

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Peace & Global Witness Offering

Materials—

• a globe that spins or an item from another country

If you would like to involve people in the congregation, ask several people ahead of time to bring an item that is from another country. Tell them that you will ask them to come forward with the children and describe what they have brought and where it is from.

World Communion Sunday

This morning we are celebrating Communion, or the Lord's Supper. It's a time when Jesus invites to his table, a table that is prepared to remind us how God provides for us. We celebrate Communion again and again to tell this story of God's grace. This Sunday is special, though, because people all over the world are sitting around a table sharing Communion and telling the story of Jesus.

Using the globe that spins:

Spin the globe, and then put your finger on it to stop it. Christians are celebrating Communion today, just as we are, in (name the country or the nearest country if your finger lands on an ocean).

Depending on how many children are present, invite all or a few children to take turns spinning the globe and stopping it with their finger. Repeat: Christians are celebrating Communion today, just like we are, in (name the country, or the nearest country if your finger lands on an ocean).

Using items from other countries:

I have (name the item and where it is from). Christians are celebrating Communion today in (name the country) just like we are.

One by one, invite the congregation members you have brought forward with the children to share their item and the country it is from. After each person shares, repeat: Christians are celebrating Communion today in (name the country) just like we are.

The tables in all of these places may be big or small, have different plates and cups and fabrics on them, but they will all be set with some sort of bread and some sort of cup. Everyone will be invited to this table of Jesus, no matter if we are in (name some of the countries you have named) for we are all at God's table today.



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Let us pray—*Close with this prayer or one of your own.*

Gracious God, we thank you for this special day, not only because we celebrate Communion and the table you set for us, but for the reminder that we are invited to your table with our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. Let it be a table of peace for all. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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