

Good Morning Voyagers!

This message is just for you – the children of St. Brendan Parish!
In this message there is:

- Something to Watch.....
- Something to Do.....
- Some songs to sing or dance to or just listen to!

Let's Get Started!

First Reading

In the First Reading, we hear about something called Wisdom. Wisdom can feel like a big concept – something that only bigger kids or grown-ups have. However, God knows that everyone can be wise. But how?

Watch this video of a friend named Douglas for some ideas:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4BotCIS_6bI

Psalm

“My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord.”

What if...you were playing outside in the hot sun?

What if...you couldn't find any water?

How would you feel?

THIRSTY!

Now, you don't only drink water when you have been playing outside. You need a lot of water every day to stay healthy.

We also need God every day to stay happy and healthy – not just sometimes.

Action: Right now, have a nice big drink of water. Say a prayer as you drink:

Dear God,

Thank you for this safe, clean water.

Thank you for washing over my soul with your love.

Help me to remember you always!

Help me to be grateful for my family and friends.

Help me to be grateful for you!

Amen

Second Reading

In the second reading, Jesus' friend Paul wrote a letter to some new followers of Jesus. They were worried that their loved ones, who had died before knowing about Jesus, would not get to heaven.

Paul tells them not to worry – Jesus would bring them to heaven, too! He explained that it will be like meeting your loved ones and Jesus flying through the air on fluffy clouds. Doesn't that sound pretty incredible....and maybe a little bit impossible?

The thing is, that with Jesus – things that *seem* impossible are not. Little things (like forgiving someone who has hurt your feelings) and big things (like getting to heaven through the clouds) are not impossible for Jesus.

Activity: Cloud coloring sheet (Last Page!)

Gospel

The Gospel today is about being prepared and having patience to wait for Jesus. We believe that Jesus will come back to us in person – but we have no idea when! In the Gospel, Jesus helps us understand this by reminding us to “stay awake” and to be prepared.

In the story Jesus tells, people were waiting for a big event to start. They were waiting a long time – even through the night. Some of the people were prepared and brought enough oil to keep their lamps burning. But others were not – their lamps ran out of oil. They had to go to the nearby town to get more. While they were gone, the big event started, and they missed everything.

What does it mean to stay awake and be prepared?

It means that in our everyday life, we are doing the things that God wants us to do (remember the Great Commandment from a few weeks ago?) Love God and Love one another. It can be hard work to remember to this, we might even “fall asleep” and forget.

Here's a little song to learn to help you remember. The video of a children's choir will help you to learn the words and the actions. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQQSOY_PT78

Stay Awake! Be Ready! (Christopher Walker)

Stay awake! (clap, clap)
Be ready! (clap, clap)
You do not know the hour when the Lord is coming.
Stay awake! (clap, clap)
Be ready! (clap, clap)
The Lord is coming soon!
Alleluia, Alleluia,
The Lord is coming soon!

Bonus: Songs!

“Give me Oil in my Lamp:

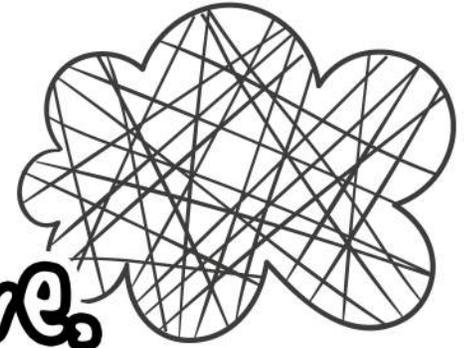
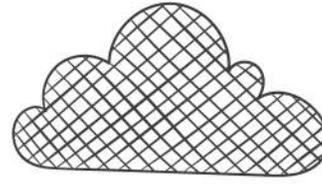
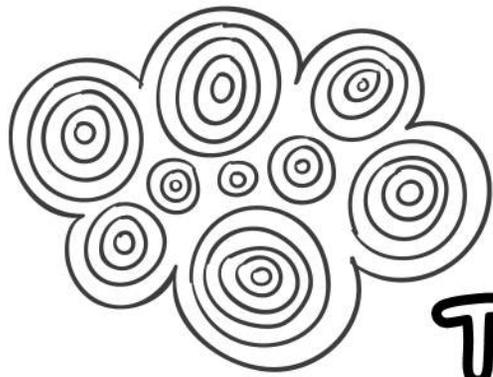
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“Come to the River”

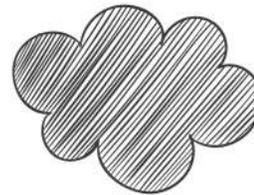
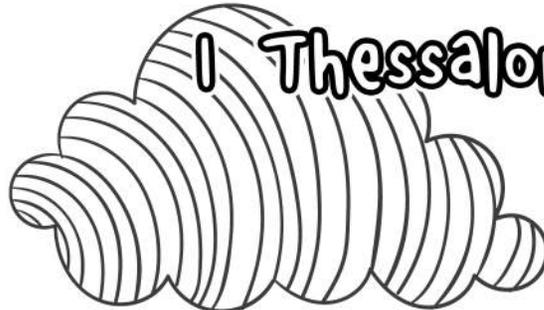
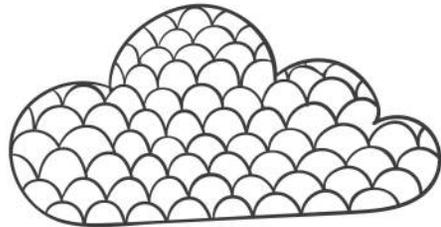
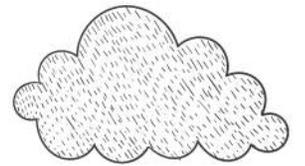
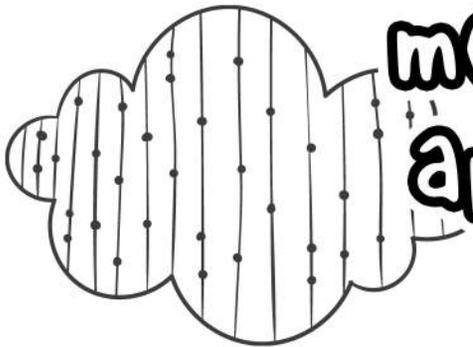
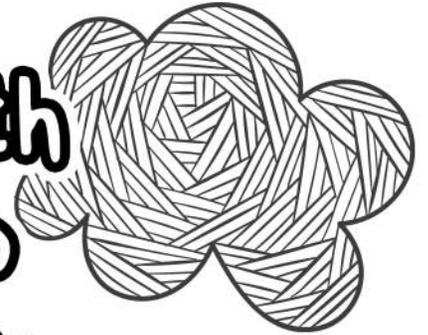
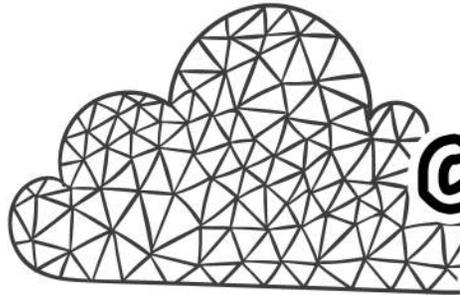
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“Hail Mary, Gentle Woman”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SD1DQ3IWQ6k>



Then we who are alive,
 who are left, will be
 caught up together with
 them in the clouds to
 meet the Lord in the air,
 and so we will always be
 with the Lord.



1 Thessalonians 4:17