One World, One Spirit…

Welcome to Sunday School at St. Tim's

October 28, 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 <u>your</u> 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
Message—One way to pray
Offering (Song is Linda's choice)
Offering Prayer
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:

"One way to pray…"

Jesus was a very special person and he loved God with all his heart.
He thought that it was very important to do God's work every day,
and to talk with God as well. We call talking with God "praying".

Every week in church, we say a prayer that we call
"the Lord's prayer" or "the Our Father". Some people say that
it was one of the prayers Jesus taught his friends.

I'd like to teach you about one way to pray. I learned this way to
pray from a Methodist pastor when I was in elementary school. This
prayer can be as long or short as you'd like to make it, but it is easy
to remember. All you have to do is put your hands together as if
you were praying, and take a look at your hands…

Dear God…

1) Your THUMB is closest to your body, so you start
your prayer by praying for your family and friends,
and those people who are closest to you.

2) Your POINTER finger is the one that would show
someone the way, so you pray for people who help
show you the way, like teachers and pastors.

3) Your TALL ONE finger is your biggest finger, so you
pray for the important, "BIG" people in the world,
like world leaders and government officials.

4) Your RING finger is your weakest finger, so
you pray for the weak people in the world,
like the sick, poor, lonely or sad.

5) Your PINKIE is your smallest finger, little like the
children Jesus welcomed to his knee, so you pray for
yourself, and all the little children in the world.

…Amen