

The Groundhog has Spoken!! An early spring - hooray! Let's make some butterflies and spread them around the neighborhood. Let's renew our efforts to help our friends and neighbours know that through it all, God shows how much he cares through our smiles and our words and our displays of loving one another. We are also going to make a cool craft that I used to do when I was a teenager. They are called God's Eyes and can be quite beautiful. Gather up some scraps of wool and some sticks (twigs are great but popsicle sticks will do too) watch the video and then hang them from your tree or your balcony or give them away to make someone smile.

If you haven't guessed, the theme this week is "Show Others You Care." There are many other ideas and activities included to choose from. Enjoy them, enjoy the weather and enjoy each other.

Blessings

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Feb. 1st 2021 Theme Jesus showed his love by his actions.

Object A greeting card, a box of candy, or some small gift item you might give to someone.

Scripture That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. Mark 1:32-34 (NIV)

How do you show someone that you care about them? (Give the children time to respond.) Those are all great ideas! Here is a list of ten things that you might do to show someone you care about them.

- Listen carefully to what they have to say. Then respond.
- Say, "Thank you" when they do something nice for you.
- Forgive them when they do something that hurts your feelings. Even if they don't say they are sorry.
- Put their needs ahead of your own. You'll find that others will look after you.
- Write them a kind note. It doesn't have to be a special occasion.
- Offer encouragement when they are discouraged.
- Volunteer to help them when they have a difficult task.
- Invite them to do something special with you.

There are many ways we can show someone that you care about them. The best way is by the nice things that we do for them each and every day. When someone is sick, a visit from a friend might do them more good than a dose of medicine. When someone is sad or having a bad day, a smile and a friendly "hello" would surely brighten their day. Have you ever seen someone sitting all alone at school who doesn't seem to have very many friends? If you sat down and talked to them, it just might make them feel as if someone cares about them. And you never know, they may become your best friend. A simple act of kindness can say a lot more than a gift.

Jesus was always kind and helpful to the people he met. One day he was in the home of Simon Peter. Peter's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever. Jesus went into the room where she was and took her by the hand and helped her out of bed. When Jesus touched her, the fever left her immediately. Soon everyone in town knew of this wonderful thing that Jesus had done. Later that evening people brought everyone who was sick and those who were demon-possessed so that Jesus could heal them. The Bible says that the whole town was gathered around outside the door. Jesus healed the sick and drove out evil spirits. Jesus showed his love by caring for those who needed his healing touch.

The next time you want to let someone know how much you care for them, remember that we show others we care, not just by sending them gifts, but by showing acts of kindness each and every day—just like Jesus did.

Dear Father, Jesus taught us how to care for one another. Help us to follow his example and show our love by acts of kindness toward others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Show Others You Care Group

Group Activities

Sermon Title: ["Show Others You Care"](#) **Scripture Reading:** Mark 1:29-39

CARING PADDLES GAME: Have the children decorate a paper plate using colored markers, glitter glue, and stickers and then tape it to a paint stick. Blow up a large balloon with the word CARING written on it in large letters. Children will 'bat' the CARING balloon around as if sharing and caring to each other. Encourage the children to CARE for several people during this week.

CARING AIRPLANES: Give each child a sheet of paper to make a paper airplane and decorate it with words of ways to show we care. After all the planes have been made and decorated, let the children fly their plane to another child in the class to represent spreading their CARING from person to person.

PLANT A FLOWER OF CARING: Have some cut flowers (or artificial flowers) to give to each child to "plant" in a small vase or plastic cup filled with dirt or potting soil. Let them decorate the cup with stickers and suggest to the children that they might give their CARING FLOWER to someone else who may need some encouragement today by leaving it on their doorstep.

MINUTE TO WIN IT: This activity is a CARING game using a chalk board or a poster board. The teacher will write words or phrases of ways we can show we care on the board with several letters missing. Choose one child and give the child one MINUTE to try to complete the word or phrase. Use the caring ideas from today's lesson as well as others that the teacher might think of to use for this game.

CARING HAND PRINTS: Give each child a piece of construction paper to trace and cut out 2 hand prints and a strip of paper about 1x11 inches which they will fold accordion style. Write CARING on one hand and HANDS on the other hand and use the accordion strip to connect the two hands. Tell the children to take the hands home to remind them to CARE for someone during the week.

CARING FINGER PUPPETS: Children can decorate small pieces of paper with ideas of caring and then tape them together and place over their finger. Each child can make several puppets if time allows. Let the children put on a finger PUPPET SHOW using their finger CARING puppets to tell today's story and other ideas of caring for others.

CARING FLOWERS: Provide sheets of construction paper in a variety of colors to the children. The children will trace and cut out a flower vase and several flowers of different colors. The vase cut out will be glued onto another piece of construction paper and the children will draw several stems coming up from the flower vase. The cut out flowers will then be glued to each of the stems and words of WE CARE will be written on those flowers. Hang these CARING FLOWERS around the neighborhood others how much they are CARED for.



SING A SONG: "This Little Light of Mine"

Vs1 This Little Light of Mine, I'm gonna make it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna make it shine

This little light of mine I'm gonna make it shine,

Make it shine all the time, make it shine. (after every verse)

Vs2 Shine it all around the world I'm gonna make it shine x3

Vs3 Make it shine around Stittville(or Kanata), I'm gonna make it shine x3

Vs4 Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine! X3

30 Simple Service Ideas for Seniors

Register on www.imreadytocare.com

Put down your phone and say hi

Help with yardwork

Send a text telling them you care

Ask about their childhood

Pick up a potted plant at the store

Send your kids over to do a chore

Bring by some cookies when you bake

Get career advice

Send a card in the mail

Donate to a specific cause or person

Invite someone over for dinner

Ask them for help in some aspect of life

Get parenting advice

Call them up just for a chat

Connect with your local Meals on Wheels

Random Act of Kindness

Ask them about their "Bucket List"

Mail them a postcard from a vacation

Invite them out to lunch

Go see a movie together

Drop off some dinner

Ask for their opinion

Bring fresh food from garden or grocery

Drop by a thoughtful gift

Strike up a conversation at the park

Send them a holiday card

Ask their favorite treat and bring it

Take them to run errands they need

Complete a Ready To Care Mission



Show Others You Care

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The puzzle is based on Mark 1:29-39

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
O	U	I	K	Q	A	W	V	J	N	F	H	D	M	Y	R	X	Z	G	L	P	E	T	S	C	B

- 11-22-8-22-16 _____
- 8-3-20-20-6-19-22 _____
- 21-16-6-15 _____
- 14-1-16-10-3-10-19 _____
- 24-2-10-24-22-23 _____
- 12-22-6-20-22-13 _____
- 13-22-14-1-10-24 _____
- 12-6-10-13 _____
- 21-16-22-6-25-12 _____
- 24-3-25-4 _____

HEALED	FEVER	MORNING	DEMONS	VILLAGE
SICK	PRAY	SUNSET	HAND	PREACH

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Choose the word that best matches the definition.
Answers can be found in Mark 1:29-39

- ___ 1. A place of meeting for worship in the Jewish faith
A. town B. village C. home D. synagogue
- ___ 2. The time of day when the sun disappears below the horizon
A. morning B. sunset C. dawn D. sunrise
- ___ 3. To cure from sickness or disease
A. sick B. prayer C. heal D. preach
- ___ 4. A condition when the body temperature is higher than normal
A. demons B. synagogue C. healed D. fever
- ___ 5. The body part used for holding things
A. feet B. head C. hand D. leg
- ___ 6. To be ill or have a disease
A. demons B. sick C. bed D. hand
- ___ 7. Evil spirits
A. diseases B. sick C. fever D. demons
- ___ 8. To give assistance; to aid
A. help B. preach C. hand D. synagogue
- ___ 9. To deliver a sermon
A. help B. fever C. heal D. preach
- ___ 10. A piece of furniture for sleeping
A. chair B. synagogue C. bed D. table

Watch the video this week to find out how to do this. It's easy and fun.

What you will need. Two straws or popsicle sticks or stir sticks tied or glued together in the middle,

And wool of one or various colours.



HANGING ONE OR MORE GOD'S EYES IN OUR HOMES OR ROOMS REMINDS US THAT HE HAS ASKED YOU TO LOVE EVERYONE AND HELP OTHERS AS MUCH AS YOU CAN. God is always with you and asks you to help others just as he did to Samuel in last week's story. MAKE LOTS AND GIVE THEM AWAY, HANG THEM IN THE WINDOWS, MAIL THEM TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY. Have Fun!!



Butter flies are soft gentle creatures who bring love and smiles to everyone who sees one. Let's be like a butterfly and share our love and smiles everywhere. Make lots of them and write a message like: WE CARE or GOD CARES, Hope Faith and Love, etc. on their wings, Then hang them on door knobs in your neighbourhood!! They are sure to bring a smile to whom ever opens the door.