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SUNDAY**

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AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

On UMCOR Sunday, consider shaping your children's message around this theme based on lectionary texts for the Fourth Sunday in Lent in Year C (2 Corinthians 5:16-21). It can be adapted for whichever Sunday your church celebrates UMCOR Sunday. The children's message is designed to coordinate with the UMCOR Sunday "Ambassadors for Christ" liturgy, offering talk, sermon starter, children's activity and children's bulletin.

Supplies:

Marbles and a bucket filled with water

Hand out marbles or stones.

Say:

Repeat after me:

*"We are ambassadors for Christ"
(2 Corinthians 5:20).*

An ambassador is someone who works to bring people together in agreement. They are peace builders. Paul wrote a letter to the early church and explained that "we are ambassadors for Christ."

When we act more like Jesus, we can help other people experience God's love. We become ambassadors for Christ.

One of the ways that we as United Methodists are ambassadors for Jesus is through UMCOR. When a neighborhood or community has been affected by a disaster, people serve through UMCOR to help share God's love by fixing up houses, making sure there is clean water and by listening and responding to what the people need. But one person or one church can't do as much as a lot of churches working together.

See how the marble creates a ripple when I toss it into the water? (*Throw a marble into the bucket.*)

Every time we do something kind for someone, we create a ripple of kindness. Our actions act as an ambassador for Christ. But what happens when we each put a marble in the water at the same time? Let's do it together.

Wow! That's a lot of ripples.



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Today we celebrate UMCOR. And we celebrate how our church makes ripples of God's love that join with other churches as ambassadors who can help people all over the world.

So repeat after me really loud this time:
"We are ambassadors for Christ"

And now let's pray and you can repeat after me:

Dear God
Thank you for Jesus.
Thank you for ambassadors
 who show us God's love.
Thank you for UMCOR
 that connects us to help others.
Make us strong ambassadors
 Who make ripples of love
 to touch people around your world.
Amen.

Children's Message Summarized for Mission Moment

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