



# “You Have Been Salted by Christ”

A Children’s Message

LWML Sunday 2012

**Title:** “You Have Been Salted by Christ”

**Scripture:** Mark 9:38–50

**Main Point:** “Salt is good . . . have salt in yourselves.”

**Object:** plastic bowl or storage container of salted pretzels  
(*enough for each child to have one*).

**Introduction:** In this morning’s Holy Gospel, Jesus tells us that “Salt is good,” and that you are to “have salt in yourselves.” When I heard this, I started to think about salt, and how important it is. Did you know that salt is used to make plastic? Yes, without salt you wouldn’t have many of the toys you play with. Also, take a look at the clothes you are wearing. Salt is used to make the colors of your clothes bright and permanent. And when people are sick or injured and have to go the hospital, one of the first things they do is give them a salt solution, because salt helps sick people get well. Salt is good for a lot of different things, isn’t it? **What else do you know about salt (or prompt, what do you use salt for)?** *Take all answers; salt on or in our food is the answer being sought. What does salt do for our food? Take all answers.*

**Main Point:** *Pass around the pretzels for each child to take one.* Of all the things salt does one of the “best” things we use it for is to make our food taste better. Without salt, food is bland and not as tasty. As you eat your pretzel, I’ll tell you a story about some pretzels that tasted just a little bit . . . different. One evening a family was watching a movie. Before the movie, the Mom had given pretzels as snacks for everyone to enjoy. The kids had their own bowl, but the brother had been so busy watching the movie, he hadn’t eaten any of the pretzels. After a while, he reached over and got a pretzel and popped it in his mouth. It wasn’t what he was expecting—it was a little soft and didn’t taste like much at all. He tried another one, and it was the same way; not very tasty. So he looked over, and he saw what the problem was: his four-year-old sister was taking each pretzel, licking the salt off, and putting the pretzel back in the bowl. Yuck! All by themselves, without salt, the pretzels didn’t taste as good as they should have.

All by ourselves, without Jesus, our lives aren’t what they could be. But Jesus gives us everything we need. God tells us that He loved us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross so that our sins are forgiven. And because of what Jesus did, everyone who believes in Jesus, has life and salvation. All by ourselves, we don’t have forgiveness for our sins, life, and salvation. But He came to you and me in our Baptism and gave us these very special gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Like a pretzel that is better because of the salt, God makes us better because of these very special gifts.

The shape of the pretzel is like our hands when we fold them to pray. Let’s fold our hands and pray to Jesus.

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, in our Baptism Your Holy Spirit gave us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation so that we can live with You in Your kingdom. Keep us from sin. Send Your holy angel to be with us so that the evil foe has no power over us. Help us be good brothers and sisters, and help us be kind to our friends and neighbors. Amen.