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May 25, The Venerable Bede, (about 673 - 735)

We do not know this man's first name. He was sent to a monastery to be educated when he was only seven years old. He was ordained deacon when he was nineteen and priest at thirty and spent his life as a monk at Jarrow in England, where he spent his life reading, teaching and writing. He is called the "Father of English History." He also wrote many volumes of commentary on the Bible. Think about the history of your church. Has it been written down? When was the church built? Who built it? Perhaps you could interview an older parishioner and find out what things used to be like and events s/he remembers best. What were Sunday School picnics like when s/he was a child?

May 29, Ascension Day

Read about Jesus' ascension into heaven in Luke 24:50-53 or Acts 1:7-11. Children might enjoy making and flying a windsock to remind themselves that Jesus will come again. Use a plastic cylinder cut from an old 2 litre pop bottle or a large ice cream tub. To one edge of the cylinder, staple or tape brightly coloured streamers made of plasticised ribbon. Print Alleluia or Rejoice around the plastic cylinder. Make two holes in the top of the cylinder and attach a string to hang the windsock by. Hang it to a tree or the clothes' line.

Thoughts for Parents and Teachers

You never know when someone may catch a dream from you. If a teacher influences one person, his/her influence never stops.

And an After Easter Thought

Anyone who uses the phrase "easy as taking candy from a baby" has never tried taking candy from a baby.

The Easter Season - the great 50 days

This season lasts from Easter Sunday until Pentecost on June 8. If you haven't already, maybe you could plant some seeds indoors and watch them grow until they can be planted outside near the time of Pentecost. They will be a wonderful reminder of the new life that comes with Christ's resurrection. You might also have a special candle on your supper table during the Easter season.

May 11, Mother's Day

This is not a festival as far as the church is concerned. (The church celebrates Mothering Sunday in Lent) Most of us, though, like to honour our mothers and it is hard to avoid the commercial world's urge for us to do so on this day. Children might make two lists - one one note all the things Mom does for them, and on the other all the things she does for herself. The first will include such things as meal preparation, washing clothes, buying clothes for the family, running children to activities, and working to help support the family. The second list would include Mom's hobbies, keep fit activities, reading, TV etc. The first list will be much longer than the second. Like Jesus, Mom puts the needs of others first. Ask children to list some ways in which they might show Mom how much they love her, then show her the list and have her choose the two or three things she'd like most. E.g. Wash the dog, make a meal, dust, clean up a room, vacuum, give her an uninterrupted hour.