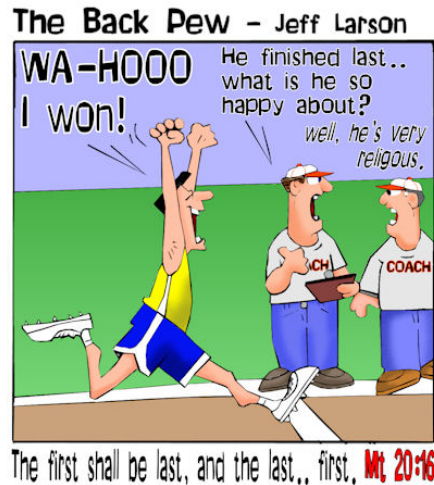


This Week in Sunday School 5th - 8th - 9.19.20 - Gospel of Mark



Happy Sunday Friends!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and a great return to school.

It's me, Mrs. Heimerling, back again to flood your inbox with Virtual Sunday School lessons. Back to school, at least in this house, has been a level of activity we haven't experienced since Pre Covid times. Catching busses at 7:30 is criminally early after a summer of 12pm sleep ins. Sunday Schoolers, I am sympathetic to how exhausted you all are. So, our inaugural lesson for the 21-22 Sunday School season is about the Gospel According to Mark.

What is this you say? An entire book! Wait though! The Book of Mark is short. It is filled with stories and parables that you are familiar with. And did I mention it's short?

The theme we are focusing on with this lesson is service. Service is Jesus's JAM. For the younger Sunday Schoolers we are learning about if you want to be first you have to be last. This was a radical concept especially where the most value was placed on the strongest, riches, and most powerful. To Jesus to come in last does not denote weakness, but is prized and valuable. Service and putting others first holds the key to the kingdom.

Now that school has started, take time this week to think about what servanthood looks like in your school setting. How do teachers serve you throughout the day and how can you in turn practice servanthood toward your peers, teachers, custodians, food service workers, and others.

Finally Friends, Take care during all of the transitions and changes that September brings. Be kind to yourself in navigating all of these changes. The next time you are in class or at a practice or any other activity, say a silent prayer for the person on your left or right. Pray for their good health, success in school, or for something that is worrying that person.

I hope all of you know how much you are loved and missed! We can't wait to be all together at church again soon.

Take Care,
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