richardt, Pastor at Redeemer Lutheran in Smithfield, RI:

Spiritual Day-Timer*

"...faith, hope, and love" (1 Cor. 13:13).

As a Christian, you believe, hope, and love at the same time and all of the time.

Yet one idea would be to place a special emphasis on faith in the evening, on hope in the morning, and then on love throughout the day.

Faith in the evening - Another word for "faith" is "rest." As you rest your body after a day's work, learn to rest your soul and mind in God especially in the evening. (an excerpt from www.onesmalldevotion.com) Enjoy a time of devotion and prayer, quiet and peace. Remember the Cross especially in the evening. Turn all matters over to God. Luther had the habit of going to the window in the evening and asking God, "Is it my world or Yours? Is it my church or Yours? If they are Yours, please take care of them. I'm tired and going to bed. Good night, my God."

Hope in the morning - At the rising of the sun remember the rising of the Son. "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead" (2 Tim. 2:8) - especially in the morning. Remember your Baptism. Sing in your heart Psalm 118:24: "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!" You may have a lot to do. You may have a test at school. You may be undergoing surgery. But the risen Lord will help you. He will use you. For His blessing is both upon the day and upon you!

Love throughout the day - You are rested. You are hopeful. You are ready to love, serve, and encourage others throughout the day. It could be your spouse, children, friend, client, stranger, etc. Strive not to be recognized but to recognize the needs of others. Work your way through the day in love with help from above, knowing that the evening will bring you rest.

You will find additional resources on our website (www.leadachild.org) that you may find useful to include in your chapel services and for reinforcement in the classroom. Enjoy sharing the message about faith, hope and love. Thank you for supporting LeadaChild and helping us share the love of Jesus with children around the world through Christian education.



Dr. Phil

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CHAPEL OVERVIEW

Reviewing the lessons during each chapel (for memory)

Faith in the evening - resting in Jesus

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28)

Hope in the morning – rejoicing in Jesus

“Because He lives, we too shall live” I Cor. 15:20

Love throughout the day - Caring like Jesus

“They will you are my disciples if you love one another” John 13:35

Our Mission – Share Jesus with others

“Here I am, Lord, send me!” Isaiah 6: 8

Video connections online

1. Songs

- ▶ A New Creation
- ▶ Father Abraham
- ▶ For God So Loved the World

2. LeadaChild video

Printable resources (back of booklet)

1. Word search of all the countries LeadaChild serves Lutheran schools and ministries
2. Map of the world to identify locations
3. Coloring pages
 - a. Faith in the evening
 - b. Hope in the morning
 - c. Love throughout the day

CHAPEL 1: FAITH IN THE EVENING

Resting in Jesus (Matthew 11:28)

- Intro - “I can’t fall asleep” (get a pillow and blanket props... maybe a teddy bear – or something else that might students about what might help. Realize you are missing your teddy bear, and when you find it you go right to sleep).
- The Bible compares our faith to rest. Listen to the words from Matthew 11: 28-30
- There are times when our hearts are very troubled. We worry about school, our friends, and our family (give examples). Sometimes, when we have done wrong things (disobey, lie, cheat), our hearts are so troubled that we cannot even rest at night. Our hearts are missing something.
- That’s where faith comes in! Faith is to “rest” in what Jesus accomplished for us when He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for all our sins, and rose to show us that He defeated sin, death, and the devil for us.
- God promises to be with us always... and even if there are problems in our family, or with our friends, or at school, he will see us through and walk with us (Romans 8: 37-39)
- If we try to take care of our own problems we become very restless. The Bible says “Cast your burdens unto Jesus for He cares for you” 1 Peter 5:7
- As you pray every night, turn everything over to Jesus. He is the one who takes care of you.
- (Practice praying a night time prayer with the students... teach them to hand things over to God)

Songs

- ▶ How Great is Our God
- ▶ If You’re Happy and You Know It
- ▶ Jesus Hokie Pokie Song



CHAPEL 2: HOPE IN THE MORNING

Rejoicing in Jesus! (Romans 6: 3-4, Matthew 28:1-7)

- Intro – Practice saying in response: “This is the day that the Lord has made” let us rejoice and be glad in it!” Sing the words as well. Then sing the “Arky Arky” song (especially the chorus - “So! Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory”)
- Just like Noah rejoiced at the new day after the flood, we have the privilege of rising every morning and rejoicing because we have great hope.
- Listen to the reading from Matthew 28:1-7 and hear about some close friends of Jesus who started the day out feeling very sad – they had lost all hope ... but soon they were running for joy because of what and who they saw! Their hearts were filled with great hope.

Read Matthew 28:1-7

- Why were the women so sad at the beginning of the day? (Jesus had died, they were going to finish preparing him for final good-bys and burial. All the things that Jesus did and taught now seemed to be lost)
- Then, surprise! The Son of God had risen from the dead. (He is Alive! All His promises are true. Jesus has conquered sin, defeated the devil, and overcome death).
- With great hope and new joy, the women ran back to see the disciples and tell them the Good news.
- We can have this hope every morning - read Romans 6: 3-4. We have great hope in the new life that Jesus gives us... and great hope that we will someday rise to new life forever with Jesus in Heaven.
- The Christian Church switched from having church on Saturdays and moved it to Sunday because of the great hope we have in the resurrection of Jesus. But we don't have to wait until Sunday! Every morning when the sun rises remember that the Son rose... and we have new life in Him.
- Psalm 30: 5 - Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes in the morning

Songs

- ▶ Jesus is My Best Friend
- ▶ Love One Another
- ▶ One Two Three



CHAPEL 3: LOVE DURING THE DAY

Loving like Jesus (John 13:35; John 9:4)

- Intro – Daytime is for work. (“Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho, it’s off to work we go”... see if you can find a video clip of the seven dwarfs ...or, if able- sing it with the students)

Question.... What time of day do people usually head off to work? Why?

- By finding rest in Christ, and great hope as we begin the day, we are free to go to work. People go off to many kinds of work each day... as God’s children, what is our work?

Read John 13:35

- Jesus tells us that our work is to love each other.
- We don’t have to love each other in order to gain God’s favor. God loves us because Jesus has saved us through His work, and the Holy Spirit has given us faith.
- We love God, but God doesn’t need our love – our neighbor does.
- Our guide to love our neighbor is found in the second table of the 10 commandments
 - (Read the 4th Commandment) We love our parents by.... _____
 - (Read the 5th – 8th Commandment... modify according to your audience) We love our friends, classmates, and others by...
- Work is sometimes very hard. Loving others can be difficult and, because we struggle with sin, we often fall short of keeping the Ten Commandments. Still, God uses our voice, hands, and feet to bless others as we care for our neighbor and do what is best for their welfare.
- And when the work day is done, we go back home and find great rest in Jesus again!

Songs

- ▶ Praise Him
- ▶ Praise the Lord Everyday
- ▶ Trust in the Lord

CHAPEL 4: MISSION

Sharing Jesus with Others! (Isaiah 6: 1-8; Romans 10:14-17, Mark 1: 40-15)

- Intro - Good news! Share a time when you were so excited about something that you just had to tell somebody. If appropriate and time allows, ask the students to share some good news that they just had to share with someone (an A on a test, a special vacation, a new baby in the family, etc.).
- Transition: these stories remind me of a man who was so excited about what Jesus did that he just couldn't be quiet about it.
- Read Mark 1: 40-45
 - A man came up to Jesus asking to be healed of leprosy
 - Describe life as a leper in Jesus' day- (skin disease, separated from family and friends, cannot go to church, cannot work, living alone on the outskirts of town)
 - He asks Jesus to heal him... and Jesus said "yes," and He did! The disease was gone!
 - Jesus asked him be quiet about the healing; it wasn't time yet for Jesus to be persecuted and crucified for our salvation...
 - ... but the man just could not be quiet about what Jesus did for him... he went all around town telling everyone about Jesus
- Read Isaiah 6: 1-8
 - Isaiah has a vision of God on His throne
 - God is so holy that even the angels cover their eyes in His presence
 - Isaiah realized that he was a sinful man standing before a holy God – "Woe is me... I am ruined!"
 - God sent an angel to the altar and touches his tongue with a coal - healing him from his sins
 - Isaiah becomes like the man healed from leprosy. When God asks who will go for us to tell the people about the Good News, Isaiah jumped up and down and said, "Here I am, send me!"

CHAPEL 4: continued...

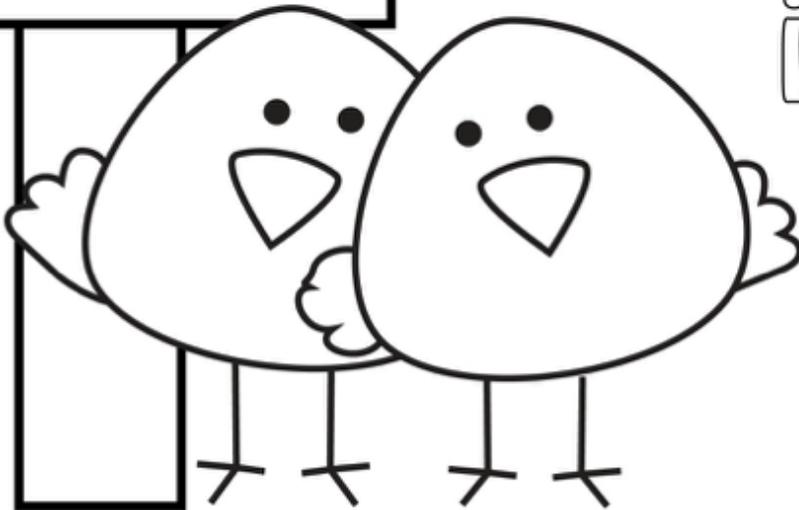
- Romans 10:14-17 tells us that faith comes from hearing the Good News.
 - Someone shared the Good News with you (parents, teacher, pastor, friend)
 - We have been healed and freed from sin, death, and the devil.
 - Jesus tells us to “go” and share the hope that we have in our hearts. Tell others what Jesus has done for you.
 - Pastors, teachers, and missionaries have answered the call to tell others about the Good News
 - LeadaChild ministry (who you are supporting with your special offering) shares the love of Jesus with children around the world through Christian education.
 - You can be excited about what Jesus has done for you ... and share the Good News!

Pray for missionaries, pastors, and teachers who share the Good News. Thank God for those who spoke to you about the love of Jesus. Pray that many children hear the story of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection through LeadaChild.



LOVE DURING THE DAY - CARE LIKE JESUS

Beloved, let us
LOVE one another,
for love is from
God, and
whoever loves
is born of God, and
knows God.



HOPE IN THE MORNING - REJOICING IN
JESUS AND THE RESURRECTION



FAITH IN THE EVENING - RESTING IN JESUS

