

Walk in Love

Celebrate LSC Child and Family Services!

Please plan to use the following children's sermon on the Sunday your congregation celebrates the ministries of LSC child and family services:

Good morning everyone. I have a question for you. Do you know what it means to "take a walk in someone else's shoes"? (*Pause and give the children time to answer.*) Does it mean that I'm going to wear your shoes, and you will wear my shoes for a day? That would be kind of silly, wouldn't it?

The saying, "Take a walk in someone else's shoes," means to imagine what life is like for that person. So, let's try that. Imagine that you are walking in the shoes of your parents for a day. Would that be fun or boring? What kind of things would you do? (*Give the group a chance to share their thoughts.*) Maybe if you walked in your parents' shoes for a day, you would go to work or drive a car or do things to take care of your family.

Now, I want to tell you about an organization called Lutheran Services Carolinas. You can call them LSC for short. LSC imagines every day what it would be like to walk in the shoes of people who live very difficult lives - for example, children who don't have a family or adults who face challenges of a disability. LSC knows that these people have many difficulties, but they walk with these people to help them live happier lives.

Did you know the Bible talks about walking? Ephesians 5:1-2 says, "Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us..." The Bible tells us to walk in love. That means that in everything we do and with every step we take, we can show love to others. You can walk in love by smiling at every person you see or giving a hug to someone who is hurting. Praying for others is also a wonderful way to walk in love. But, perhaps the greatest way to walk in love is by loving others the same way that God loves each and every person in the world. This week I want to challenge you to think of ways you can walk in love with others.

Let us pray.

Dear God, thank you so much for loving us. Help us to remember that we are all your dearly loved children. As we walk through this week, remind us to walk in love, especially with the people who are in need. Amen.

Our friends at LSC gave us something to help us remember to walk in love. Here is a coloring sheet with footprints and the verse from Ephesians that we talked about today. As you color this page, remember the people who are in need and the ways you can walk in love with others.

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