

SPECIAL
SUNDAY

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



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This children's message is part of the Native American Ministries Sunday pastor and leader kit and connects with the theme "God's Promise of Restoration" based on Acts 2:14a, 36-41. It can be adapted for your church's context.

(Ahead of time, pass out cards with one of the Native American words for peace to several adults or teens in the congregation)

- Nwatohiyada (Cherokee)
- Wowahwa (Lakota)
- Hozho (Navajo)
- Bekaadesiwin (Ojibwe)
- Papayatik (Cree)
- Waki Qiwebis (Algonquin)
- Innaaissttiya (Blackfoot)
- Nanna Ayya (Chickasaw)
- Achukma (Choctaw)
- Tsumukikiatu (Comanche)

Gather the children and say:

*Please repeat today's memory verse:
"For the promise is for you, for your children,
and for all who are far away, everyone whom
the Lord our God calls to him."*

—Acts 2:39, NRSVUE

God promises that all people, wherever and whenever they live, are loved. And when we look at people the way that God looks at people, everyone's life is so much better!

Today we are celebrating Native American churches. We are grateful that The United Methodist Church includes churches with a variety of different cultures and traditions woven together that celebrate the Christian faith. "For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

Did you know that different tribes of Native Americans speak different languages?

One of the ways that we see people the way God sees people is by passing the peace of Christ during church. One person says, "May the peace of Christ be with you." And the other person responds, "And also with you." And we can do this in different languages.



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(Address the congregation)

If you received a card with one of the words for peace on it, please stand.

Say to the children:

Today we are going to pass the peace with some of the people in the congregation. They are each going to share the word "peace" in a different Native American tribal language. And you will respond "and also with you." Let's go pass the peace of Christ.

Once each selected adult has shared their word, say to everyone:

Peace be with you and with our Native American United Methodist communities "for the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SUMMARIZED FOR MISSION MOMENT

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Today we are celebrating Native American peoples and churches. We are grateful that The United Methodist Church includes churches with a variety of different cultures and traditions woven into the Christian faith. To help them explore God's promises for all people, invite the children to pass the peace with some of the people in the congregation in different Native American tribal languages.

