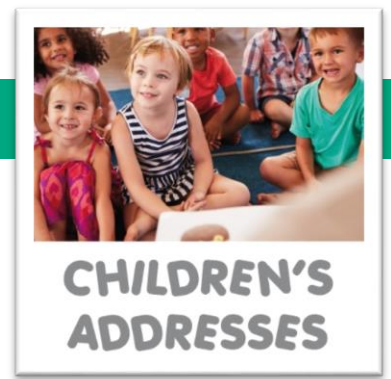


SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: Advent 3A

Please refer to [Guidelines for Children's Addresses in Worship](#) document produced by the LCA Department of Liturgics and Grow Ministries - download guidelines [here](#).



MAIN POINT

We are all valuable to God

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. (Matthew 11:11)

AIDS

A 5 cent, 10 cent and 20 cent piece.

(If you had made the paper chain from the first Sunday in Advent, take some time to remove the seven chains from the previous week and remind the children we are still waiting but the time is getting closer for Christmas.)

ADDRESS

Show the 5, 10 and 20 cent pieces.

What do I have here? Which one is worth the most? Why?

As humans we give things their value which means how much they are worth to people. A lot of times we do that with people too. We think that someone who is famous or rich is worth more than someone else. Sometimes we try our whole lives to make the most money, have the best house and make sure as many people know who we are as possible.

What are all these coins made from? *e.g. silver*

They are all made from the same metal even though they are all different sizes.

We are all created by God and even though we all look different on the outside he made us all the same on the inside. And, we are all worth the same to him. He loves us all as much as each other. People in the Bible went to see John the Baptist because he was famous but even Jesus said no matter how great he is everyone is treated the same in heaven.

Jesus wants us to love each other the same and to look after each other. He also wants us to tell everyone about his great love for us all just like John the Baptist was asked to do. Tell everyone about Jesus.

PRAYER

Creator God, thank you for creating us in your image and loving us just the way we are. Help us to share the love of Jesus with everyone we meet. Amen

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

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