

Children's Message-Treasure in Clay Jars

Theme: You have God's Treasure Inside of You

Object: Pottery

Scripture: 2 Cor 4:7 - ⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

Have any of you ever made a ceramic project? In ceramics, you start out with a lump of clay that you can shape and mold into anything you want. This morning I have here a piece of pottery my daughter Niki made for me when she was in high school. I love this clay cup because if you look closely you can see all the cracks it had before the final glaze was put on and the final time it was baked in the kiln to harden it.

What do you think I could put inside this clay jar? I could fill it with water and use it to drink from. I could fill it with M&Ms and have a snack. I could even put money in it and use it to hold my valuable treasure.

I love this piece of pottery because it reminds me of the scripture lesson for today. Saint Paul who met Jesus after he was resurrected and then traveled around the world spreading the Good News that Jesus Christ is our savior. When people heard the story of Jesus and believed in Him they put their trust in Jesus to save them from their sins. When that happens, even still today we Baptize the person and God makes them a new Christian. I think all of you are already Baptized. When you were Baptized God sent his Holy Spirit to live inside of you. The Holy Spirit is God's greatest gift. It's like God's treasure. Did you know you have God's treasure inside you? It's true! You are sort of like my clay cup if I used it to put my treasure in it.

One big difference between you and this clay pot is that when God put His treasure inside of you, God wants you to share it with everyone you know. It's not like a piggy bank where you store up your treasure, you are created to give away God's treasure and here's a little secret... The more of God's treasure you give away, the more God gives you. Isn't it great to know you can't run out of God's love?

I'm so happy we were able to have our Children's message once again. I hope you all have a great week. Before you leave here today, make sure you get your Vacation Bible School Home Kit. I hope you have lots of fun with them and learn a lot about God and His love for you. Let's close with a prayer...

Heavenly Father, Thank you for filling us with your greatest treasure, your Holy Spirit! Help us to find ways we can share your love with others. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.