Godly Play - November, 2026

In **November,** we continue wondering about the Old Testament People of God and celebrate the life of our own St. Martin of Tours. At the end of the month, we begin the "getting ready" time of Advent.

November 1st - The Great Family

This story takes place in the desert, where so many stories about the people of God take place. The People of God were seeking God's presence. God was present at creation, blessing all that was made. Noah walked with God and was led by God's presence to build the ark that preserved life. Now Abraham and Sarah discover that God is present *everywhere,* putting their lives on the line to test the promises of God.

November 8th - St. Martin of Tours

Martin was the third bishop of Tours. A native of present-day Hungary, he converted to Christianity at a young age. He served in the Roman cavalry in Gaul but left military service to become a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers. He was consecrated as Bishop of Tours in 371. He is known for an account of his using his sword to cut his cloak in two, to give half to a beggar clad only in rags in winter. He is also known for his piety, humility, and performance of miracles. He is the patron saint of many communities and organizations - including our very own Episcopal Church of St. Martin. His feast day is celebrated on November 11th.

November 15th - The 10 Best Ways

The People of God were finally free in the desert, but they did not know the best way to go. God loved the People so much that God showed them the Ten Best Ways to Live. Sometimes these ways are called the Ten Commandments. God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses, who gave them to the people, who gave them to us. When you add up all the Ten Best Ways you get only two: *Love God*. *Love people*.

No Godly Play on November 22nd (Fourth Sunday). Join us for Advent wreath making at Pizza Church.

November 29th - 1st Sunday in Advent - The Prophets

Advent is an about **getting ready** for the mystery of Christmas. We will spend this first Sunday changing our classroom from the green colors of the growing/creation time to the purple of Advent. Together we journey toward Bethlehem, guided by the prophets, and then joined by the Holy Family, the shepherds and the Magi. Finally, we arrive at the birth of Jesus, when the light of Christ is lit. We will learn about the how we are all on the road to Bethlehem, and about how the **Prophets pointed the way.**

**We will have parent pages for Godly Play stories available in Room 4 each Sunday. Be sure to pick one up when you sign your child(ren) in.*