

Children's Message for LWML Sunday 2009

Look to the Hills ... God Reigns!

Materials needed: At least one mite box, preferably enough children's mite boxes to give one to each child.

Psalm 121:1-2 (NIV) I lift my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Isaiah 52:7 (NIV) How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God Reigns."

After inviting the children to come forward, look up to the ceiling, looking back and forth from left to right. As the children arrive, look at them and greet them, but then look up again, smiling! After 5-10 seconds, look at the children. No doubt some, if not all of them will be looking up to see what you were looking at!

What do you see up there? Do you know why I was looking up? (*Make reference to the bulletin cover and/or banner with the logo: Look to the Hills, God Reigns!*) When we look up, like looking up to mountains, we are reminded that God is above everything, and that He is the one who helps us. He is the one who made us. He is the one who came down to earth to take our punishment for sin. He is the one who gives us faith. We look up and remember that God is in control.

"God reigns" is like saying "God rules" or that He is in control. It makes me feel good to know that God is in control of everything. I know that Jesus is my Savior. I know that because He died to pay for my sin, I am forgiven. I know that because He rose from the dead, I will live with Him forever in heaven. I know that. You know that. But not everybody knows that.

Today is LWML Sunday. LWML stand for "Lutheran Women's Missionary League." They are ladies from our congregation and across the United States who know about Jesus just like we do. And they want more people to know about Jesus. They want to share God's love. One of the ways they do that is by giving offerings in MITE BOXES like this one. They put their pennies and nickels and dimes and quarters and dollars into these boxes to help pay the costs for sharing the Good News of Jesus. When all these ladies put their "mites" together, they give millions of dollars every year for mission work in this country and around the world.

(If you have children's mite boxes distribute them now and encourage the children to be a part of supporting the Mission Grants of LWML Or if you have a location for collecting mites in your building, be sure the children know where that is.)

When you look up, remember that God is in control. Let's talk to Him right now.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for letting me know that you love me and for dying to pay for my sins. Be with and bless all the Lutheran Women in Mission who are helping more people learn about you and your love. And help each of us share that Good News. Amen.