

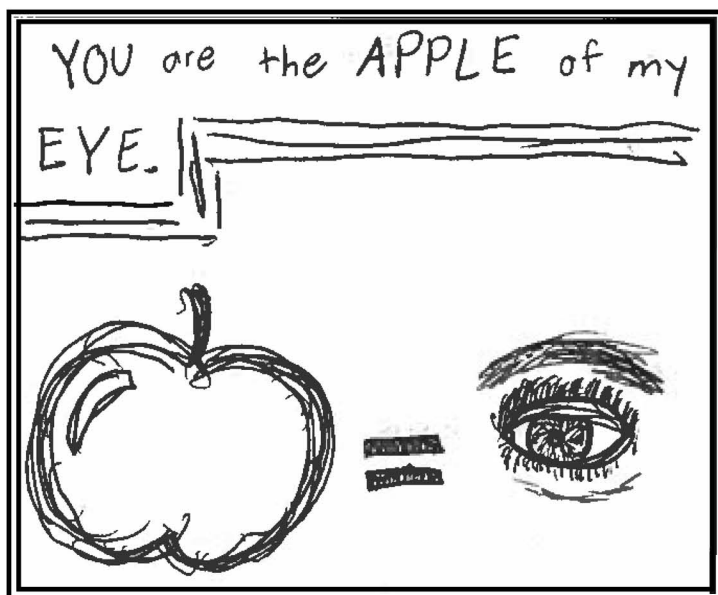
# The Children's Worship Bulletin

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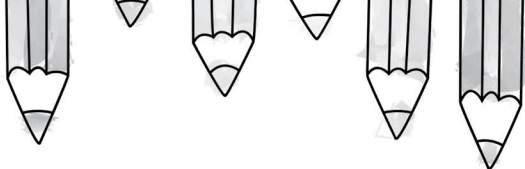
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# Just a word from Mr. Mac

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Dear Children,

There was a man named Horatio Spafford. He lived in Chicago with his wife, Anna, and their five children: a son and four daughters. His son died in what is known as "The Great Chicago Fire of 1871." Horatio also lost his business in the fire.

He and his wife decided to get away for a while. They decided on a trip to Europe, but at the last minute, Horatio had to stay back for business. He assured his wife and four daughters that he would meet them in England as soon as he could get there.

On the voyage over, the ship on which Anna and her four daughters were sailing collided with another ship. Anna quickly gathered her four daughters with her: Annie, Margaret Lee, Bessie and Tanetta. They prayed that God would spare them if it were His will. Within twelve minutes the ship sank, and of the Spafford family only Anna survived; all four daughters died.

She sent a message to Horatio: "Saved alone, what shall I do?" He took the next available ship to join his grieving wife. When Horatio was literally sailing over the very waters of where his daughters perished, he wrote the following hymn; one we love very much in our church ~ "It is Well with My Soul." Children, please read this hymn with your mom and dad so that they can explain the parts that are more difficult to understand.

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

*Refrain: It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control:  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

I do believe the Spaffords loved the Psalms; I can only guess that they ran to the Psalms all the time. And no doubt they loved the Psalms of David; perhaps Psalm 32 was one of their favorites. It speaks of praising God for deliverance from sin; trusting in His steadfast love; shouting for joy to the Lord for all He had done.

Oh, by the way, a minister who survived the ship wreck along with Anna later recalled that she said: God gave me four daughters. Now they have been taken from me. Someday I will understand why.

Ask God to give you that kind of faith.

I love you.

Mr. Mac

# Suggested questions for Mom and Dad to use this week

1. Mom and Dad, are you introducing your children to the Psalms during these strange times in which we live? Do you believe that the Psalms are a wonderful way to cry out to God as well as to learn how to trust in Him?
2. Read Mr. Mac's letter to your children. Read the hymn "It Is Well." Explain the hymn to your children. You might take one stanza a day.
3. Read Psalm 32; again, divide it up, and take a few days to do it. Talk about sin. Talk about confession. Talk about God and His "severe mercy" and infinite grace.
4. A companion Psalm is number 51. Perhaps David wrote Psalm 51 as his confession, and then later he composed Psalm 32 after further reflection.
5. Lots of tools for you this week: great hymns; children's bulletin; sermon outline; many extra Scriptures in the sermon outline that you might find helpful to share with your children.

*Dear Mr. Mac,*

**Do you have a:**

**Prayer Request? Is there something you need prayer for?**

**Praise Report? Has God answered a prayer?**

Is there anything else you would like Mr. Mac to know?

**Mr. Mac wants to know!!**

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**A Guide to Family Worship**  
**April 27-May 2**

**THE SIMPLEST OUTLINE FOR FAMILY TIME EVER!!!**  
**10 EASY STEPS**

- #1** Just make sure you gather once a day as a family.
- #2** Try really hard to make the same time every day.
- #3** It does not have to be long; it does not have to be perfect.
- #4** Read a Bible verse. Maybe a devotional.
- #5** Sing a song or two together.
- #6** Take prayer requests.
- #7** Pray. (Daddy, your children NEED to hear you pray.) Pray for the children; pray for missionaries; pray for Trinity Church; give thanks.
- #8** Everyone tell one thing they are thankful for.
- #9** Have a Leader of the Day: they get to read and/or pray and/or tell everyone to come gather and/or put out the Bibles/hymnals and/or tell something that happened to them that day.
- #10** Dad, pray this over your children: Numbers 6:24–26  
*The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.*

# Sermon Art

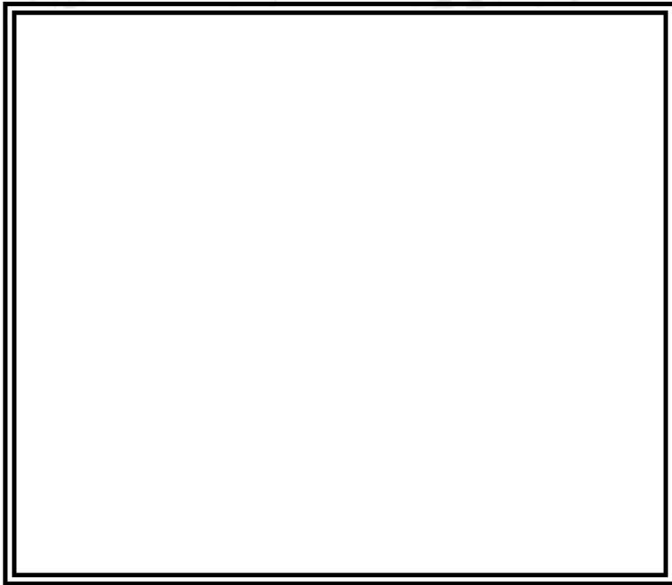
Use this page to illustrate something that Mr. Mac preaches on during the sermon this morning!

**This week's lesson is on**

Psalm 32

Want to see your artwork on  
the FRONT PAGE?

Put your artwork in the Sermon Art mailbox in the church office (bottom left hand side).



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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“And He said to them,  
‘Go into all the world  
and proclaim the gospel  
to the whole creation.’”  
Mark 16:15

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# Music and Hymns

## **#455 "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"**

This hymn is very poetic and beautiful. The writer speaks of the wonder and mystery of Christ's death for our sins. Verse 4 says "long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night...I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; my chains fell off." This is a wonderful picture of how we are imprisoned by our sins, but Jesus' death and resurrection saved us and covered our sin with His light, releasing us from the chains of sin. We are now free in His salvation!

## **#499 "Rock of Ages Cleft for Me"**

This is a hymn about our security and comfort in Christ in life and death. Verse 2 proclaims that Jesus is the only way to God. "Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;... Thou must save, and Thou alone" is saying that we cannot possibly fulfill God's law through our own works. We will always fall short and we will always make mistakes. Jesus cleanses us and makes us pure and Holy in the sight of God through His blood. Jesus is our savior and our comfort.

**"The rock was Christ."  
1 Corinthians 10:4**



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