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# LEARNING LEADERS

Nurturing Faith and Spirituality at Home

Whether together or apart, we wonder and learn from amazing stories of God's people shared from generation to generation.



We join the Matthean community as they receive Jesus' teachings and encouragement to live in a way that reflects God's vision and reign.

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This week, we hear that the integrity of leadership is to ask questions and keep learning.

## Learning to Lead

**Watch** Linnea Good, a member of the Network of Biblical Storytellers International, tell [Matthew 23:1–12](#) or **listen** to the audio story "[Be Yourself](#)," or **gather** around as someone tells the story "[We Learn Together](#)."

Jesus tells his disciples and the crowds around him to be discerning in whom they follow. Our leaders should be humble. They should live authentically and practice what they preach. We should look for the qualities of "servant leadership" in others – people willing to serve and care for others without seeking attention or striving for fame along the way.

The community in which the Gospel of Matthew was composed was trying to live as equals, as they understood Jesus to model and teach. The message here, then, is to take care that you do not adopt practices and deceptions that stop you from living as a community of equals.

- **How do you experience leadership in your community of faith, workplaces, and schools?**
- **What do you find helpful in those who lead?**

## Create, Decorate, Remember

**Create** actions for the "[At My Church](#)" on the story page in Exploring our Faith this week. Have fun reciting the rhyme with your actions!

### Storytelling collage

1. Gather some magazines and explore the pages.
  - **Who are the people on these pages?**
  - **What stories do they tell?**
  - **Where is their home?**
  - **What lands do you see, and what might they teach you?**
2. Cut out some of the images. See how they relate and what story they might tell.
3. Play with a scene from the story you are imagining by gluing your found images onto paper.
4. When you are ready, turn to another and tell the story from the collage you created.  
Listen to their story and then reflect.
  - **What other stories might be told about these people and lands?**
  - **How might you learn more about other people and lands?**



**Print** this week's [activity sheet](#). Circle and decorate the parts of the picture that show God's love.

### Remembering the saints before us

November 1 is All Saints Day. You may or may not have rituals or practices in your family for honouring the "saints," people of faith, who have gone before you and showed you the Way.

1. Reflect on those who have taught you about love in their words and actions. Remember their names and their witness.
2. Choose one of these teachers to write a letter to share what they taught you about love. Share your gratitude and how you are showing this same love to others.

**Younger children** might draw a picture of when they are loved.

## During the Week

### Living learners

**Listen** to the song "[How Then Shall I Live?](#)"

Notice the thoughts and ideas the song inspires.

Listen again and wonder:

- **What do you see or hear that feels new?**
- **What stories surface from this song?**
- **What steps might you take to keep learning about yourself, God, or the world?**

### Prayer

*As you pray, you might like to point to your heart, mind, hands, feet, and lips.*

God, we carry your teaching in our hearts and our minds.

We carry your teaching in our hands and feet in service.

We carry your teaching on our lips.

Carry us now into the joy of new learning.

Carry us with your love. Amen.

**Listen** to the song "[Awake My Soul](#)" by Mumford and Sons.

**Visit** [Lecture Connection](#) for current events that connect with this week's scriptures.

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