

## One World, One Spirit...

Welcome to Sunday School at St. Tim's

September 30, 2007

Thank you for coming !

We are glad you joined us for our Gathering Service today.

During our Gathering Service,  
you will learn about God, Jesus, and our church.  
You will learn about why grown-ups do the things they do  
each week during worship, and you will learn about  
being a part of the congregation.

You will learn how you can share your gifts and talents,  
and what your responsibilities are as a  
full member of the St Tims church family.

Each week, we will try to follow this format:

**Sing-along with Linda**

**Welcome**

**Opening Song "This, This is Where Children Belong"**

**Opening Prayer**

**Scripture Time (Luke 16:19-31)**

**Message**

**Offering (Song is Linda's choice)**

**Offering Prayer**

**Birthday Pennies (on the first Sunday of the month)**

**Announcements**

**Blessing prayer**

**Closing Song "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"**

You might be asked to choose the songs, help collect the offering, read the Scriptures, lead a prayer, or light candles.  
We want you to feel like an important part of our Service!

Please share this bulletin with your family so everyone  
can find out what you learned about today!

The message for today is:

*"Kindness counts..."*

In today's bible reading, Jesus tells his friends a story about a rich man and a poor man. He often told stories or parables to teach important lessons to his followers.

The rich man in the story saw a poor man every day, and he never did anything to help him out. After the two men died, the story says that the poor man went to heaven, but the rich man did not. He had made some bad choices while he was alive. He asked if he could warn his relatives about being unkind, but he was not allowed to. He was very sad.

I think that Jesus was trying to tell us (and his friends) that we only have one life to live here on earth, and we need to use that one life to do whatever we can to be helpful and kind to others. We only have one lifetime to show a little love to someone who needs it, to share a smile with someone who is having a bad day, to put some money in the offering plate so that someone who is poor and hungry can have something to eat.

We must remember that we need to help take care of the poor people in the world. We do a really good job with that here at St Tims—even our Sunday School offering is used every month to help someone. But poor people don't just stop being poor. That means we mustn't stop being kind and giving and sharing with those in need. As followers of Jesus, it's our job!

