

BELIEVING IN JESUS
Children's Worship Service
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Our theme for this morning's reflection is "Believing in Jesus"

Prayer.....Our God, heavenly father who sent Jesus to this world to give us eternal life, please work on us that we can get focused on you, and you alone.. Be in our lips, our minds and heart as we talk about your Son Jesus, our Savior to whom all praises and glory are due.. Amen.

Introduction....

1. Meaning of the word "Belief"

Belief, from the Webster Dictionary means it is a "conviction", a deeply held conviction.

What are these beliefs that you have?

These beliefs shape the way we get on with our everyday lives... How we shall behave- consciously and unconsciously- is determined by our belief system.. Thus, the importance that we know the beliefs that we have..

We follow what our parents tell us, because we believe in them...We believe what they say because we have faith in them; we trust that they mean only goodness for us..

If we could believe our parents, how else can we not believe Jesus Christ who commanded that we should honor our father and mother..Thus, when we are honoring them, by believing in them, we are honoring Jesus Christ, who issued the Word..

2. What and How else would believing in Jesus mean? This question could be pursued further by asking the 5 Ws and 2 H as we are often taught in School.. The Bible has answers to these 5 Ws and 2 Hs..

Who do we believe or whom should we believe? Jesus is the way, the truth and the life... No man comes to the Father but by Me..(John 14:6) You don't need any others but Jesus to enter the Kingdom of God.. It is therefore Him, and him alone whom we should all believe..

What do we believe in Jesus

"For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.." (John 3; 16). This is what we should believe in, when we are in Jesus. He has dearly paid for our sins, by dying on the cross, so that we could be saved.

There are many specific guideposts that Jesus issued, which we can read in the Bible,

For example "As believers in Jesus Christ, we must never treat people in different ways according to their outward appearance" (James 2:1)

So many laws , but we will be believing and doing the right thing if we obey the law of the Kingdom, which is “ Love your neighbor as you love yourself”. (James 2:8). We don't like to be treated as outcasts, so that if we treat people according to their outward appearance, we are guilty of sin, and the law condemns us as law-breakers..

Why do we believe in Jesus? Because He is the Son of God, whom God sent to become human, to be one of us.. But the three in one: God, the Father; God, the son; and, God , the Holy Spirit are but one..

If we believe Jesus is the Son of God, and if He is the Son of God, we must obey Him (Matthew 7:21-23).

If we believe that the Bible is the word of God, then we should believe what the Bible says..

Where do we believe in Jesus? Jesus, Emmanuel is with us.. We do not have to go far to look for Jesus, and believe in Him. We do not have to travel to Holy Land to believe in Him.. He can be found everywhere, He is with us; He resides in our hearts when we allow Him to..

When do we believe in Jesus? At all times...Jesus is the same, yesterday and forever.. Believing in Him has no expiration..

How do we believe? When you pray for something, believe that you have received it, and you will be given whatever you ask for..(Mark 11 : 24).

Whatever we ask in prayer, believing, we shall receive (Matthew 21: 22). If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer..

How much do we believe in Jesus? Fully.., no conditionalites, no ifs and buts..When we fully believe in Him, we don't have to see Him. “ To see is to believe” does not hold true, anymore.

“Whoever of you does not forsake all that he has, cannot be my Disciple” (Luke 14:33)

“ The wind blows wherever it wishes; you hear the sound it makes but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going.. It is like that with everyone who is born of the Spirit”. (John 3: 8).. Jesus is born physically of human parents, but he is born spiritually of the Spirit...

I get reminded of the story of the “doubting Thomas”.. One time after Jesus' resurrection, the disciples of the Lord told Thomas about their seeing the Lord.. But the doubting Thomas said to them, he'd only believe if he sees the scars of the nails in his hand, and put his finger on those scars, and his hand on His side.. .Then what did Jesus do, in locked doors, He appeared to Thomas and the disciples.. He said, “Peace be with you, and Thomas , put your finger here, and look at my hands , then reach out your hand and put it in my side.. Stop your doubting and believe”(John 20: 24-29). Jesus asked Thomas, “ Do you believe because you see me?” and said, “ How happy are those who believe without seeing me!”

Closing

To believe in Jesus is to have faith in Him, and to have faith in Him is ... in Hebrew 11: 1-3—

To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see. It was by faith that people of ancient times won God's approval. It is by faith that we understand that the Universe was created by God's word, so that what can be seen was made of what cannot be seen”..