

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear parents,

Thank you for picking up items and seeking to continue teaching your child all that God's Word shares with us. Our gift bags with coloring sheets for each of five Bible stories, craft supplies and even some snacks are meant to give a reminder of all the fun things that we would normally do together (and hopefully will again in 2021). We will miss games and singing and simply being together, but encourage you to bring children to church as you are able. Know that when we feel it is advisable we will definitely look for chances to be together again.

Our Redeemer's plan for this year includes different opportunities for younger children and older, use what works best with your students. This letter is online on our website also at; www.our-redeemer-lutheran-church.org

The online copy will allow you to click on links to digital resources, so you are encouraged to use that. We are providing items to coordinate with two different online VBS type items.

The first is by Concordia Publishing House. Overviews for each day's Bible stories and events are at; <https://discover.cph.org/rainforest-explorers-digital-vbs-bonus-materials> but you are also invited to watch each day's video guide for worship, studies, crafts and snacks prepared by Saint Paul Lutheran in Woodriver, IL. Our bags of supplies were made to match much of what they provided for people using their videos, which are found at; https://www.facebook.com/search/videos/?q=st.%20paul%20lutheran%20church%20-%20wood%20river%20il&epa=SERP_TAB

Also, especially for older students, who may have good Bible Studies with the above curriculum but be bored by their craft options (though we can all enjoy some coloring maybe just at different levels). – below is a link for a *Lutheran Hour* study similar to the one we used for last year's *Passport to Peru Vacation Bible School*, this year they are teaching us about Jesus' work going on in Mongolia, where people live differently than us in many ways but still need the same Savior!

The online parts of that study are at;
<https://www.gospeladventures.org/>

I would encourage you to use the Bible you have at home to read the lesson text straight from it. For younger children there are options in our church library for the stories too. The *120 Bible Story* book on pages 14, 60, 166, 206 & 234 has each of this year's stories with Bible memory verses, questions and color pictures.

In Christ,
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