

*Smarter Start Toolkit - a guide to establishing healthy digital habits with your new device

Wednesday Outlet 3:30-5:30 No School? No Outlet.
Sundays Middle School 9:00 a.m. Room 216

Head to the sanctuary when you arrive. You'll be dismissed from there.



January 28 The Bible in Real Time 5-6:30
February 4 Confirmation 5-6:30
February 10 College Care Packages
February 11 The Bible in Real Time
February 14 Ash Wednesday
March 3 Confirmation
March 8-9 30 Hr. Famine
March 10 Messy Church
March 10 The Bible in Real Time
March 17 Confirmation
March 23-31 Spring Break



Mark 5:21-43
The Power of Touch
"To touch is to give life." ~ Michelangelo

Four Steps to Cultivating Compassion in Boys
Kozo Hattori interviewed researchers and spiritual
leaders about how to raise compassionate boys.
This is what he discovered.

https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/four_steps_to_cultivating_compassion_in_boys



The Bible In Real Time -

Jesus Appears to Thomas John 20:24-29

This was such a rich discussion and the depth you possess and the willingness to listen beyond your own opinion makes it richer still.

From Ron -

We read the story of Jesus' appearance to the disciple Thomas in John's Gospel. We discussed some of the interesting details in the story, including the detail that the disciples were in a locked room and the fact that Thomas feels the wound in Jesus'

side. After talking about John's emphasis on the blessings of faith in this story, we turned to the idea that it can sometimes be spiritually dangerous to insist on seeing something. In the modern world we generally think "knowledge is power," so we don't generally regard seeing as potentially dangerous. But we talked about Saint Augustine's idea that there are "sins of the eye" that can harm our souls. Examples from his time included watching the gladiatorial games or risque theater performances. We talked about contemporary applications of this idea, especially in relation to the violent images associated with contemporary reporting from war zones.

In Confirmation this week -

Babylonian Captivity

Despite God's warnings and clear commandments, the Israelites continually made choices that landed them on the road to captivity... aka consequences for their choices. Who do you go to for guidance or direction in life?

Prophets

God used prophets to call out rulers, nations, and communities for obedience and to warn them of the consequences of continuing to move away from God.

What's a message you think everyone in school would benefit from hearing?

List three things that might happen if you told the truth all the time.

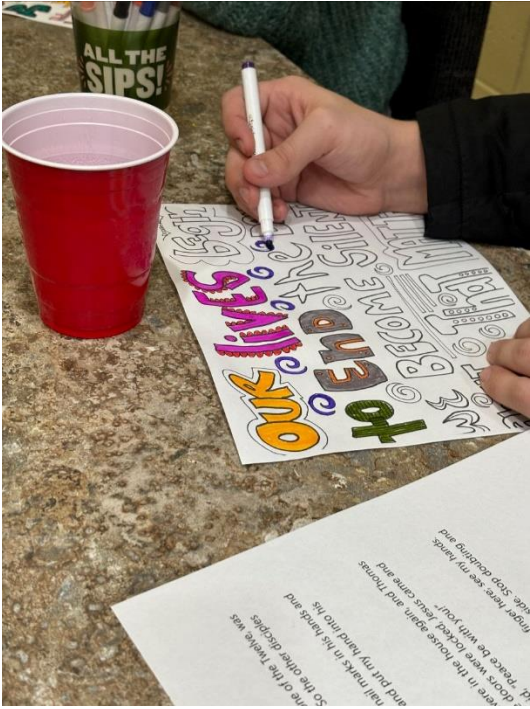


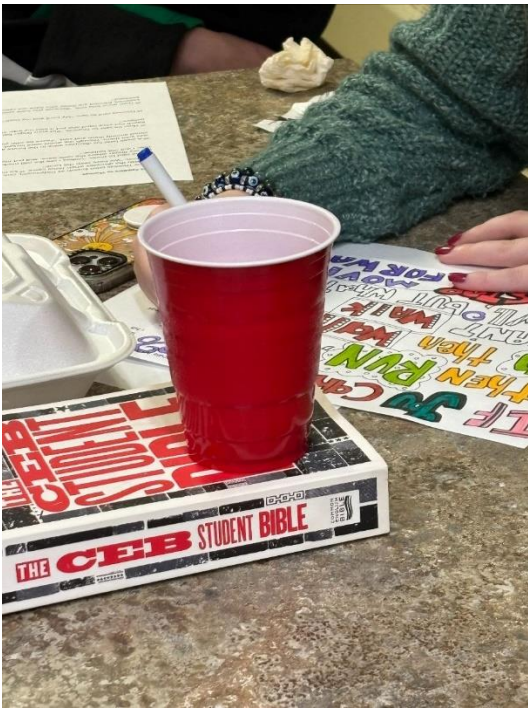


From our Parables Friends:

Saturday, January 20. (All ages are welcome!):

We will be meeting at Emagine Theater in Saline at 3:00. Anya and I will be waiting in the lobby for everyone. Ben's mom recommended not to purchase a block of tickets but just have people buy tickets individually. "Wonka" is the story of how young Willy Wonka built his chocolate empire. The previews look great. I'm looking forward to the movie. Robin





Life is big, screens are small...
and you deserve to live your
fullest life.

<https://screensanity.org/tool/smarterstart/>