

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: PROPER 21C

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CHILDREN'S ADDRESSES

MAIN POINT

Listen to the warnings of others so that we may avoid making the same mistakes.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

But Abraham said, 'If they won't listen to Moses and the prophets, they won't be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead. (Luke 16:31)

ADDRESS

Have you ever had to make a choice and decide what to do?

We all make choices every day. Will I do what my parents ask me to do? Will I help the person who needs help? It is right to choose to do these things!

When we make the right decision we know it is right because things will go well for us and for others. When we make the wrong decision, there might come a time when we realize that we have messed up. When we realize this, we might want to go back and change our decisions.

In today's Gospel reading we hear about a rich man who decided against helping a poor person in need. Later, he realized he had made the wrong decision. Sadly, he could not go back and change his decision. But because he loved his family, he wanted his family to be warned so that they would not make the same wrong decisions!

Have you ever had someone you trust give you a warning?

Maybe your parents warned you about the dangers of playing with matches. If your parents give you warnings - listen to them!

The Bible gives us many warnings that can help us make good decisions. Today the Bible reading warns us about the dangers of being selfish and greedy and not helping those in need. If we listen to these warnings we will be able to make good decisions that will bless us and others. We can listen to these warnings because Jesus loves us and has already saved us.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us listen to the warnings we hear in the Bible and the warnings we receive from the people we trust so that all our decisions and choices may be good ones. Amen.

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home*, *Worship Notes* or another resource before the children return to their seats.

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