

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
fairfax, virginia



From the Sunday School Superintendent, First Church of Christ, Scientist, Fairfax, Virginia.

Dear students, parents, grads, church members and friends,

For the 2008-2009 Sunday School year at the Fairfax Christian Science Church, we have a theme. The theme is taken from a cartoon--Come visit the Sunday School to see it. The cartoon shows small figures who are taking pieces of "a bow of promise" *to make the word "L O V E." The punch line is --"BUILD A BETTER WORLD WITH IT."

HOW? Prayer is the way.

We welcome everyone's prayerful participation. We pray daily that Love's will (which is always good) be done. This prayer relates to us, our families and all Love's children here in Fairfax and around the world. Such prayer can do much to help and heal our own, and the world's, financial troubles.

Christ Jesus said,

" . . . when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.
(Matthew 6:6)

In *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mary Baker Eddy says,

To enter into the heart of prayer, the door of the erring senses must be closed. Lips must be mute and materialism silent, that man may have audience with Spirit, the divine Principle, Love, which destroys all error.

In order to pray aright, we must enter into the closet and shut the door. We must close the lips and silence the material senses. In the quiet sanctuary of earnest longings, we must deny sin and plead God's allness. (Page 15)

Plead God's Allness. This denies evil.

Eddy also states in *Science and Health*

The fundamental propositions of divine metaphysics are summarized in the four following, . . . propositions. . . .

1. God is All-in-all.
2. God is good. Good is Mind.
3. God, Spirit, being all, nothing is matter.
4. Life, God, omnipotent good, deny death, evil, sin, disease. (page 113)

How to Build A Better World

1. Start each day and end each day with spiritual BUILDING -- PRAYING -- AFFIRMING . Some examples of building blocks -- PRAYERS -- are:

Love's will be done – is done because Love is omnipresent and omnipotent. (See the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6) and the spiritual interpretation (page 16-17 in Science and Health.)

There is no force other than God in our lives and in the lives of those impacted by the financial situation and lack and fear.

2. Think about or read a story about Jesus or other Bible characters that relates to the subject-- financial situation. Example: Feeding the 5000--John 6:5 – 13. The key is in verse 11. See TheChristian Science Monitor religious article, November 7, 2008, page 14.
3. Daily remember to REJOICE IN GOODNESS in cases where we see Love, God, in action and also in cases where we think we see other gods claiming to have power --unhappiness. lack, fear, terror,
4. REMEMBER AS WE BUILD A BETTER WORLD with Love, our Father-Mother, God, that Love, God, is "all-knowing, all-seeing, all-acting," We are Love's reflections.

In *Science and Health*, Eddy gives the definition of God:

GOD. The great I AM; the all-knowing, all-seeing, all-acting, all-wise, all-loving, and eternal; Principle; Mind; Soul; Spirit; Life; Truth; Love; all substance; intelligence." (page 587)

PLEASE SHARE PASSAGES, BIBLE STORIES, THOUGHTS EXPERIENCES BY EMAIL, AT SUNDAY SCHOOL, WHEN WE SEE EACH OTHER AND SHARE WITH EVERYONE.

*HERE ARE VERSES FROM HYMN 30, FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HYMNAL, a poem by Mary Baker Eddy called "Love."

Learn, too, that wisdom's rod is given
For faith to kiss, and know;
That greetings glorious from high heaven,
Whence joys supernal flow,
Come from that Love, divinely near,
Which chastens pride and earth-born fear,

Through God, who gave that word of might
Which swelled creation's lay:
"Let there be light, and there was light."
What chased the clouds away?
'Twas Love whose finger traced aloud
A bow of promise on the cloud.

Thou to whose power our hope we give,
Free us from human strife.
Fed by Thy love divine we live,
For Love alone is Life;
And life most sweet, as heart to heart
Speaks kindly when we meet and part.

*Lovingly,
Prue Lewis, Sunday School Superintendent*