

Lighthouse Preschool News

Teaching God's children about their Creator, Savior, and Friend while preparing them for a lifetime of wonder, learning, and service.

December 2020

What is a child? Human

Not only are children created by God. They are created human. While there are many similarities between all created things, human beings are distinct. And in this season of Christmas, when we talk about the Lord of the Universe coming to us in human form, it is a great reminder about what it means to be human.

Not animals:

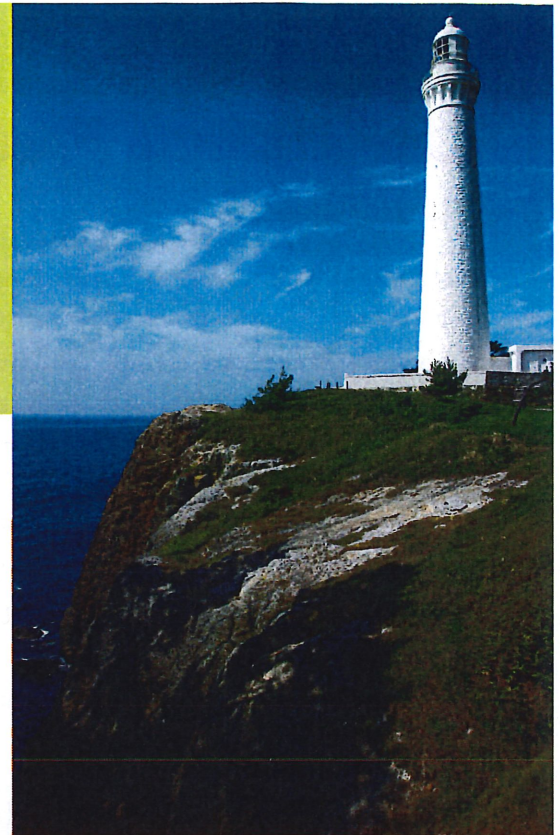
God created the beasts of the field, air and water with his word but human beings he formed out of the dust of the ground and blew the breath of life into them. People are different than animals. Yet, sometimes we treat pets better than we do children. Sometimes we treat children as animals. I will never forget a teacher friend of mine who was taught in school to use a dog clicker to train her class for English lessons. We might also hear where this is confused because while we offer animals euthanasia, the church does not condone it for sick children or elderly people. Children are human beings, which are complex creatures with many stages of development. So are you. Don't let anyone tell you that you are the sum of your experiences or contrarily, that you are all decided by your biology.

Man and Woman:

Just as God created human beings as man and woman, he creates children a certain gender. This is not a mistake, nor is it a good idea to tinker with what God has created. We also show a disservice to this reality when we don't appreciate the differences between genders or when we identify our whole identity with what gender we are or what sex we are attracted to. Our gender and our children's gender is a part of who we are, but it isn't everything!

Image of God:

Scripture says humans were made in the Image of God. So does God look like us? Well, no....We resemble Him! As we look at humans now, we must realize that while we were made in the likeness of God, that likeness has been tarnished by sin so we can't very well say that because we feel certain things, think certain ways, or look a certain way that God does too. What we can do is look at Jesus who is the only perfect human and purely defines what God's image is. Thanks be to God that He restores that image and when God looks on Christ as He covers us, He sees a perfect image just as he created it in the beginning.



Upcoming Dates:

**December 15- 6:30
Christmas Program**

**December 23-January
3 Christmas Break**



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Will live for eternity:

C.S. Lewis is known for stating the fact we sometimes forget as we care for those around us...every individual will live forever. The children in your care are worth every ounce of energy!

“There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations - these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit - immortal horrors or everlasting splendors. This does not mean that we are to be perpetually solemn. We must play. But our merriment must be of that kind (and it is, in fact, the merriest kind) which exists between people who have, from the outset, taken each other seriously - no flippancy, no superiority, no presumption.”

REMINDERS:

Please pray for the continued health of our preschoolers and families. We have been very blessed that we have not needed to shut down, nor have any of our students' families experienced hospitalizations or death. Please know that we pray for all those at St. Paul's as well!



The Preschoolers made goody bags for shut-ins of St. Paul's Lutheran.