Kingdom Builders…

In today’s gospel, we see that we are not to stay mad with other people no matter what they have done to us. Think of someone that you maybe upset with and think about how you can forgive them. There is sometimes a lot of sin in the world. But there is also a lot of good that happens too. Go online to a news website or find a newspaper and look for some examples of both sin and goodness in the your community and in the world. Think about what you can do to be a part of the goodness that is happening. What good can you do in your own community? What can you do to stop the bad that is happening? Come up with a list for each. If you had all the resources and time that you needed, what are the biggest problems in the world that you would solve? How would you do this?

“God is very wise and understands everything we do. God doesn't tell anyone to do bad things; he doesn’t give anyone permission to sin.” Sirach 15:20

Youth News

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LEAD STORY HEADLINE:

MAKING PEACE

“It is up to you whether or not you will be faithful to God. You are the ones who must choose…” Sirach 15:15
Jesus said to his disciples, “Don’t think that I came to destroy what the law and the prophets taught. No, I came to show you what they meant. For example, Moses and the prophets said, 'You shall not kill anyone.' But I say to you, 'Don't even stay angry with anyone. Whoever insults another person, or says bad things to them will be judged. I tell you the truth, if you want to go to heaven, you must behave better than the scribes and the Pharisees. So, if you are making an offering or praying at the altar, and you remember that your brother or sister is upset or angry with you about anything, leave your gift there at the altar. First go and make peace with your brother or sister, and then come back and worship God.”

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NOW ACT…

God’s fifth commandment protects all life. Jesus calls us also to apply that to our own lives so that we treat others with the respect and dignity everyone deserves. In addition to giving other love, we follow the 5th commandment also by loving ourselves. By loving ourselves, we are showing God how grateful we are for the life he has given us, despite challenges we all may go through. Think of some ways that you can take care of yourself. It can be emotional, spiritual, mental or physical. We need to eat healthy, exercise, have good relationships with God, others and ourselves, and work to express our emotions in a healthy way. How else can you demonstrate how you can follow the 5th commandment?


FOOD FOR THOUGHT…

Did you know that just like us, people who belong to the Islamic faith are taught that forgiveness is very important in life? In the story today, Jesus calls us to make peace with people we are angry with. In the same way, Muslims are taught that they should always forgive people that they are in conflict with because all people make mistakes. There are also many other similarities between the Islamic faith, other world religions and our own that you may not know about! Check out this website that lets you explore a few of the major religions!

http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/religion/christian.htm

SUBTRACTION FILL IN:

It is good and right to do what God wants. Find what the first verse of Psalm 119 has to say about this! First, solve the subtraction problems, then use the code.


WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What is Jesus trying to teach us with these words?

2. Have you ever promised to do something and not done it? Can you give an example? Why did you do this?