

Legacy for Life!

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As I pondered a gift to give my daughter on the joyous occasion of her marriage, it occurred to me that a "legacy cookbook"—one that included recipes from both families that were unique and favorite to those families—would be ideal. What legacy gifts have you given or received? What was the occasion? Share with a partner or your small group. **Answers will vary, but encourage everyone to share. You might need to set the example. Make it clear that everything confided within the group stays within the group throughout the study. The leader might want to begin by giving personal examples.**

How would you define the word "legacy"? What synonyms can you think of for this word? Arrive at a definition within your group. Make a list of as many synonyms as you can identify. **Suggested definition: money or property bequeathed to someone in a will; something inherited from a predecessor; a heritage (Wiktionary.com).** **Synonyms: bequest, birthright, heritage, inheritance, heirloom, bestowal, gift, offering, present.**

A legacy is most often associated with an inheritance or bequest of material things, such as property or money. However, in this study, let's take a look at other things that could be considered a legacy.

Opening Prayer: Dear Lord, You are a mighty God! You saw our need as we were mired in sin and have given us Your Son Jesus. He is indeed our Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil. We rejoice that because He lives, we, too, will live with Him eternally in heaven. Thank You for sending Your Spirit to give us faith in Jesus. Make us aware daily of the legacy of forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life that You have given to us.

By the power of the Spirit, help us to share these and other gifts You give to us with our friends and family. Please bless our study of Your Word. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

The Legacy of Sin

Read **Genesis 3:1-7** for the account of the first sin. **¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.**

Re-read **verse 5**, as well as **Exodus 20:3**. In addition to their disobedience, what sinful desire did Adam and Eve have? **They wanted to be "like God." They put that desire before the one true God, and disobeyed the first commandment. ³"You shall have no other gods before me."**

Read **Romans 3:23, 5:12;** and **1 John 1:8** and discuss the result of Adam and Eve's first act of sin.

Through the one sinful act, ALL became sinful – we are all sinners.

Romans 3:23: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ...

Romans 5:12: ¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

1 John 1:8: ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All mankind received the legacy of sin from Adam and Eve. How would you describe this legacy of sin? See Paul's description in **Romans 7:15-24**.

Answers will vary – encourage the group to wrestle with this question. Paul's explanation: want to do the "right" thing, but can't and thus, do what you don't want to do and continue to sin.

¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

What does the Psalmist say about this legacy of sin in **Psalms 51:5**? **We were conceived – born with it.** What is the name for the sin referred to in this Psalm? **Original sin**

⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Read **Genesis 4:6-7**. What word picture does God use to describe this legacy of sin? **Sin is "crouching at your door," like a tiger waiting to pounce.**

Where did this "crouching sin" lead Cain? **He murdered his brother, Abel; he lied; he was jealous.** Where does sin lead us? **It leads to wrong actions and thoughts—actual sin.**

⁶ The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen?" ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

Faith Talk: Have you felt times in your life when sin was "crouching at your door" and was ready to "pounce on you"? How did you cope with those sinful desires and actions? **Answers will vary. Encourage sharing with a partner.**

The Legacy of the Savior

From the beginning of time, God had a rescue-plan in place for His world. Read **Genesis 3:15** and **John 3:16**. What was that plan? Be specific. **He would send His own Son to become a man; live a perfect life (which we could not do); suffer and die on the cross for OUR sins (and be rejected by God the Father—for us); and then triumphantly rise from the dead, so we will have eternal life!**

Genesis 3:15: ¹⁵ "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

John 3:16: ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

How does Paul explain the legacy of the Savior in **Romans 3:23-26, 5:18-21, and 6:23**? **Jesus' perfect life, suffering, and death—His righteousness—is our justification before God; His obedience becomes our righteousness. He gives us His gifts of righteousness, forgiveness, faith, and eternal life by grace—His undeserved love.**

Romans 3:23-26: ²³ for all have sinned and fall

short of the glory of God,²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Romans 5:18-21:¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23:²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In most families, the inheritance or legacy of the parents is passed down through the generations. According to **1 John 3:1a**, who are those who believe in Jesus as Savior? **Children of God**
1 John 3:1a:¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

Read **Galatians 4:4-7**. Who does Paul say that believers are? **A son (or daughter) and an heir through God**

Galatians 4:4-7:⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

What legacy comes to us as a result of our Savior's perfect life, death, and resurrection? Name the specific gifts we receive from our Savior Jesus.

Reiterate the gifts we receive from the Savior.

These could include: righteousness, salvation, redemption, faith, grace, forgiveness, love, hope, joy, peace with God, and eternal life.

What do the following Scripture passages say about our Savior's legacy to His heirs?

Psalm 32:1 Forgiveness

¹Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Psalm 103:17-18 Everlasting love

¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

Micah 7:18-19 Continued forgiveness; compassion; squashes our sin "underfoot"; throws our sins "into the depths of the sea"

¹⁸ Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Colossians 1:11-14 God has transferred us from the darkness of sin and given us an inheritance in the light of His Son! He gives us power, endurance, patience, redemption, and forgiveness.

¹¹ May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy,¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

1 Peter 1:3-5 We are born again to a living hope through Jesus' resurrection; our inheritance is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading—in heaven!

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Read **Zechariah 10:6-9**, part of a section of Scripture entitled, "The Restoration for Judah (Southern Kingdom of Israel) and Israel (Ephraim, Northern Kingdom of Israel)." How does God restore His people according to these verses? **He has compassion on them and redeems His people; He gathers them in and His people will live and return.** Who are the "children" mentioned? **Although this is speaking of these particular nations of the day, the "children" are those who believe in Jesus as Savior, the remnant and the heirs, the nation of God's people. His children will live forever in heaven.**

⁶ "I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph. I will bring them back because I have compassion on them, and they shall be as though I had not rejected them, for I am the LORD their God and I will answer them. ⁷ Then Ephraim shall become like a mighty warrior, and their hearts shall be glad as with wine. Their children shall see it and be glad; their hearts shall rejoice in the LORD. ⁸ "I will whistle for them and gather them in, for I have redeemed them, and they shall be as many as they were before. ⁹ Though I scattered them among the nations, yet in far countries they shall remember me, and with their children they shall live and return.

Faith Talk: What picture does **Revelation 7:9-12** give of our Savior's eternal legacy? **Encourage sharing of the picture this passage describes. Perhaps find and share some pictures of heaven with the group.** How does this eternal legacy affect your life today? **Answers will vary. Encourage sharing with a partner.**

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,

standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

If time permits: Read the familiar account of the Prodigal Son in **Luke 15:11-24**. Discuss what inheritance or legacy the younger son received from his father, in addition to monetary wealth. **He received his father's mercy; his extravagant love and compassion; his patience; his joy.**

¹¹ And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven

and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.’²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.’²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.”

The Legacy of the Spirit

According to **John 14:16-17, 26**; and **Romans 8:14-17**, what legacy does the Holy Spirit give to all believers? **He gives us the faith to know the truth, to know that Jesus is the Savior. By faith, we are made sons and daughters of our God and heirs of our Savior’s legacy.**

John 14:16-17, 26: ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Romans 8:14-17: ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Identify the specific ways that the Spirit of God works in our lives in the following passages:

Means of Grace

2 Peter 1:19-21 **Word of God**

¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in

your hearts,²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4:4-6 Baptism

⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Mark 14:22-24 The Lord’s Supper

²² And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” ²³ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴ And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

Faith Talk: Identify the legacy gift (fruit) that the Spirit provides to each believer in **Galatians 5:22**. Have you identified this fruit in your life? **Answers will vary. Encourage sharing with a partner.**
²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

If time permits: Read the following Scripture verses. On a separate piece of paper, identify Spirit-led behavior DO’S and DON’TS in each passage.

Ephesians 5:1-21 DO: be imitators of God; walk in love; walk as children of light; discern what is pleasing to the Lord; be wise; make best use of time; understand the will of the Lord; address one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; give thanks; be filled with the Spirit; be reverent of one another.

DON’T: be impure; be covetous; use filthy or foolish talk; be sexually impure; lie; do works of darkness; be foolish; get drunk.

¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ³ But sexual immorality and all

impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Philippians 2:14-16 DO: be blameless; be innocent; children of God; shine as lights in the world; hold fast to the word of life. DON'T: grumble; dispute.

¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom

you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

Colossians 3:5-17 DON'T: be sexually immoral; be impure; have evil passion and desire; be covetous; be angry; be wrathful; be malicious; be slanderous; use obscene talk; lie.

DO: be compassionate; be kind; be humble; be meek; bear with one another; forgive; love; let peace reign in your heart; be thankful; let word of Christ dwell in you; teach; admonish; sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. ¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

A Legacy to Share

In **Acts 1:8**, Jesus commands each of His children: *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”* Our legacy is a legacy to share! Look at the following passages and identify the Spirit-empowered “chain of sharing” of our God’s great legacy of faith.

Genesis 17:7 **God establishes an everlasting covenant between Abraham and his offspring throughout all generations—believers in Christ**

7 And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

Deuteronomy 4:9-10; 6:4-9; 29:29 **The Word of God is shared and taught among God’s people and to the generations, the children. The Word of God permeates our lives and it becomes a way of life: talking about it, sharing it, teaching it. Then that eternal Word is shared with the generations to come.**

9 “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children— **10** how on the day that you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, the LORD said to me, ‘Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.’”

4 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one, **5** You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. **6** And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. **7** You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. **8** You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. **9** You shall write them on the doorposts

of your house and on your gates.

29 “The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

Joshua 24:15b **We share the legacy with our family.**

“... But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

Proverbs 22:6 **We share the legacy with our children.**

6 Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Isaiah 59:20-21 **God’s covenant with His people: He gives His Spirit that empowers us to share with others the Good News of our salvation for life and for eternity.**

20 “And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression,” declares the LORD.

21 “And as for me, this is my covenant with them,” says the LORD: “My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children’s offspring,” says the LORD, “from this time forth and forevermore.”

Matthew 5:14-16 **Jesus said that we should let the light of Christ shine to the world—to those around us—through our words and actions.**

14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 28:18-20 **We are commanded to go out to the world with the Gospel message and share the legacy God gives us.**

18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Faith Talk: Read **2 Timothy 1:5**. What special person (or persons) has shared her/his (their) legacy of faith in Jesus with you? **Answers will vary.**

Encourage sharing with a partner.

⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

The legacy that has been given to us by our Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is a legacy that we are commanded to share! It is the legacy of the

Father, Who created us and sent His only Son to rescue us from our legacy of sin. It is the legacy of the Son, Who became a man and entered our dark world; lived a perfect life, yet suffered and died for the sins of the entire world; and rose again from the dead to new life, which He gives to every believer in Him. It is the legacy of the Spirit, Who brings us to faith in Jesus; sustains us in that faith throughout our life; gives us gifts to live our lives to the glory of God; gathers us together in the Church; and empowers us to share the Good News of Jesus with our family, our friends, and into the world. Simply put, it is God’s “legacy for life”! We rejoice with Paul as we read the words he wrote in 2 Corinthians 9:15:

Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift! Amen.

Faith Walk:

1. Thank God for His daily preservation in your life.
2. Remember daily the gifts that God has given to you because of His Son, our Savior Jesus.
3. By the power of the Spirit, share with at least one person the gifts of grace that you have received from our loving Father because of Jesus.
4. Thank one person who has shared the “legacy of faith” with you or say a prayer of thanks to God for that person.

Closing Litany: (based on Psalms 67 and 78)

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

People: That your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Leader: I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.

People: We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

Leader: He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children,

People: That the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God.

All: We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. Amen!

Sing together *Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds* (Lutheran Service Book # 867; Lutheran Worship #472; The Lutheran Hymnal #629)