



KIDSTUFF

THANKSGIVING TABLE PRAYERS

Before the Meal

Let all together praise the Lord!

Bound by blood, by friendship or by simple circumstance, we join to praise you, God. For you have created all things. You have saved your children through the sacrifice of your Son. You have filled your people with your presence. And so we are bound by your Spirit, God. We are one in our praise

And all God's people shout, "Amen!"

After the Meal

Let all together praise the Lord!

For you have brought us together. And you have filled us with good things—food, friendship, fond memories. Strengthen, we pray, the ties that bind us one to another. And join our hearts and our voices in proclaiming your saving goodness throughout the world.

And all God's people shout, "Amen!"

Psalm 117

Praise the Lord, all you nations!

Extol him, all you peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Praise the Lord!

Table Topics

- ☺ What are some groups you are involved in? Which of them are Christian groups?
- ☺ List some worship experiences that had a deep impact on you. Were they with large groups? Small groups?
- ☺ In our society, name some situations in which people sing together. How many of them are religious settings?

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HARVEST 2004

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PLEASE PASS ME ON:

- Sunday school teachers
- Minister
- Youth workers
- Interested parents

HONOUR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

What Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day Is All About

The Goal: The goal is twofold:

- 1) To foster increased awareness of the vital role Sunday School plays in the life of the local church; and
- 2) To honour and recognize the 15 million Sunday School Teachers who dedicate themselves to teaching the Word of God to children, youth and adults.

A Special Day: Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day is a special day when churches across North America are invited to honour their Sunday School teachers. Celebrated on the third Sunday in October, this is an important time of year to recognize all your church workers.

Your Involvement: You can honour your Sunday School teacher on www.mysundayschoolteacher.com. Send your teacher an e-card, post a tribute, print a downloadable certificate, or learn ideas to encourage and honour your teacher. You can also nominate your teacher for Sunday School Teacher of the Year!

The Award: An integral part of Sunday School Appreciation Day is the national search for the Sunday School Teacher of the Year. This award was established in honour of Dr. Henrietta Mears-- a famous Christian educator who influenced the lives of such well-known and respected Christian leaders as Bill and Vonette Bright, Dr. Billy Graham, Dr. Richard Halverson, Dale Evans Rogers, and many more.

The Sunday School Teacher of the Year receives a gift package of free curriculum, resources and other gifts valued over \$1,700!

Send Your Nominations by: (Find the form at <http://www.gospelightcanada.ca/>)

1. Fax your forms to 1-800-268-5696.
2. Mail your entry to: Gospel Light Canada c/o Deborah Ransome
565 Gordon Baker Road, Willowdale, Ontario M2H 2W2

The deadline for submission is September 15, 2004.



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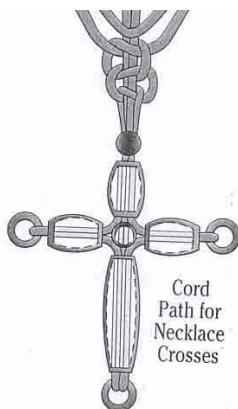
Eastern Townships and South Shore reps needed! If you are involved with your Sunday school children and want to be part of this team, please let Valerie Taylor know!

GREAT HARVEST AND THANKSGIVING CRAFT IDEAS!

AMBER AND GREEN CROSS

Materials

- ☺ 110" piece of natural hemp for knotting cord
 - ☺ 2 60" pieces of hemp for filler cord
 - ☺ Five 1/2" Amber tube beads
 - ☺ 1" Amber tube bead
 - ☺ 3 Amber glass donut beads
- 1) **Make the Upright.** Begin at the bottom of the cross and work upward. Centre one Amber glass donut bead on two cords, one 60" and the 110' cord. Fold both cords in at the centre bead, then add a 1" Amber tube bead to all 4 cords.
 - 2) **Center of the Cross:** Add one Green bead to the two filler cords.
 - 3) **Arms of the Cross:** Add one 1/2" Amber tube bead, and one Amber glass donut bead to one knotting cord. Thread the end of the cord back through the tube bead. Pull the cord to bring the arm up to cross. Repeat for the other arm.
 - 4) **Top of the Cross:** Thread all cord ends up through a 1/2" Amber tube bead and a Green bead for the top of the cross. Pull cords to tighten and shape the cross.
 - 5) **Finish the Top:** Tie 2 Square Knots. Tie the first half of a 3rd Square Knot, center the other 60" cord across the know. Tie the second half of the Square Knot.
 - 6) **Necklace:** Separate the cords into 2 groups, with each group containing two filler cords and 2 knotting cords. Tie Square Knots for 2" then add an Amber tube bead to each side. Continue tying Square Knots for a total of 12" with each group.
 - 7) At one end, tie 2 Overhand Knots, one on top of the other. On the other end of the necklace, tie an Overhand Knot leaving a 3/4" space for a loop. Trim the ends.



LEAF STAINED GLASS

Materials

- ☺ Waxed Paper, Leaves
 - ☺ Scissors, an Iron
 - ☺ Old newspapers, a Tea Towel
- 1) tear off two pieces of waxed paper a little larger than you want your finished stained glass to be.
 - 2) Lay one piece of waxed paper on top of several sections of old newspaper. Arrange the leaves on the waxed paper.
 - 3) Put the second piece of waxed paper on top of the leaves. Cover with a tea towel.
 - 4) With the iron set on "low", gently press the waxed paper sandwich. You'll see the pieces of waxed paper joining together. Keep moving the iron in circles until the whole top piece of paper is fused to the leaves & to the bottom paper.
 - 5) Trim the edges of the waxed paper to make them straight.
 - 6) Hang your stained glass in a window using cellophane tape.



MORE GREAT HARVEST AND THANKSGIVING CRAFT IDEAS !

APPLE CANDLES

Materials

- ☺ apple corer
- ☺ Large delicious apples (or other apples that stand straight on the table)
- ☺ Candles
- ☺ Waxed paper
- ☺ Potato peeler and lemon juice
- ☺ Stickers, paint, or autumn leaves

Using an apple corer, make a straight hole about halfway through the middle of an apple. Remove the core piece.

The candle should fit tightly into the hole; if the hole is too large, wrap waxed paper around the candle end.

Repeat for as many apples as you'd like.

Older kids can decorate apples by carving designs in the skins with the tip of a potato peeler (to prevent the designs from turning brown, rub them with lemon juice immediately).

For a base, use a plate or cutting board, or decorate a piece of aluminum foil with stickers, paint or leaves and place the apples in a circle on the foil.



BALLOON TURKEY

Materials

- ☺ 2 round red balloons
- ☺ 1 oblong yellow balloon
- ☺ Rubber band
- ☺ Cardboard
- ☺ Masking tape
- ☺ Acrylic paints and paintbrushes



Balloon Turkey

For the turkey's body, blow up a red balloon and knot the end. To make the head, blow up the yellow balloon about halfway, so that there's an un-inflated "nose" at one end, then knot the balloon. Tie an un-inflated red balloon to the nose to make the turkey's wattle. Attach the knotted-off ends of the body and the head together by wrapping a rubber band around them. Cut the feet out of one piece of cardboard and attach them to the bottom of the turkey with masking tape.

Now your child can dress up her bird, painting on a face and feathers. After you make a few turkey balloons, your kids can hold a race to see who can bop theirs across the room first. The winner gets the real turkey's wishbone!

The Comfy Cozy Fund KidStuff has made a

donation of \$100 towards the inaugural event of this new fund, benefiting the Montreal Children's Hospital Oncology/Haematology Ward. We hope to explore the possibility of making this worthwhile venture the beneficiary of the 2005 Bishop's Lenten Project (details in our Advent Newsletter)

Who are we?

The Comfy Cozy Fund was conceived by a six year old boy, Jake, who was diagnosed with Leukemia in March 2003. He is still undergoing treatment and has frequented the Hospital hundreds of times. During his many hospital stays and visits, he has remarked that many of the children lacked even the most basic comforts of home to make their stays more bearable. He decided that he wanted to help make the hospital a more Comfy and Cozy environment for kids like him, who undergo chemotherapy.

What is our objective?

Our fund strives to help provide children with a much-needed positive attitude towards their treatment. Research has proven that patients respond better when their morale is strong. Children on the oncology ward undergo arduous treatments and are sometimes not allowed to leave their rooms for days at a time. In many cases, their parents are not able to remain with them around the clock due to other responsibilities.

We want every child to look forward to their hospital stay. We want each room to have a cable T.V., a telephone, a Game Boy, books, a fresh pair of slippers, a toothbrush, board games, art supplies, ... etc. We want the children to look back at their treatments with a smile. We want them to be as comfortable as possible. We are working with parents and hospital staff to compile a wish list that would add an extra level of comfort to these children's lives.

*Natalie K Shtern and Jake Shtern,
The Comfy Cozy Fund Co-chairs*

The resource "Celebrating Harvest", taken from the well loved "Blessings" series, produced during the 80's and 90's by a National Church committee, is available on request, from KidStuff (email or phone Valerie Taylor ctm@cam.org, 514-484-1414 (office))

Celebrating Harvest—Purpose:

☺ to utilize the many gifts and skills of our parishioners in a weekend experience of sharing, teaching, preparation, and celebration of the Harvest by our entire faith community.

☺ To give all of us an opportunity to grow in our own ministries

☺ To demonstrate to our children that we belong to a community of faith whose primary focus is Jesus Christ.

The scripture readings assigned for Harvest Thanksgiving speak of God's people as a community of faith called to recognize and celebrate the fruits of harvest as symbols of the many gifts we receive from God our Creator. Celebrating the harvest is an important step in the process of recognizing God's gifts to us. As a community of faith, we are called to recognize and identify these gifts—both those of the harvest, and also those gifts and skills which lie within each of us. The gifts sown within are also gifts from God.

Through this workshop we see the spiritual dimension of life. Our experiences of life become whole and integrated through giving thanks. Our experiences of harvest, Eucharist, and Jesus send us forth to make a better world where we share the gifts of harvest and life with our sisters and brothers, within and beyond the walls of our community.

ROMANIAN SUMMER CAMP 2004

In 2003, the Bishop's Lenten Project focussed on the work of Estera Cernat, in Southern Romania. The following letter from her highlights some of her camp experiences this past summer.

From: Estera

Sent: July 22, 2004

Subject: camp!

Dear Val!

Really hope this e-mail finds you well, thought (sic) I know you re very busy at this time, so do



we. Just hope you will forgive me for not sending on time the pictures I was promising to you from the camp.

Had a great time with the kids and they rejoice so much. ... wanted to send a picture with them doing craft. Craft is not quite common in Romania, but while there in Canada, I started to love them and I was sure the kids would love them, too and that is what happened. W used lots of the crafts you gave me when I left and each day the kids had a craft. We spent 5 days with them (in fact 6, but we had activities only 5 days).

I will send more pictures to you, but please make sure you remind KidStuff how much we appreciate their donation which we could use this year for camp.

Much love in Christ,

Estera

P.S. Miss you very much , and praying for you.

TOTAL:BISHOP'S LENTEN PROJECT

As you will remember, the focus of the 2004 BLP was on the Fund for the Residential Schools. To date, we have received **\$1871.85** for the project.

Thanks to all who have participated!

SAINTS ALIVE!

This year, we will be celebrating

St. Nicholas patron Saint of the Sailors.

We'll be featuring a Nautical Theme with lots of fun activities for children ages 4-12 years old.

Please post the flyer included with this mailing and distribute copies in your church.

Registration deadline is **October 25th—see the flyer for details.**

INSPIRITUS CAMP 2004

After my experience as a junior counselor at Inspiritus, I have learned a lot. I have learned responsibility, patience, and have become even closer to God. I also had tons of fun, and gained practical teaching and child-care knowledge. I am very happy that I had this chance, and will (I hope) do it again next year.

Josiah Henderson

(see the Pentecost 2004 newsletter for information about Inspiritus, held at Église Madison Baptist Church, 6297 Monkland & Madison, and to see another article from Josiah)

(all newsletters are available on line at www.montreal.anglican.org/kidstuff)

2004 CALENDAR—September—December



SEPTEMBER 2004

- ☺ Sept 9th—7:30 pm Kidstuff Mtg—
Core Group Meeting—3491 Hingston
Ave.



OCTOBER 2004

- ☺ Oct 7th 7:30 pm Kidstuff
Core Group Meeting—3491 Hingston
Ave.
- ☺ Oct 15-16 Diocesan Synod—
Kidstuff display @ Christ Church
Cathedral
- ☺ Oct 31st Saints Alive! @ St.
Matthew's Church, Hampstead

Answers to the Scripture Cake...

3/4 cup Genesis 18:8 (found in the first four words) butter (in the NIV it is curds and milk, which were used to make butter)

1 1/2 cup Jeremiah 6:20 cane, brown sugar

5 Luke 11:12 eggs

3 c. Leviticus 24:5 fine flour

3/4 tsp. 2 Kings 2:20 salt

3 tsp. Amos 4:5 leaven, baking powder

1 tsp. Exodus 30:23 cinnamon

1/4 tsp. each: 2 Chronicles 9:9 spices, cloves,
allspice, nutmeg

1/2 c. Judges 4:19 (last part) milk

1/2 c. Genesis 43:11 (last part of the verse only)
pistachio nuts, almonds

1/2 c. Jeremiah 24:5 figs

1/2 c. 2 Samuel 16:1 raisins



NOVEMBER 2004

- ☺ Nov 4th 7:30 pm Kidstuff
Meeting—West Island Region
- ☺ Nov 20th Santa Claus Parade—
Outreach @ Christ Church Cathedral



DECEMBER 2004

- ☺ Dec 2nd 6 pm Core Group Dinner
Meeting
- ☺ Dec 17th Jesus' Birthday @ St.
Matthew's Church—more details in the
Advent newsletter



FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

- ☺ Sat April 9th, 2005—Children's Ministry
Workshop—Sponsored by Cook Publish-
ing—part of a series to be offered in
April and May of 2005—Details in the
Advent newsletter
- ☺ Sat April 23rd—Gretchen Pritchard on
"Light & Peace" (this workshop was can-
celled last March and has been resched-
uled for this new date)