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Heartprints

Dear Readers,

This past Sunday was an exciting Sunday. We had well over 200 people in worship. It was our annual "invite the children" day where we have the kids in all of our programs come and sing. The children wore "stoles" of blessing and sang with full gusto.

It is always so much joy to minister to children and their families. As part of our "tradition" we always focus our lesson that day around a children's book. On Sunday we read the book called "Heartprints." The concept in the book is that when we do kind things for others we leave behind "heartprints" or impressions of love.

We invited the children to give "heartprints" as Christmas gifts this year. We invited children to do kind things for other people as a way of sharing love. We also considered the reality that such a sharing of love is precisely what God has done for all of us in giving us the baby Jesus who grows into the savior of all.



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Perhaps the lesson is not only for children but for all of us too. What are you giving this year? What is wrapped up in pretty paper and tied with bows is of far less value than the love that you share and give away. It is the wonderful thing about love—the more you give away the more there is to share! May your Christmas stocking be filled with “heartprints,” and I pray that you generously give and make “heartprints” all around you and wherever you go! Merry Christmas. God is with us!

Blessings,
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