

Children's Message for May 10th, 2020

Object: Ball of Yarn, Something Knitted or Crocheted, or Strips of Yarn.

Scripture: John 10:1-10 (NRSV)

14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe[a] in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?[b] 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going." [c] 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will know[d] my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." 8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me[e] for anything, I will do it.

Message

Begin by gathering your child/children in front of you. Show them the yarn and then ask them what you can use yarn for (answers might include knitting, art projects, etc.). Yes, yarn can be used to make all of those things. Yarn can also be used to connect things. (If you know how to knit or crochet, show how the yarn can be knit together to make something. Show them something created, if possible).

In our story today, Jesus tells us that God is connected to us. He says that we know God because we know Jesus and that we are promised that God is in relationship to us, that is, God is connected to us. So I wanted to try to show this with some yarn between us. I am going to hold onto this end of the yarn and say my name and then you hold onto the yarn and pass the ball of yarn to your neighbor. When you grab a piece of the yarn, say your name. (By the end you will have a little web between you). This yarn is one way we can see how God connects each of us. God is like the yarn in between us. He is touching each of us and loves each of us. He connects us to one another and shows us love through each other too. Jesus promises that we are connected to God and to each other.

Prayer

Jesus, you connect us together. You know our names and bring us love. Help us to see each other with love and serve each other by name. Amen.

Optional Activity

Continue to demonstrate how we are connected by showing them how to knit or crochet something. Alternatively, you can tie pieces of yarn together.

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