

The Word of God we receive in the Divine Service goes with us, out into the world and into our everyday callings as parents and children. "Kids in the Divine Service" is written for parents and children to read and talk about together.

# Grace Notes

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## KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

### Why do we use candles in the Divine Service?



Imagine that you are attending a worship service 500 years ago. Since there are no lights, even during the daytime, the church is dark. How will you see what is going on? How will you see the pastor? How will you walk up to the altar to receive the Lord's Supper? As you probably guessed, one of the first uses for candles in church was to give light in the sanctuary. Actually, oil lamps were probably used until the fourth century when candles became more common.

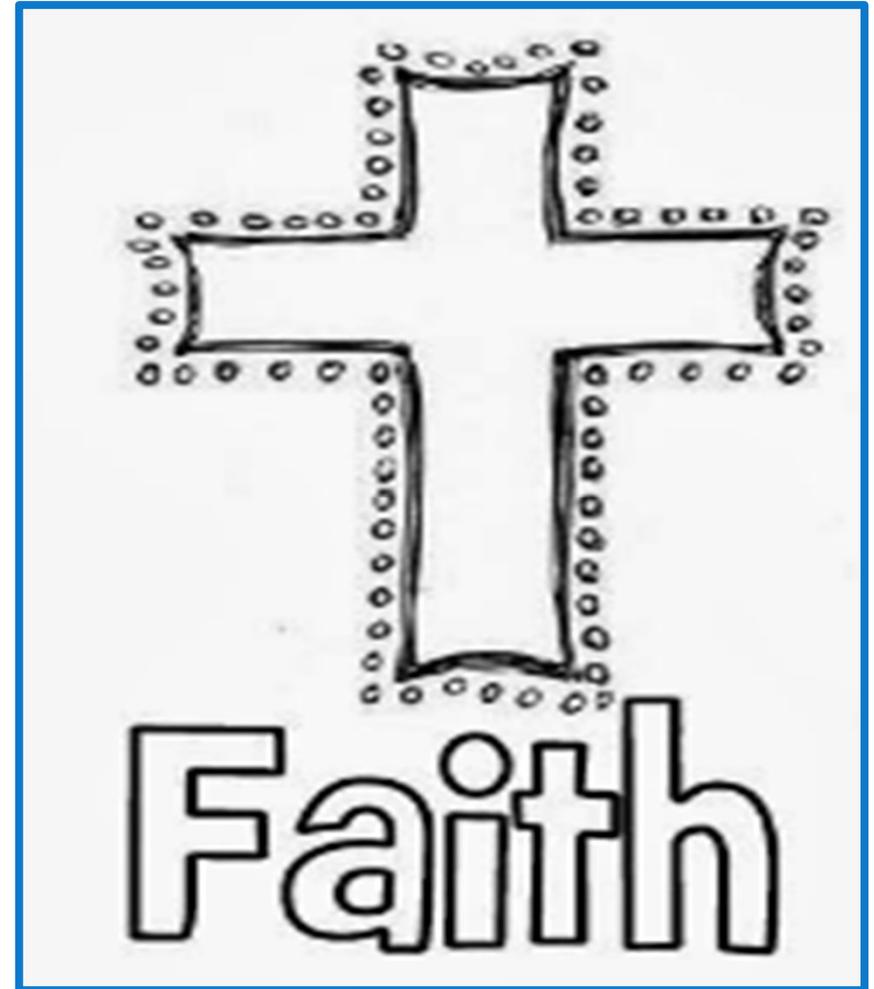


### Is there more to using candles than just lighting the room?

With the invention of the light bulb, candles were no longer needed to light the church. That doesn't mean they lost their importance in the church. Candles have been used for hundreds of years to symbolize Christ's words when he said: "I am the Light of the world" (John 8:12). **Candles remind us that Jesus is the Light that has conquered the darkness of sin.** As you can see, candles play an important role in our worship.



**Parents:** When the candles are lit at the beginning of the service, remind your children that Christ is the Light of the world. Teach them that when the candles are lit, we are honoring our God and recognizing His presence in the sanctuary. He is really here just as He promised!



Someone might say, "You have faith, but I do things. Show me your faith! Your faith does nothing. I will show you my faith by the things I do."

James 2:18



# I Will Praise God!



"Let us love  
one another for  
love comes from God.

-1 John 4:7 NIV

One law rules over all other laws. This royal law is found in the Scriptures: "Love your neighbor as you love yourself."<sup>[a]</sup> If you obey this law, then you are doing right. I will show you my faith by the things I do. ~James 2:8



Psalm 146

**1** Praise the Lord!

My whole being, praise the Lord.

**2** I will praise the Lord all my life.

I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.

**3** Do not put your trust in princes  
or other people, who cannot save you.

**4** When people die, they are buried.  
Then all of their plans come to an end.

**5** Happy are those who are helped by the God of Jacob.  
Their hope is in the Lord their God.

**6** He made heaven and earth,  
the sea and everything in it.  
He remains loyal forever.

**7** The Lord does what is fair for those who have been  
wronged.

He gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free.

**8** The Lord gives sight to the blind.

The Lord lifts up people who are in trouble.

The Lord loves those who do right.

**9** The Lord protects the foreigners.

He defends the orphans and widows.

But He overthrows the wicked.

**10** The Lord will be King forever.

Jerusalem, your God is everlasting.

Praise the Lord!

THEN the eyes of the blind  
Shall be opened  
ISAIAH 35:5



...and the ears of the deaf shall  
be unstopped

Isaiah 35:5



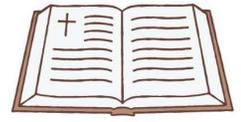
Say to people who are afraid and confused, "Be strong. Don't be afraid.  
Look, your God will come, and He will punish your enemies. He will make them pay for the wrongs they did.  
He will come and save you." ~Isaiah 35:4



They were really amazed. They said, "Jesus does everything well. He makes the deaf hear! And those who  
can't talk—Jesus makes them able to speak." ~Mark 7:37



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