

Children's Sermon

(This children's sermon is intended for use with the LSC post-it notes, which were available upon request as a giveaway item; if you did not request items for the children in your congregation, the sermon also works without them. Thank you.)

Good morning. Do you ever forget things or forget to do something? Like leaving a book at school or not putting a toy away? Do you know any adults who forget things? We all forget things sometimes. What are some ways that can help us remember...maybe writing it down, or the old-fashioned trick of tying a string around our fingers?

Now, I want to tell you about two elephants, Ella and her brother Ellis. It is well known in the animal world that elephants have a really good memory. They never forget a face, and they can remember where to find food or water even if they have been away from an area for awhile. Ella and Ellis are friends of a ministry called Lutheran Services Carolinas, or LSC for short. LSC helps children and other people who are in need.

Because they are elephants, Ella and Ellis have very good memories. Everyone who works at LSC wants to create good memories for the children and grown-ups in their care who may not have a home or a family of their own. We all want people who are hurting to remember that God has not forgotten about them. God loves them and is looking out for them, just like God looks out for you and me. Some churches have even made stuffed animal versions of Ella and Ellis so the children in LSC's care will have a constant reminder of God's love that they can hold on to. *(if your church made stuffed elephants using the LSC pattern, please hold up.)*

In the Bible, in the book of Deuteronomy, we are reminded: *"Be careful that you do not forget the Lord ..."* That seems silly, doesn't it? How could we ever forget the Lord? But as we go about our busy days with school or sports, it's easy to forget all about God.

Let's remember to be like Ella and Ellis and don't forget all the wonderful things God has done for us. And let's also remember all the people helped by LSC. LSC works as God's hands in the world to make sure those in need are not forgotten.

Let's pray:

Heavenly Father, we forget things all the time, but we don't want to forget about you. Please continue to be a constant presence in our lives and in the lives of these children so that they

may always know you are with them. Today as we honor LSC, bless the hands of those who do Your work on behalf of so many in need. Amen.

(If you have post-it notes, continue here)

Now the good folks from LSC gave me these post-it notes to give to you. People use these all the time to help them remember things. So if you have something important you need to remember, you can write it down or draw a picture of it on this notepad. And you might want to share these with the adults as well. They can forget things, too.