

Ordinary Time, Proper 14



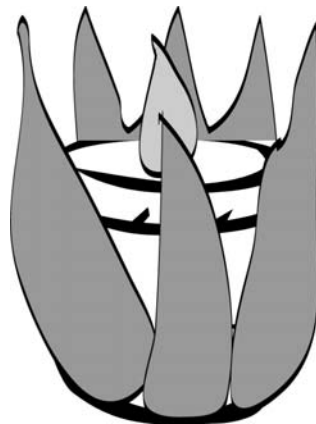
*The
Children's
Illustrated
Bible*

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—*Ephesians 5:1, 2, 9, 10*
adapted

From Dark to Light

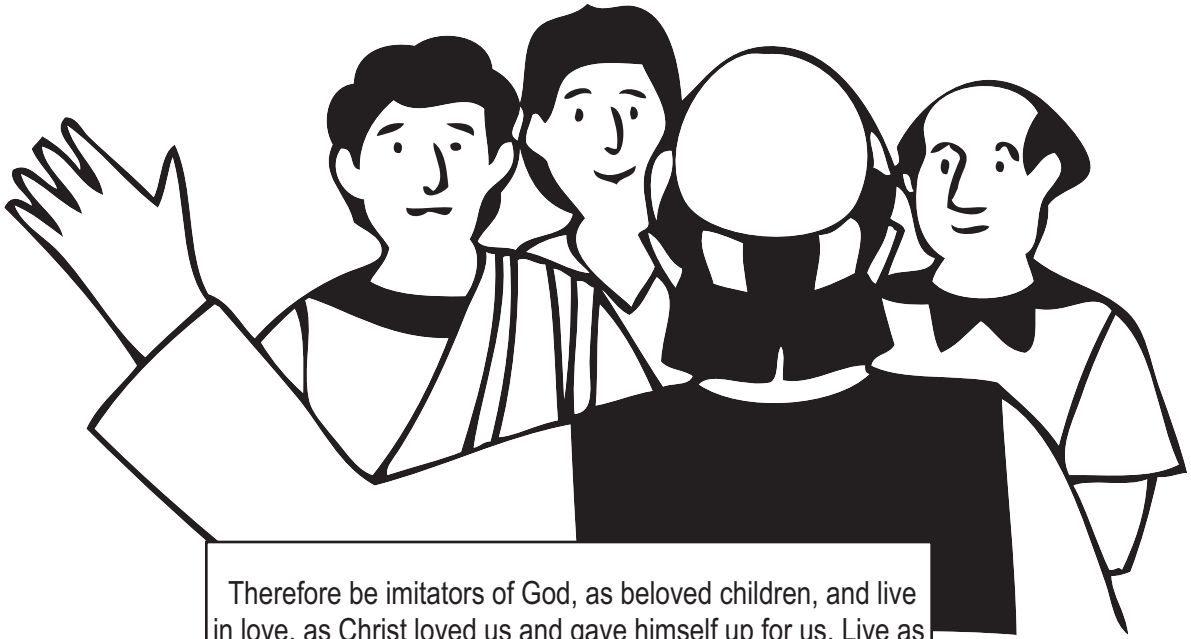
Before class begins, darken the room and place one large candle (lit) on a table in the middle of the room. As the children enter, ask them to sit near the light. After they've gathered, ask them what is different about the class this week. Responses will likely be that it is dark, there is a lit candle, etc. After they have responded, ask if they would like to blow out the candle. If they do, ask what is now different about the room. (It's darker.) After they have responded, turn the lights on and proceed to the next activity.



Children of the Light

Read Ephesians 5:1-10 and discuss what it might mean to “live in love” or to be “children of light.” Each child may make a votive candle jar and set it on the rostrum for the service. The candles represent the children's commitment to being children of light. Light the candles for the service.

1. Collect baby food jar for each kid.
2. Tear various colored tissue paper into small pieces.
3. Using a mixture of glue and water, dip the tissue paper (one piece at a time) and attach them outside of the jar. Continue this process until the entire jar is covered.
4. Place a tea light in each jar.



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Unscramble words from the scripture above.

1. **STMITAROI** _____
2. **NDLCIHER** _____
3. **VDOLE** _____
4. **GTLHI** _____
5. **ISEPALNG** _____