

Welcome to Sunday School at St. Tim's
May 4, 2008

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 is Where Children Belong"

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading—Psalm 66:8-20

Message—"Blessed be God"

Offering (Song is Linda's choice)

Offering Prayer

Announcements/Birthdays

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 lesson for today is:
"Blessed be God..."

Today's scripture reading is another Psalm—this one is a psalm of praise. The psalmist (the writer of the psalm) tells how God pushed and tested the people, and how the people stayed faithful, because God was with them all the time, through all those troubles.

The Israelites went through some very tough situations during "Bible times". For many years, they were slaves in Egypt. When they finally escaped from Egypt, they spent many years in the wilderness, slowly working their way to the "promised land".

Despite all that, they tried really hard to rely on God and have faith in God. This psalm of praise thanks God for taking care of them, providing for them, and protecting them when they needed it.

This message is another reminder that God is always with us, and that we should try to be grateful for all the blessings in our lives that come from God. Even when times are tough, there are things to be thankful for.

When your Mom makes you mad, remember that many kids have no parents. When you have to eat left-overs for supper, remember that many kids have no food. When you have to clean your room, remember that many kids have no home. When you have homework to do, remember that many kids don't have schools to attend.

Even in our troubled times, God is with us.
We should be so glad about that!

Blessed be the Lord who daily lifts us up!