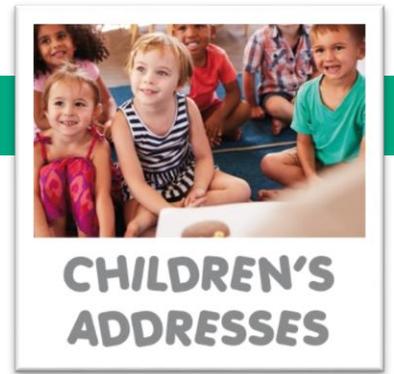


SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: Reformation

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 can read about Jesus because people have translated the Bible into languages we can understand.

APPLICATION

Reformation Day is October 31st every year. This day is celebrated in the Lutheran church and is the day we remember the work of Martin Luther and all the Reformers and their contributions to the faith. The colour of the day is RED reminding us of the power of the Holy Spirit coming among God's people – much as in the Day of Pentecost.

AIDS

An instruction manual that is written in different languages. A Bible.

ADDRESS

Show the children the instruction manual. Does anyone know what this is? This is the instruction manual for my....

Open to a page that isn't in English. Can you read these instructions? No, that's because these instructions aren't in English. Instructions aren't very helpful if you can't understand what they say!

Turn to the page in English. Thankfully, there are instructions in here that I can read and understand. If I couldn't read these instructions, I wouldn't know how to use my...

Around 500 years ago, Bibles were written out by hand and they were only written in one language, Latin. Latin is a very old language that no-one speaks anymore, so you only learn it through lots of study. 500 years ago, and even today, there weren't many people who could understand what the Latin Bible said. Martin Luther thought that people should be able to read the Bible in a language they could understand, so he translated the Bible from Latin into German. At about the same time, the printing press was invented, which meant books could be printed much faster. Suddenly, lots of people had copies of the Bible that they could read and understand. Other people thought that was a good idea so they translated the Bible into other languages too.

Even today, the Bible is still being translated into different languages so that EVERYONE can read about Jesus. You can even read about Jesus on the internet!

PRAYER

Dear God, Thank you for the Bible where we can read about you and all that you have done for us. Thank you for people like Martin Luther and others who translated the Bible into other languages so everyone can read about you. Bless the people who are still continuing this important work today. 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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