

This week's theme is "The Power of His love." Using magnets we demonstrate the seemingly invisible power to attract many different metal objects, and then we talk about the invisible power of wind as we make amazing paintings as well as musical wind chimes. How does this show the power of love? Well...love is invisible too but there is a bigger connection. They all can draw us and move us closer together. Paper clips are drawn to the magnet. We are drawn to the musical chimes of wind blowing melodies and we are all drawn to anyone who shows us love, peace, friendship, kindness, help.

Through the Perfect Love of Jesus for humankind, He was able to rise from the dead and promise us love, peace, friendship, kindness and help for eternity. How can we not be drawn towards this promise as a paper clip is drawn to a magnet.

I am looking forward to seeing all the artistic efforts of the children (and parents) as you bring in the pictures of the events leading up to Easter. I hope we will be all able to actually see them as we attend Easter services but in the event of another covid closure, the pictures will all be video taped for you to see on our website.

Many Blessings to you and yours

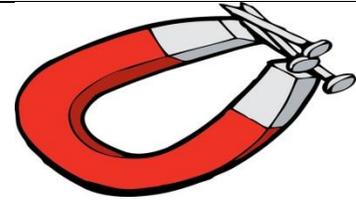
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The Power of His Love

March 21

Scripture ; John 12:32 (NIV) "But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself." **Theme**; Jesus draws people to himself

Kid's Talk Object; Several metal objects and a strong magnet



As you see, we have several small metal objects today. Here's are some paper clips, a washer, a nail, some staples, and a lid from a jar. What else do we have? (Hold up the magnet.) We also have a magnet. What do you think will happen if we hold the magnet over the different objects? Let's try it and see. Oh my! Look how those paper clips are drawn to the magnet! The entire stack is clinging to the magnet. Let's try some of these other items. Do you think the magnet will draw the washer? You are right. How about the staples? Right again. You can probably guess what will happen with the lid from the jar, can't you? Well, you are right. The lid is attracted to the magnet too. The magnet has great power and will draw many objects to itself.

The drawing power of this magnet reminds me of something that Jesus taught about himself. The people who were following Jesus were drawn to Him because of his PERFECT LOVE, the peace He gave them and His message of God's kingdom in heaven.

His power comes not from a magnet but FROM HIS PERFECT LOVE.

Jesus tried to explain to them that He must die so He could go to heaven so that He could "DRAW everyone to Himself."

The drawing power of this magnet is very strong, but it is nothing compared to the drawing power of Jesus. He gave up His life for us. He willingly died on the cross so we could have a place in heaven with Him.

There may be times when we stray from his teaching and do things that we know are not pleasing to him. Does Jesus stop loving us? No. His love for us is so strong that he draws us back to FOLLOWING HIM.

There is no power stronger than the love of Jesus. He died on the cross so that everyone would be drawn to him -- and everyone includes you and me.

HIS PERFECT LOVE BROUGHT HIM BACK TO LIFE.

Father, we thank you that Jesus was willing to die for us so that we might be drawn to Him forever. Amen.

Group Activities

Sermon Title: ["The Power of His Love"](#)

Scripture Reading: John 12:28-33

STRENGTH TRAINING RELAY: Divide the children into teams. Let the children run relays having to carry a heavy item to the finish line and back to their team for the next team member to carry the heavy item. The teacher will choose what the heavy item will be such as a bowling ball, a box with bricks in it, boxes of paper, etc. Tell children to listen to the lesson about GOD's power and strength today!

MAGNET MOMENTS: Give the children some small magnets of their own with several items that they can try to pick up and carry from one side of the room to the other. You may wish to divide the children into teams and see which team can carry all of their metal objects to the other side of the room first!

CROSS ROPE: Give the children a piece of heavy card stock paper and 2 sections of heavy rope to glue or tape on to the card stock paper in the shape of a CROSS. Write, NO POWER GREATER THAN GOD'S LOVE and encourage children to write today's Bible verse around the edge of their paper.

PEOPLE ART: Let the children make finger print people using an ink finger print for the body and then add face, hair, arms, and legs, using a fine point marker or pen. Write the word JESUS vertically down the left side of the paper. Let children glue a small piece of "magnet" or draw a picture of a horseshoe magnet between the word JESUS and the people finger prints. Write at the bottom of the page, "People Art" - "JESUS DRAWS PEOPLE TO HIMSELF", John 12: 32!

POWER OF LOVE CARD: Give the children a half sheet of heavy card stock or construction paper. FOLD the paper in half so it will stand up. Let them write POWER OF LOVE on the front of the card. Write our memory verse (John 12:32) on the inside of the card and let children take them home to place it on their dresser or on a table!

MAGNET TREATS: Hook small bags of M & M's or small treats to a paper clip and let children pull their treats across the table to themselves with a big magnet!

Sing a song;

Our God is an Awesome God. (point to heaven)

He reigns from heaven above, (wiggling fingers of rain falling down)

With wisdom, (point to your head)

power (show your muscles)

and Love (hands on heart).

Our God is an awesome God. (raise both hands to heaven)

Jesus Christ showed us



how to love others

The Power of His Love

"But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." John 12:32 (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.
Answers can be found in John 12:28-33 (NIV)



- ___ 1. Everyone and everything
A. lifted B. angel C. voice D. all
- ___ 2. To be raised up
A. earth B. all C. voice D. lifted
- ___ 3. A heavenly servant of God, often pictured as a human with wings
A. earth B. Jesus C. lifted D. angel
- ___ 4. The end of life
A. all B. death C. voice D. crowd
- ___ 5. To bring praise and honor to God
A. glorify B. death C. earth D. draw
- ___ 6. The land surface of the world
A. earth B. lifted C. draw D. death
- ___ 7. The Son of God
A. Jesus B. Andrew C. Philip D. John
- ___ 8. What we humans use to speak or sing
A. all B. voice C. draw D. lifted
- ___ 9. To attract someone or something
A. voice B. lifted C. draw D. crowd
- ___ 10. A large group of people
A. death B. earth C. crowd D. draw

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Based on John 12:28-33 (NIV)



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JESUS CHOOSES HIS 12 DISCIPLES

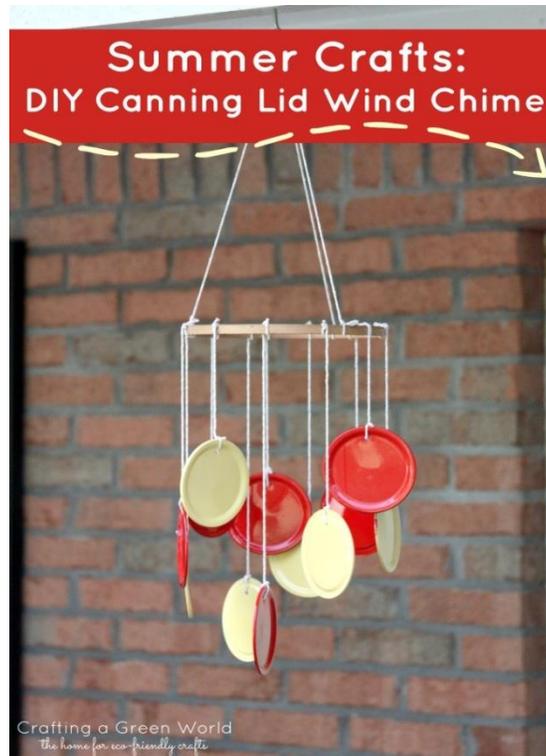
Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



MAGNET CROSS: Give the children supplies to draw and cut out a cross. Provide glitter glue and stickers for decoration. Let children put a strip of magnetic tape on the back to stick to their refrigerator at home. Encourage children to write something such as POWER IN GOD'S LOVE on their cross.

WHAT DOES LOVE AND WIND HAVE IN COMMON.? You can't see either one yet both have the power to change things.

Power of Wind Chimes;





**To All Young Artists
in our Diocese of Ottawa:**

YOU ARE INVITED TO CREATE

**ORIGINAL
ARTWORK**

**INSPIRED BY PWRDF'S
"ALL MOTHERS AND
CHILDREN COUNT"!**

Please email a Scan or Picture of your Artwork--
and your (1) Name, (2) Age, (3) Parish, (4) Mailing Address,
(5) Permission to Publish the Artwork and First Name
to: pwrdf@ottawa.anglican.ca
The deadline for submissions is May 1st, 2021.



ANNOUNCEMENT !!!!

I'M SENDING YOU OUT ON A SECRET (well not so secret) MISSION!

**THIS LENT (40 days before Easter) YOU ARE CHARGED WITH MAKING A
PICTURE FOR OUR GALLERY WALL (in the church) .**

**Out of 13 very important events we have 4 left. 1. Bag full of 30
pieces of silver, 2. Large wooden cross, 3. Sponge filled with sour
wine on a long stick and 4. The ascension of Jesus to heaven.
You are to come up with an imaginative way to paint, draw,
collage, a picture of the item you decided upon.**

Please respond a.s.a.p. to headquarters (Merilee Clarke) with the mission you have chosen. godsgardenstt@gmail.com

**You have been previously sent the mission details in your e-mail.
First come, first serve.**

Submission Deadline: No later than March 27th

**All works of art will hang in the church for all of
Easter week!**

We have secret information that the lockdown may be at an end by this date.