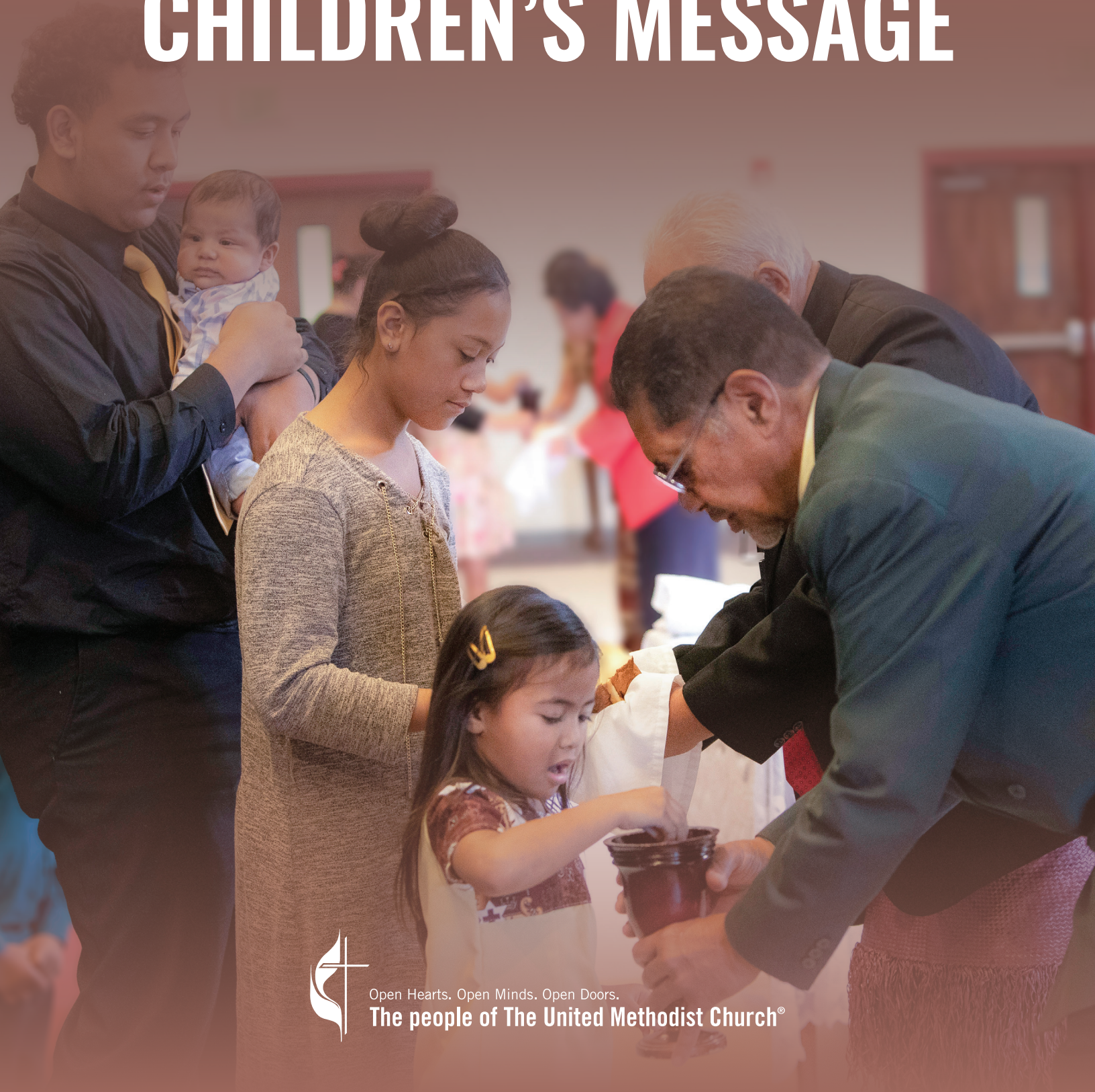


SPECIAL  
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This children's message is part of the World Communion Sunday pastor and leader kit and connects with the theme "God's Promise of Joy." It can be adapted for your context and integrated into your worship service.

## MATERIALS:

- Jenga or other tower block set
- A globe or world map
- Communion elements

**Stack the blocks as you read each line of the memory verse.**

**Please repeat after me today's memory verse that Paul wrote to the church in Philippi (2:2, NRSV):**

*"Make my joy complete:  
be of the same mind,  
having the same love,  
being in full accord and of one mind."  
Amen.*

Have you ever built something big and strong and beautiful with blocks? How does it feel?

(Allow the children to respond.)

It brings God joy when we help build the church to be big, strong and beautiful (**add more blocks**). The church is more than just this building (**add more blocks**). Each one of us adds to the strength of the church (**Ask each child to add a block**).

Today is a special day called World Communion Sunday when we remember that we are connected with Christians from all over the world (**hold up map or globe**) to make God's church strong and beautiful everywhere (**add more blocks**).

Back in the first century, Paul was happy when he heard about other Christians who were following Jesus and doing good things, but he also wanted them to be complete in their faith. Just like the building blocks need to fit together to make something strong and beautiful, Paul wanted Christians to have everything they needed so that they could be as strong as possible in following Jesus. He wanted them to remember that being the church isn't about each individual person doing what they want, but working together for the fullness of God's love.



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When we come to the Communion table, we remember that as Christians, we are all building something strong and beautiful when we follow Jesus. For more than 2,000 years, Holy Communion has united Christians in the love that God through Jesus has for us. When we share Holy Communion, we become a part of something big and beautiful that spreads God's love and joy to others.

Today our church is also collecting money that will combine with the offerings of other churches to support young Christian leaders who are students throughout the world. We want to help them be strong and to have what they need in order to study so that they can help others.

**(Stack more blocks as you read each line of the memory verse.)**

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SUMMARIZED FOR MISSION MOMENT**

**Invite the children to repeat this verse from Philippians 2:2, NRSV:**

*"Make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind." Amen.*

Building a block tower and showing a map or globe, illustrate the strong and beautiful church that God is building from many parts and places. Explain how Holy Communion is an act that unites Christians around the world in God's love for us through Jesus.

