

## Sunday School Conference

October 2 was quite a day! More than 120 excited and enthusiastic clergy, Sunday School teachers and Superintendents came to Christ Church (Parish) Church in Fredericton be inspired, to learn and to have a good time at our first diocesan Sunday School Conference. Our Bishop, Claude, spoke at the opening service and stayed until after lunch, visiting a number of the workshops during the morning. He even joined in the actions to a song at the Church Army workshop on VBS! Members of St John the Evangelist Church in Nashwaaksis provided the delicious lunch and door prizes were presented at that time. Many thanks to Anglican House, Cook Communications and Pioneer Clubs for these and also for their great displays. The afternoon began with a dynamic presentation for the whole group by the Cathedral Puppeteers which, judging by the laughter and applause, was thoroughly enjoyed. (They are already booked for parish visits until Fall, 2005)

This conference could not have taken place without much help. A very special thank you goes to members of the Christian Education Committee, Joanne Fitzpatrick and Mary Robinson for the hours they have spent working on this event, and to the many people from their respective churches (St Mary and St Bartholomew and St John the Evangelist, Nashwaaksis) who assisted them.

Many expressed the hope that the conference will be an annual event and **plans are tentatively being made to have another on Saturday, October 1, 2006. If you would like to be part of the CE Committee and assist in planning future events like this please call me.**

## Change in Christian Education Director Position

As many of you will have heard by now, I am leaving the position of Christian Education Director, which I have held for the last four years, to become the priest and rector of the Parish of New Bandon. My first service there will be on November 14<sup>th</sup>. The Bishop hopes to be able to fill the CE vacancy as soon as possible. Meanwhile, I will try to continue to provide the Newsletter, the Bulletin Insert and the monthly NB Anglican article for a limited time. I will also try to help should any one phone or e-mail me for advice or resources. I will not, however, be able to give workshops.

My phone number from November 10 will be 548-9365.

The e-mail address will remain as listed above.

I am sorry to leave the Christian Education position but look forward to the new challenges ahead. I feel sure God has someone in mind to work in Christian Education who will have new and interesting ideas. Whoever it is, he/she will be blessed with a great team of committee members, a very supportive diocesan staff, a good library of resources and a growing number of enthusiastic and **trained** Sunday School teachers who are willing to give their time and energy to becoming the very best Sunday School teachers they can be.

## Making A Story Map

After you have told or read a story to your class, review it and encourage the children to list the main events in order. Print sentences to tell about the four or five most important parts of the story on chart paper or a chalk board. Talk about each event and what a picture of it might look like. On an 11 X 14 piece of paper suggest that the children draw the events of the story, starting in one corner and connecting each picture with a line. The last picture might go in another corner. Print the title of the story across the top or bottom of the page.

Example: Luke 17: 11-19

The ten who were healed of leprosy.

- Picture 1. Jesus is walking along a road. In the distance are ten lepers. In a speech bubble they are saying, "Jesus, have pity on us."
2. Jesus raises his hand and heals the ten. He is saying, "Be healed. Show yourselves to the priests."
3. The lepers are running away shouting, "Praise God."
4. One healed leper has returned to kneel at Jesus' feet and say, "Thank you!"

For primary children, three or four pictures are plenty. Intermediate children can probably handle up to six. Children may find it easier to draw boxes or circles to contain each picture in the story.

## Teacher's Prayer

Lord, grant me the wisdom and knowledge each day,  
to guide your children in every way,  
to love them and shape them, bring them closer to you,  
with patience and kindness in all that I do.