



PARENTS CORNER

Murphy's Message to the Kids

Sunday School is off to a **paws**-itively wonderful start. I am so excited to be out of the toy box and part of St. John's Sunday School. Over the last couple of weeks I have had a chance to meet many of you and I am looking forward to meeting all the rest of you ... and your friends ... and their friends ... and, well, I look forward to meeting all of God's children out in our corner of His Kingdom!



We have learned so much already: how to be patient, how to be kind ... how wonderful *Love Is* ... to share with one another. How have you shared God's love recently? I know that just the other Sunday my friend, Skippy the Dolphin, showed me such great love by filling in for me on our Zoom Worship Service. Skippy did such a great job and he also checked in to make sure that I was feeling well and to see if I needed anything. It was like getting a great big hug in my text messages!

Were you at worship when we learned Father Abraham? What fun! I am sorry I missed that one, but I am not sure if I could lift all my paws and turn around. That sounds tricky. I can't wait for the next song we learn with the Praise Team!

Can't wait to see you at Sunday School! Oh, and don't forget to come find me ... I don't want to miss hearing the stories of Jesus! Remember 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings—in the Fellowship Hall!

Murphy



All Are Welcome

In Romans we are reminded to "welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God!"

St. John's has always loudly proclaimed that "All are Welcome in this place". This is such an important message for our children as they learn to grow as loving children of God. We encourage our Sunday School students to invite their friends and family to be part of our adventures and, especially, to reach out to those who may be alone or outcast. Sunday School is that community where diversity is celebrated and people of all backgrounds, abilities and appearances are welcome. As we look toward our semesters ahead, we will be renewing and reviewing St. John's mission statement and helping our children be bold in their acceptance of one another and the humanity around them.

Spread the word ... God is in this place ... won't you be too?

PARENTS: WE WANT TO BRING BACK SOME OF THE THINGS WE REMEMBER FROM WHEN WE WERE KIDS, INCLUDING OUR GIVING BANK. AS YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE GIVE YOUR CHILDREN SOME COINS – OR ENCOURAGE THEM TO BRING THEIR OWN COINS – TO GIVE TO THE GIVING BANK. GIFTS WILL GO TOWARD A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THE KIDS WILL CHOOSE AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT OUR NEW CURRICULUM AND ALL THE EXCITING SEASONAL LESSONS PASTOR HAS PLANNED . IF YOU HAVE BEEN MISSING SUNDAY SCHOOL, GIVE US A CALL AND LET US TELL YOU MORE!

Your Sunday School Team

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Don't forget—we are making our hearts and following along with "love Is ...an exploration of God's greatest gift"

At the end of the series families will receive a free copy of the book to continue to share God's love!

