

## The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Department of Christian Education

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Sunday School Lessons Unit Three "Fullness of Faith" May 2016



We are providing these notes from the Committee on Uniform Series that prepares associated Sunday School lesson outlines long in advance of their usage. Included in this Guide are thoughts that are reflected in the Lesson Development Guide for writers of Sunday school lessons and the recommended commentary of the Department of Christian Education. The New International Lesson Annual published by Abingdon Press Nashville, Tennessee.

The Spring Quarter's lessons are presented under the theme of "The Gift of Faith."
These lessons focus on the theme of faith as it is seen in the Gospels of Mark and Luke.
Unit three is entitled "Fullness of Faith."

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Children's openness to life is a worthy model for everyone in society. What can be learned from children? Jesus taught that to receive the gift of the kingdom of God, the faithful must become as children, open, attentive, and receptive to what God has freely given.

## Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To recognize that Jesus valued children so highly that they were his models for kingdom possessors.
- ✓ To believe that the best qualities of children are the very ones that they should seek to cultivate in themselves
- To commit to selfexamination and selfimprovements with childlike faith.

## Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Observe a group of young children. How
  do they interact with each other? How do
  they interact with significant adults? What
  characteristics of children do you note
  that adults would do well to imitate?
- Read or recite Psalm 23. How would you compare God's caring for the sheep to a parent caring for a child? What characteristics of the sheep are similar to characteristics of children?
- Act as an advocate for children. Are there
  projects in your community that you could
  volunteer to assist with, perhaps tutoring
  or helping children navigate the legal system? Learn more about these projects to
  see if any of them might be a good fit for
  your personality and talents.





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