



I AM

1 John 3:1

who YOU say

I WW!

CHAPEL TALKS 2023-2024



LeadaChild

IN PSALM 139, DAVID PROCLAIMS: YOU KNITTED ME TOGETHER IN MY MOTHER'S WOMB. I PRAISE YOU, FOR I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE, AND 1 JOHN 3:1 REMINDS US ABOUT THE KIND OF LOVE THE FATHER HAS FOR US THAT "WE SHOULD BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD." TODAY, IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO TEACH CHILDREN ABOUT THEIR TRUE IDENTITY FOUND IN THEIR CREATOR, REDEEMER, AND SANCTIFIER - FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT.

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These four simple chapel outlines are created for you to use during your weekly chapel services, classroom devotions, or Sunday school openings. They guide children toward a good and right understanding of our Lord's teaching about our identity as God's dear children, learning about our reality as those who are created and cared for by our Heavenly Father, redeemed by His Son Jesus, and made to be God's new creations by the power of the Spirit. Included with these outlines are a few classroom handouts and projects in order to reinforce the lessons with your students.

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LeadaChild exists to "share the love of Jesus with children around the world through Christian education." We desire that more and more children hear about God's great love, come to trust in Him, and experience great peace, hope, and joy.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS If you are interested in participating in our Kids Helping Kids offering program by setting aside part of your yearly chapel offerings for LeadaChild, email me at executivedirector@leadachild.org or call me (979-702-0925). At your request, we will send you a special "I Am" bookmark for each of your students.

Our Kids Helping Kids program is a tremendous way to connect your students to the mission of sharing Jesus with children who attend international Lutheran schools and after school programs.

God can use you and your students to help answer the prayers of many children!

GOD BLESS!

Dr. Phil

Executive Director



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I am fearfully & wonderfully made!

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1. Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me
CHORUS
Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God Yes I am

2. Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me
CHORUS
Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God Yes I am

3. In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God Yes I am
BRIDGE
I am chosen
Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me
Not against me
I am who You say I am

THEME SONG
I am Who You Say I am
Listen on Youtube:
<https://youtu.be/LKw6uqtGFfo>



LESSON **1**

INTRO | Masterpiece

Hold up a few beautiful hand-made objects (textile, wood carving, etc). Express that they are well-made, beautiful masterpieces because a master designer/crafts person created them.

YOU SAY
**I am fearfully
& wonderfull
made**

Read Psalm 139:13 & 14

1. God is the master designer and creator, and He has created each one of us. He made us just the way He wanted to. He knows us better than we know ourselves because He knit us together!
2. Sometimes, we do not feel like a masterpiece. Since we live in a sinful world and struggle with sin ourselves (we do not always love God and our neighbors), we think we are not valuable to God. Sometimes others treat us like we are worthless.
3. God knows our struggle with sin, so He sent Jesus to redeem us. We are so valuable that Jesus purchased us back, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and innocent suffering and death.
4. God the Holy Spirit makes Jesus' gift of life and forgiveness real for us. Our baptism assures us that we are God's children; and daily, the Spirit uses the truth and promises found in God's Word to help our faith grow as we learn how precious we are in God's eyes.

Prayer: Lord, thank you that I am fearfully and wonderfully made. When I forget, remind me that I am forgiven through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; and send your Holy Spirit to fill my heart with great hope and confidence that I am God's precious child.

SONG:
Let All Things Now Living (AGPS 155)
I am Jesus' Little Lamb (AGPS 125)

PROJECTS:
I AM, Paper People Craft

LESSON **2**

INTRO | I Belong Here

Hold up different examples that we 'belong' (driver's license or voter's registration, school I.D., membership card, passport). These cards show that I belong to this country, or state, or school, or club.

YOU SAY
I Am Your Child

Read 1 John 3:1

1. God's love for us is great. He not only created us and sent Jesus to live and die for us, He gives us a wonderful gift that assures us we belong to Him.
2. Through the water and the Word, we are baptized into Christ. The Name of God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) is placed upon us. We are officially part of God's family.
3. The devil wants us to doubt the truth that we belong to God's family. He tempts us to sin, and when we fall, He accuses us and says "See, you are not good enough to be called a child of God!"
4. At that point, say to the devil: "You are a liar! I am baptized into Christ!" He who believes and is baptized will be saved (Mark 16:16)
5. We learn to daily live our out baptism by confessing our sin (drowning the old Adam), gladly receiving God's grace and mercy and learning how to live as Gods' child (the new Adam)

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of baptism that places me into your family and gives me the confidence and assurance that I am yours – now and forever!

SONG:
Father Welcomes (AGPS 95)
Behold What Manner of Love (AGPS 71)
God's Own Child I Gladly Say It (LSB 94)

PROJECTS:
I AM, Baptism worksheet



LESSON 3

INTRO | Washed Clean

Using a tub or bucket, place a dirty t-shirt and clean, white t-shirt inside. Pretend to wash the dirty shirt, comparing it to our sinful nature. Use multiple items (bar of soap, detergent, etc) with no success. Next take a Bible, read I John 1:9 and place it in the tub, then pull out the clean, white shirt.

YOU SAY I Am Forgiven

Repeat 1 John 1:9

1. People often try many ways to remove the stain of sin in their lives.
2. Some think they can do good things to cover up their sin (behave better, be nice to someone, etc.)
3. Some try to change the meaning of the Bible so that certain ideas and behaviors aren't sins at all! (Its ok to cheat if no one's looking, little white lie etc.)
4. God knows we cannot get rid of our sin by ourselves, no matter how hard we try. So, He made a way to wash all of our sins away. As we confess the times that we don't love God and love our neighbor as ourselves, He offers us the great gift of true forgiveness.
5. On Sundays, the pastor speaks the words of forgiveness to all of us (we call that absolution). Our parents and teachers share God's Word of forgiveness when we confess our failures. And every night, we can pray the prayer that Martin Luther wrote that assures us our sins are washed away:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray You to forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of forgiveness. Teach me to trust in you alone, through Jesus Christ, that you wash away all my sins and make me right in your eyes!

SONG:

Blest the Children of Our God (AGPS 75)
Today Your Mercy Calls Us (AGPS 249)

PROJECTS:

Who is Jesus Word Search
Forgiven Coloring Page

LESSON 4

INTRO | What does Jesus look like?

Ask the students, "What does Jesus look like?" Hold up different images of Jesus. Next, hold up pictures of the homeless, the sick, those in prison, and ask, "Do you see Jesus in these pictures?"

YOU SAY I Am Your Servant

Read Matthew 25:40

1. God has chosen us to be His children; and while we live here on earth before we go to heaven, he has chosen us to be His servants.
2. We remember that Jesus became our servant so we might be saved. Because of His great love, we find joy serving our Lord and Master.
3. A servant is one who does His master's bidding - the things and activities that the master wants to accomplish.
4. God desires to share His blessings and care with those who are in need using our hands, our feet, our strength, and our effort. God is pleased when the hungry are fed, the homeless find a place to stay, and the sick get better.
5. The amazing truth is that when we help and receive the poor, the hungry, and the homeless, we are actually receiving Jesus. As we serve others, we also welcome Jesus!

Prayer Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus to be our Servant. Teach us now to serve others so that they may receive your goodness and blessings through us.

SERVICE PROJECT . Helping Children learn about Jesus all around the world

As a school community, you can participate in our LeadaChild efforts to help children receive a quality education and learn the Good News of Jesus, our Savior. Include our mission in your prayers and choose to gather offerings (for a month, a quarter, half or all year) to assist the children and teachers at our project sites all around the world.

Go to www.leadachild.org to learn about our Kids Helping Kids project and share some of the online videos

SONG:

Make Me A Servant (AGPS 174)
A Time to Serve (AGPS 53)

PROJECTS:

Who Am I Word Search
Lord, Make Me A Servant Coloring Page

LESSON 1 . I AM, PAPER PEOPLE CRAFT

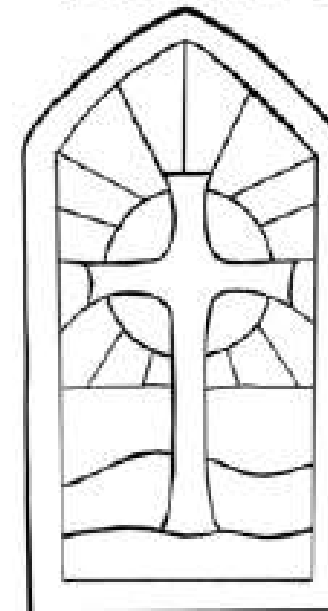
Provide each of your students with a paper person made out of tag board. Have them design the person to look like themselves. You can send this home to work on or provide in-school supplies (fabric, yarn, markers, buttons, etc). Have an example of a completed doll of yourself to show them.



LESSON 2 . I AM, BAPTISM WORKSHEET

BAPTISM

You are marked with the cross of Jesus. You are his child !



Color the church window.



Trace your hand here. Write your name.



Listen for the Pastor to say these words

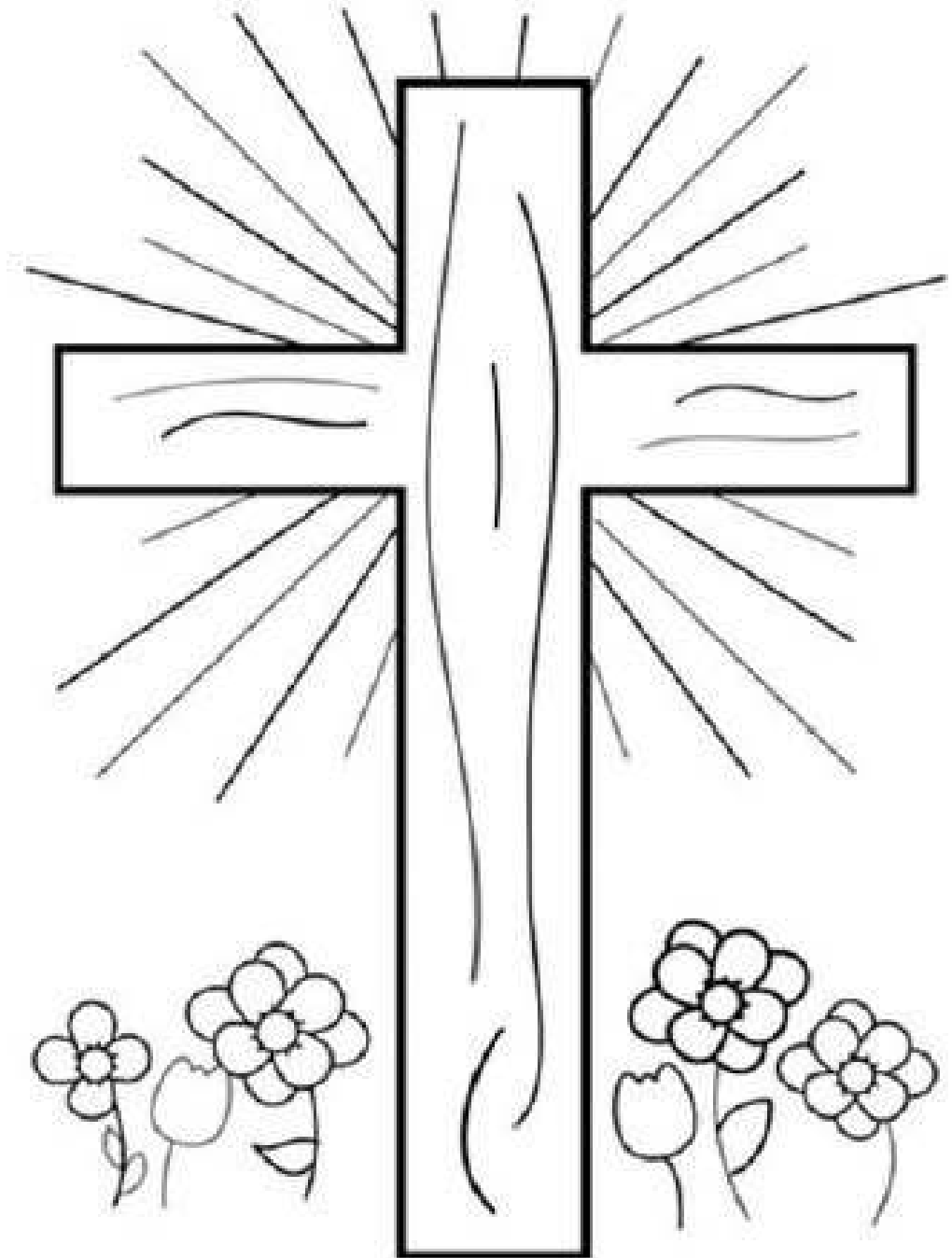
I baptize you _____
in the name of the **Father** and of the **Son**
and of the **Holy Spirit**, Amen.

Who is Jesus

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Jesus forgives my sins.

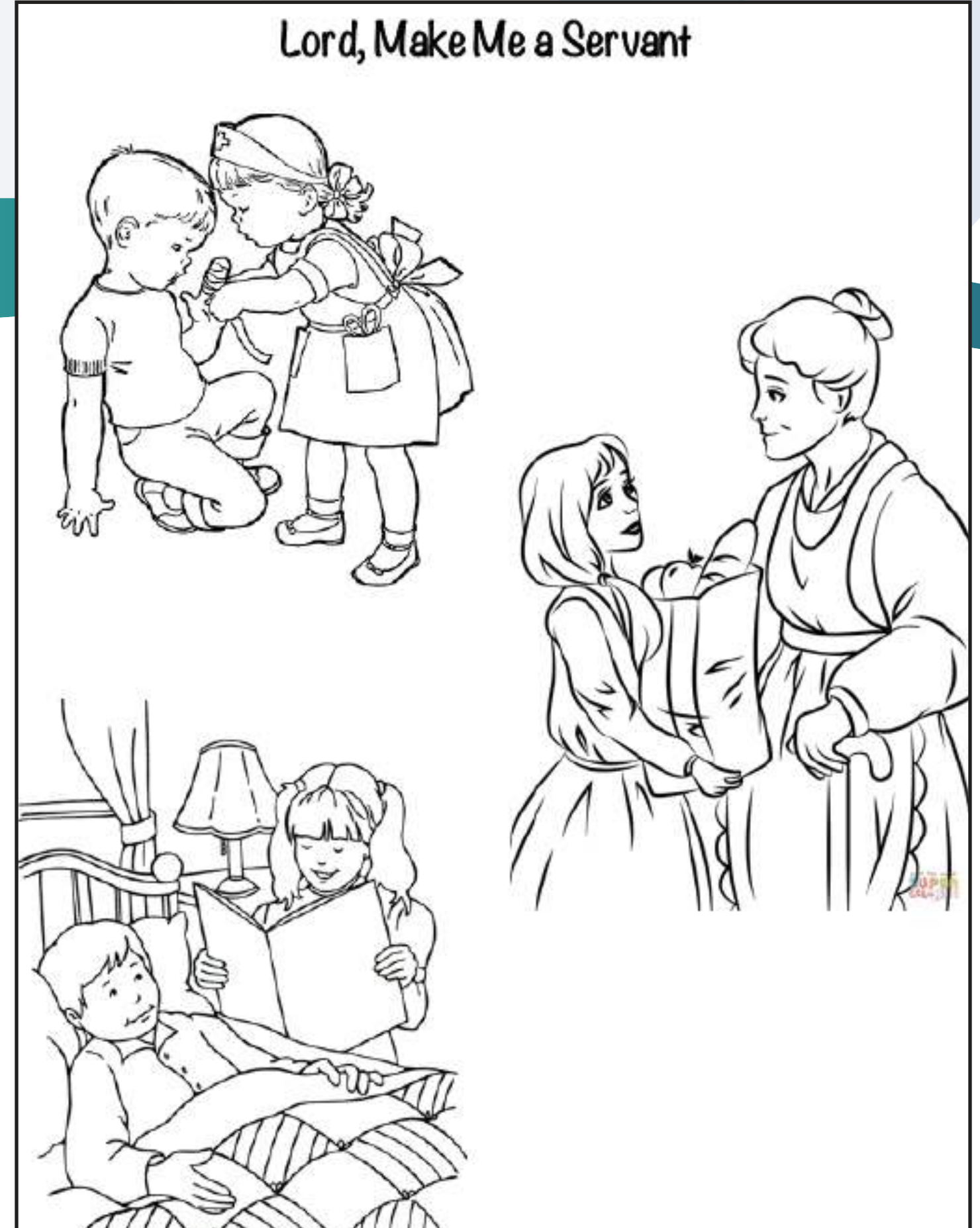


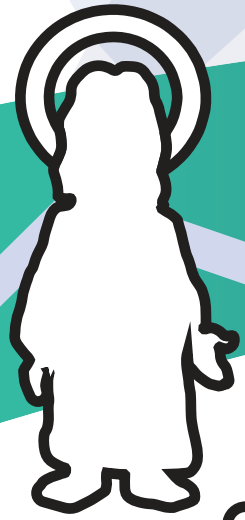
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Lord, Make Me a Servant





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