

Welcome to Sunday School at St. Tim's  
November 18, 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 Reading—Isaiah 65:17-25**  
**Message—"Imagine if..."**  
**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:  
"Imagine if..."

Today's scripture reading is from the book of Isaiah. Isaiah was one of the "prophets" in the Hebrew section of the bible—the old testament.

Prophets were wise people who spent lots of time thinking about things. Then they had ideas about things. Some people say that the prophets predicted the future, but I think that they shared their hopes and dreams.

This passage from Isaiah is a "hopes and dreams" passage. Isaiah seems to say "imagine if..." He shares his wish list for a perfect world. When Dick talks about the Kingdom of God, I think that this is what he is talking about..

Isaiah says that this perfect world will be a chance to start over. It will be a place where people are blessed—they live long and happy lives. Everyone will get along—even the animals. There will be peace and harmony. In this perfect world, everyone would be safe and everyone would always have enough.

Imagine if this was true. Imagine if we could do something to make it happen, this perfect world. We need to take time each day to make this world a better place. Everything we do and say could be something that helps someone in need, that brightens someone's day, that make something wrong into something right. If we can imagine it, we can do it, so what are we waiting for?

