

ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL KAMPALA 30th/10/2016 CHILDREN'S
SUNDAY

LESSON: AMBASSADORS OF RECONCILIATION

REFERENCE: *Exodus 32:7-14, John 3:16-21, 2 Corinthians 5:11-20*

POINT: We are God's Ambassadors.

MEMORY VERSE: "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God." [2 Corinthians 5: 20](#)

Introduction:

Illustration: (+) Me + Jesus = friend of God (ambassador)

1. Who is an ambassador?

An ambassador is a diplomat – a person appointed by a state to conduct diplomacy with another state – of the highest rank; accredited as a representative from one country to another.

2. What does an ambassador do?

The main functions of an ambassador:

- He is a resident representative of his government (temporary appointment).
- Protects/advocates for his countries interests.

READ: *2 Corinthians 5:11-20*

Understanding the lesson

The lesson for today assumes that you are already reconciled, but in case you are not, let us first understand this reconciliation.

What reconciliation is this?

All men have been separated from God because of their sin, and are his enemies. They are His enemies and not his friends because of sin, and cannot be unless that sin is dealt with.

The conflict is this: that God is light (holy) and in Him is no darkness at all (*1 John 1:5*), and man in his fallen nature cannot be a friend of God.

God's plan is to reconcile men to himself; to make them His friends through His son Jesus Christ who had to pay the price for this reconciliation – **death on the cross**. We must accept that we have sinned and are in need of the saviour, the only one through whom we can be reconciled to God. (*Acts 4:12*)

This reconciliation is about a broken relationship between man and God. The hearts of men, when left to themselves wander far from God and only plunge deeper in sin (*Jeremiah 17:9*), but God has made a way so that you no longer have to be separated from Him.

This reconciliation is about redeeming men from the power, and penalty of sin in its various forms – greed, jealousy, covetousness, corruption, theft, murder, etc.

This reconciliation is about making men, who were once enemies of God, His friends.

[Romans 3:21-23](#), [Romans 5:8-10](#), [1 Timothy 1:15-16](#), [1 Corinthians 15:3-4](#), [Ephesians 2:11-16](#), [2Corinthians 5:18-20](#), [Colossians 1:19-20](#).

Application

3. What should we do as Christ's ambassadors?
 - **Forgive one another** [Ephesians 4:32](#)
 - **Love one another** [John 13:34-35](#)
 - **Pray for others to know God** [1 Timothy 2:1-6](#)
 - **tell others about God/Jesus** [Matthew 28:19-20](#) – the great commission.

God has made us His friends, so that we may bring others to be His friends too.

“Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.” [1 John 2:6](#)

“¹⁵And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.” [2 Corinthians 5:15](#)

Response/prayer time

Allow time for people to receive Christ if any, and ask God to help them be His ambassadors in the world.

Memory verse: 2 Corinthians 5: 20

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