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Thanksgiving - October 14

“Give us this day our daily bread . . .” Often, in our part of the world, we take bread for granted. In the week or two leading up to Thanksgiving try some breads which are different from those you usually have. Many are available in our supermarkets. For example, you might try ciabatta, soda bread, rye bread, multigrain bread, focaccia, pita bread, chapatis, and tortillas. See if you can find out where this bread is normally eaten and how it is made. What kind of flour is used to make it? What else? Is it leavened or unleavened (i.e. is yeast used or not)? What did Jesus mean when he said in Luke 13:20 that the Kingdom of God is like yeast mixed into a large amount of dough?

Ask someone who makes bread to help you to make your own bread. Where in the world do the ingredients come from?

Table Decorations Find a few perfect coloured fall leaves. Press them between sheets of newspaper placed under a mat, a mattress, or a stack of books for a day or two. With adult help, paint them with shellac. (It is best to do this outside because of the fumes) Allow them to dry before turning them over to paint the other side. These make great decorations for the table for a Thanksgiving meal, or can be used on walls. (They might be a good gift to take to a sick friend or relative to decorate their room.)

A Thanksgiving Game Play ‘20 Questions’. Each person thinks of something for which they are especially thankful. The others may ask up to 20 questions with a Yes/No answer to try to guess what it is.

St. Luke, October 18

Since Luke was a medical doctor, his gospel contains many healing stories. Read the story of the healing of the paralytic in Luke 5:17-26, Read With Me Bible, p. 300, Lion Story-teller Bible, p. 72. Make a story-telling illustration. Use a shoe box without the lid, laid on its side to make a ‘theatre’. Cut a hole in the ‘top’ of the box to let down the paralytic on his stretcher. Using a scrap of cloth and 2 popsicle sticks or pieces of dowel, make a stretcher. Make people from old fashioned peg top clothes pins. Tell the story to parents and friends using your ‘theatre’.

All Hallow’s Eve, October 31 (Hallowe’en) and All Saints, November 1

If your family goes trick-or-treating on Hallowe’en why not dress up as a saint this year? Saint Francis would have worn a monk’s habit, and could carry a basket of stuffed animals. Saint George wore a knight’s armour, and carried a sword and shield bearing a red cross. Maybe one or two friends accompanying you could be the dragon! St Joan of Arc also wore armour. St Margaret might be represented by wearing a crown and a tartan shawl, and having a loaf of bread to give away. The picture book, ‘I Sing a Song of the Saints of God’, in which Judith Gwyn Brown illustrates the 1929 children’s hymn by Lesbia Scott, is excellent. ISBN 0 8192 1618 6, \$12.95. It will give children a good understanding that “the saints of God are just folk like me.”

For Fun

Why do turkeys gobble, gobble?

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And a tongue twister. Try saying this ten times fast:
Ten tricky two-toed turkeys trotted on the table.