

Children's Message

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Good morning.

Here we are- finally- back to school, back to Sunday school, back to a really fun day at our church. I am just so excited about everything, I could just burst!

Let me ask you something: have you ever heard the word "constitution?" Do you know what a constitution is? A constitution is something that people write for their organization that tells how it should be run and what they believe in. I am sure you have all heard of the Constitution of the United States. It tells how our government should be set up and what we believe in as Americans. It is a great document and it is something that people pay a lot of attention to, everyday. But, a constitution doesn't have to be just for a country, it can be for a club or even a church. If you follow the constitution of your country, your club or your church, then you will be a better citizen, club member or church person.

Well, Jesus gave Christians a kind of constitution one day when he was teaching his disciples and a lot of other people what it meant to be a follower of God. The words that he taught are thought to be some of the most important words that have ever been spoken by anyone to someone else. I can not think of any words that are more important, because they tell me exactly what a Christian is supposed to be like, according to Jesus.

I am not going to read those words to you today, because you will be hearing them and learning all about them during the next 5 weeks of Sunday school. But I do want you to remember that each of the words that Jesus used was carefully chosen. These words teach us the importance of love and how we are to use the love that God gives to us. They tell us how to care for each other and how God cares for us. These words are called The Beatitudes, but they could be called the Constitution of our Faith.

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

Before we leave, I have 2 things that I need to mention:

1. Parents- the teachers will be leading all of the children out to the parking lot for the balloon release. Except the babies- they will remain in the crib room until you pick them up, please pick up the babies before the balloon release, so that our crib room attendants can participate.
2. Children, some of you are up here for a children's message for the first time- so let me tell you how we get down to the Sunday school. We will all go down the aisles and when you go out the doors your shepherds will be waiting for you in the hall. Line up in front of the shepherd who is holding the sign for your grade level.