

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: PROPER 8C

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



CHILDREN'S ADDRESSES

MAIN POINT

Following Jesus.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23)

AIDS

Ideally try to line up a guest speaker from your congregation who has been on a mission/service trip, possibly overseas. Perhaps they could bring some props to show the children what they did (photos, special clothing etc). Or perhaps someone who moved for a new job and had to find a new church family.

ADDRESS

Who likes their house? What do you like the most about your house?

e.g. Bedroom – why – bed, comfort, warm, etc. Kitchen – fridge, food, pantry.

Do you think you could move somewhere different? Maybe even somewhere that doesn't have electricity or fridges or even comfortable beds.

What would be hard about giving up the things you know?

e.g. Finding new friends, new church, new school, new job. Not being warm, comfortable, not having as much food.

Wouldn't it be great to be able to help people? Not only to find out about Jesus and how much he loves us, but what if we could help them have enough food and clothing? What if we can help them find somewhere to live? God asks us to be his hands and feet here on earth to help people who need help. Maybe when you go home today you can talk with your family and see if there is something you can do, or something you can give to someone who needs help this week.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we want to work for you. Please help us to let go of things that hold us back. 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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