

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and young friends, will soon be beginning a new school year, and a new Sunday school year, too! Many of us have missed having Sunday school, so we are really looking forward to seeing the children at Sunday school once again!

Sunday school will take place at 9:00 a.m., beginning Sunday, September 12 (when we move to 10:15 a.m. worship services). Please bring your child, or children, to Sunday School every week, so that they can learn about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and God's love!

Although the children will be able to attend Sunday school, they are encouraged to continue reading their Story Bibles. In this letter, are some recommended readings to coincide with the scripture passages for the day, and/or my sermons. (For a complete listing of scripture passages for the month of September, please see the September/October newsletter.)

The gospel passage for Sunday, September 5, is Mark 7:24-27. Children with Story Bibles can read a parallel passage from Matthew 15, about a woman whose daughter needed healing. It is entitled, "A Canaanite Woman Does Not Give Up." The story is found on pages 260-261 in the Story Bible.

The gospel passage for Sunday, September 12, is Mark 8:27-38. Children with Story Bibles can gain additional understanding of Jesus' healing in the story that leads up to our gospel passage for this day. It is entitled, "Jesus Touches People," and can be found in the Story Bible on pages 258-259.

The gospel passage for Sunday, September 19, is Mark 9:30-37. Children with Story Bibles can learn about proverbs, like the one in our Old Testament reading for this day, that is taken from the Book of Proverbs. The reading is based on Proverbs 10 and is entitled "Right and Wrong." It can be found on pages 158-159 in the Story Bible.

The gospel passage for Sunday, September 26, is Mark 9:38-50. Children with Story Bibles can learn more about our Old Testament passage and the Book of Esther. They can read the story entitled, "Hooray for Queen Esther." It is found on pages 70-71 in the Story Bible.

As we prepare for the start of a new school year and Sunday school year, may reading these scripture passages encourage us to stay connected to God, Jesus, and the

Holy Spirit. May they also keep us grounded in God's word, and help us to remember, that God loves us!

Peace,

Pastor Cathy