

Children's Activities for Sunday 27Sept. 2020

Ezekiel Chapter 18 (Old Testament)

"Sweet and Sour"

Today we are hearing from an Old Testament book of Ezekiel, Chapter 18. This was written a long time before Jesus was born. There were some rather strange ideas about how people should treat each other and Ezekiel was sent by God to help people learn a new way of behaving. There was an old saying which said, "The parents have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge."

Have you ever eaten something sour? Lemons and grapefruit are sour and sometimes grapes or plums are too if eaten before they are ripe. Did it make you screw up your face and you tried to get rid of the taste?

If you have a bit of sugar or something sweet it makes the taste go away. Sometimes people have pancakes with lemon and sugar on them. That is a good taste and then we can cope with the sour taste. Sometimes bad things happen to us. Someone may hurt you or you do something silly and you feel upset. This is like something sour but if a kind person helps or is gentle when you have made a mistake, that is like sugar on the lemon juice and makes us feel better.

We should try to be like sugar for others when they are feeling bad and make them feel better. God is like something sweet and helps us get rid of sour thoughts and feelings if we remember to ask Him for help.

Activities:

You may like to make pancakes with lemon and sugar and remember this story when you eat them.

Craft Activity:

- You will need a paper plate, white or cream paper, scissors, textas, glue stick.
Optional: ribbon, sticky tape
- Around the edge of the plate write "God sweetens our life when things are sour."
- On the plate paste pancake shapes cut out of white or cream paper and colour them with yellow texta for the lemon juice. Then spread glue on the top of the pancakes and sprinkle some silver or white glitter for sugar. (If you don't have glitter you could use actual sugar.) You could draw a lemon on the plate too.
- *Optional:* Attach a loop of ribbon to the top of the plate and hang the plate where you can see it, to remind you to talk to God when things in life go sour.

