

Chapel Talks

for Christian Children

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Preface

Chapel Talks for Christian Children is a resource for worship with children. It can be adapted to a variety of settings, including Christian elementary schools, Sunday schools, vacation Bible schools, and children's sermons.

This series of 43 devotions is based on Bible texts that are the Old Testament readings for the Sunday, according to the three-year lectionary in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. In these lessons, the children will hear how God gave us pictures of Jesus in the Old Testament and how we can apply them in our lives. **Note that a separate devotion for Ash Wednesday is included if you choose to have a special devotion for that day instead of one based on the Sunday reading.**

Each devotion has a leader's guide that includes

- the theme of the devotion
- a Bible text
- the suggested week for use
- suggestions for visual materials
- suggestions for an object lesson
- a Bible truth section for explaining and applying the text
- discussion and application questions

A copy master for each devotion includes

- a short order of service
- a hymn of praise for the season
- a text and prayer for the devotion
- a hymn for the day
- a psalm selection for the day
- optional prayers

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The hymn in each devotion is cross-referenced for the following hymnals: *Christian Worship*, *The Lutheran Hymnal*, *Lutheran Worship*, *Lutheran Book of Worship*, and *Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary*. Where a tune is not in a hymnal, the metrical pattern is also included for choosing other tunes. **Note: Some of the hymns are printed at the end of this book. We encourage you to print out the music for the teachers to teach the hymns before the devotions are used.**

Devotion	Hymn Title	CW	TLH	LW	LBW	ELH
1	The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace	288	297	330	(1)	233
2	I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus	446	428	408	460	206
3	Feed Your Children, God Most Holy	616	659	468	(2)	599
4	I Love to Tell the Story*	562	(3)	(3)	390	(3)
5	God's Word Is Our Great Heritage	293	283	333	239	583
6	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	234	39	444	543	65
7	Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing	111	155	(4)	(4)	300
8	Lamb of God, We Fall before You	354	358	(4)	(4)	(4)
9	Take My Life and Let It Be	469	400	404	406	444
10	Blest Be the Tie That Binds	494	464	295	370	420
11	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God	200,201	262	297,298	228,229	251,252
12	Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God	272	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
13	The Day Is Surely Drawing Near	207	611	462	321	538
14	Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See	219	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)
15	The King Shall Come	25	(7)	26	33	101
16	Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel	23	62	31	34	110
17	Comfort, Comfort All My People	11	61	28	29	102
18	Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes	12	66	29	35	109
19	O Little Town of Bethlehem	65,66	647	60	41	137
20	Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying	573	496	318	381	191
21	Hail to the Lord's Anointed	93	59	82	87	103
22	Beautiful Savior	369	657	507	518	54

Devotion	Hymn Title	CW	TLH	LW	LBW	ELH
23	Rise, O Light of Gentile Nations	577	498	(8)	(8)	199
24	Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word	203	261	334	230	589
25	Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty	195	246	168	165	15
26	Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening	283	296	339	(9)	230
27	How Good, Lord, to Be Here	95	135	89	89	(10)
28	Lamb of God, Pure and Holy	268	146	208	111	41
29	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God	200,201	262	297	229	251
30	Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted	127	153	116	(11)	297
31	Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains	102	141	(12)	(12)	(12)
32	Jesus Sinners Does Receive	304	324	229	291	426
33	God Loved the World So That He Gave	391	245	352	292	403
34	Ride On, Ride On in Majesty	132,133	162	105	121	280
35	Horse and Rider Song*	(13)	(13)	(13)	(13)	(13)
36	Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word	576	507	321	379	201
37	Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound	379	(14)	509	448	(14)
38	I Am Jesus' Little Lamb	432	648	517	(15)	177
39	Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying	573	496	318	381	191
40	I Love to Tell the Story*	562	(3)	(3)	390	(3)
41	Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying	573	496	318	381	191
42	From Greenland's Icy Mountains	571	495	322	(16)	(16)
43	May the Grace of Christ Our Savior	326	(17)	(17)	(17)	(17)
*See the music printed at the end of this book.						

(1) Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND (LM).

(2) Tune: SCHMÜCKE DICH (LM D Trochaic).

(3) Tune: HANKEY (76 76 D with Refrain). **Music is at the end of this book.** Suggested alternate: CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN ("Abide, O Dearest Jesus").

(4) Tune: RINGE RECHT (87 87).

(5) Tune: SCHAFFE IN MIR, GOTT (PM).

See also the liturgical settings in the hymnals.

(6) Tune: WEDDING GLORY (87 87 887 887). Suggested alternate: AN WASSERFLÜSSEN BABYLON ("A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth").

(7) Tune: CONSOLATION (CM)

(8) Tune: O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE (87 87 D).

(9) Tune: WERDE MUNTER (87 87 77 88).

(10) Tune: POTSDAM (SM).

(11) Tune: O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN (87 87 D).

(12) Tune: WENN WIR IN HÖCHSTEN NÖTEN SEIN (LM).

(13) **Music is at the end of this book.**

(14) Tune: NEW BRITAIN (CM).

(15) Tune: WEIL ICH JESU SCHÄFLEIN BIN (77 88 77).

(16) Tune: MISSIONARY HYMN (76 76 D).

(17) Tune: STUTTGART (87 87).

Hymns of Praise Index

The seasonal hymn of praise in each devotion is cross-referenced for the following hymnals: *Christian Worship*, *The Lutheran Hymnal*, *Lutheran Worship*, *Lutheran Book of Worship*, and *Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary*. **Note: Some of the hymns are printed at the end of this book. We encourage you to print out the music for the teachers to teach the hymns before the devotions are used.**

Devotion	Hymn Title	CW	TLH	LW	LBW	ELH
1-6	Oh, Taste and See	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
7-10	Rejoice in the Lord Always	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
11-14	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	334	644	461	564	592
15-20	Let All Together Praise Our God	41	105	44	47	148
21-27	God Loves Me Dearly	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
28-34	O Christ, Lamb of God	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
35-43	Horse and Rider Song (refrain only)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)

(1) **Music is at the end of this book.**

(2) Music is on CW pages 23 and 35. Also available in *Christian Worship: New Service Settings* and other liturgical settings of hymnals.

(3) **Music is at the end of this book. Note: Refrain only.**



Our Daily Bread

Exodus 16:2-15

Suggested for Pentecost 11

Visual Materials

- a loaf of bread

Object Lesson

Hold up the loaf of bread. Tell the children that bread is basic food. We need bread to survive. We need basic food/bread to live. Without it we die. With enough of it, we can go on living. So where do we get some bread? (grocery store, bakery, Mom's kitchen) Where does Mom get the ingredients to make bread? (store, factory, field) The wheat and the oats grow in fields. Doesn't God take good care of us? We need bread to survive, and God gives us generously, as much as we need, every day.

Bible Truth

A long time ago, 3,500 years ago, God's people were traveling in a barren desert. God's people needed food; they were very hungry. **"Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I will rain down bread from heaven for you'" (Exodus 16:4a).** But in the desert, there are no fields. No wheat grows in the desert. So there was no food; there was no bread. God gave his people a special bread called manna every day. Instead of making wheat grow up in fields, God rained this bread down from heaven! Isn't God kind and powerful?

But we need more than bread to live. Bread for our bodies will only help us survive a little while, then we will die. It's been that way ever since Adam and Eve tasted the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden. Because we have sin, we all will die. We need a better plan. A little bread won't help this problem. We need another kind of special bread—bread from heaven. We need bread for our souls. Jesus talked about a bread for our souls. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry" (John 6:35).

Jesus is our bread. He's like the manna bread that came down from heaven to keep God's people alive in the desert. When we hear Jesus' words and believe them, we get the spiritual food that keeps us alive in Christ.

Discussions and Applications

1. What happens to a person's body if it goes without food for a whole day? for a week or more?
2. How is it different if a person goes without feeding his or her soul?
3. Name one daily habit you can set up to be sure your soul gets fed regularly.

CHAPEL TALKS FOR CHRISTIAN CHILDREN

Leader: We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
Children: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE Oh, Taste and See
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.
Your Word, O Lord, is eternal;
It stands firm in the heavens.
Your faithfulness continues forever.
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

THE MESSAGE Our Daily Bread

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you" (Exodus 16:4a).

Leader: Caring Father in heaven, thank you for providing the saving food for our souls. Please forgive us for skipping meals, leaving our bodies weak and inviting sickness. Lead us to eat at your Bible table daily and often. Your words are food for us. Thank you for our daily bread. Amen.

HYMN The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

The gospel shows the Father's grace,
Who sent his Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died
That we might thus be justified.
It bears to all the tidings glad
And bids their hearts no more be sad;
The weary, burdened souls it cheers
And banishes their guilty fears.

PSALM 119:89-91

Leader: Your word, O LORD, is eternal;

Children: It stands firm in the heavens.

Leader: Your faithfulness continues through all generations;

Children: You established the earth, and it endures.

Leader: Your laws endure to this day,

Children: For all things serve you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*spoken together*)

OFFERINGS OF LOVE FOR JESUS

Leader: Now, children, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Children: Amen.