

Children' Message  
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(Memorial Day)

Memorial Day is a special day for remembering...and there is so much to remember! Remembering is very important, and God wants us to remember. God wants us to remember the great and wonderful things that God has done for us!

So, let's think about the ways that we remember. When you were little, maybe your parents taught you songs that would help you remember- like the ABC song would help you remember your alphabet. Then as you got older- you could write things down to help you remember. I write things down on sticky notes all of the time to help me remember things. I also have a palm pilot- where I write all my appointments and important dates and all of things that I have to do. We also put up pictures in our homes that remind us of the people that are important to us. Sometimes people use a trick to help them remember something- like tying a string around their finger.

When we come to church, we come to remember. We remember the people who came before us and worshipped in these very pews. We sing beautiful hymns to remember that God is great we want to praise God. As we hear God's Word from the Bible, we remember the good things that God has done for God's people in the past, and we know that God will continue to do great things in the future. Sometimes it's easy to forget what a wonderful and loving God we have, so coming to this place of remembering, is very important.

There is another important remembering that we do here at church. When Jesus gathered his disciples together for one last Passover meal, he lifted the Passover bread and cup and commanded, "Do this in remembrance of me." When Christians share the bread and the cup, we remember. Our communion meal is a type of "Christian Memorial Day" a time of bringing that past into the present. We remember what God *has done* and we think about what God *is* doing and *will do* in our future.

Reverend Wiley, will you please lead us in a prayer?