Write on the Ground

Materials Needed

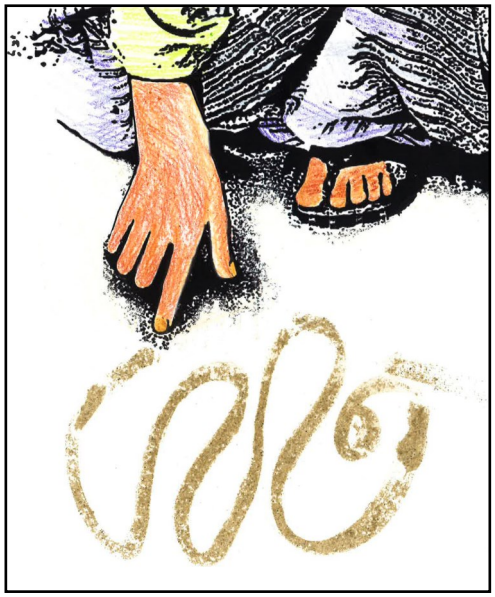
Finger of the Lord picture p. 2 for each child, crayons or markers, pencils, glue that can be spread with a finger, small shallow dishes for glue, sand or glitter, a tray to collect extra sand or glitter, hand washing facilities or wipes

Prepare in Advance

Print a *Finger of the Lord* picture for each child. Purchase or gather supplies. Pour glue into shallow dishes for children to dip their fingers in.

New Church Concept
How We See Others

Where kindness does not exist, selfishness is present and consequently we hate all who do not show us favor. As a result, we see nothing in our neighbor except their evil. But when we are in kindness, we hardly notice the evil in another person, but instead notice all their goodness and truth. See *Spiritual Experiences* 1079



When a crowd brought a sinful woman to the Lord, hoping to trap Him into condemning her to death, He bent and wrote on the ground with His finger. We do not know what He wrote—but after afterwards He told the woman to "go and sin no more." His words were not only for her, but for us as well. Ask children to think about what the Lord tells us to do and write it in the dust.

1. Have you ever caught someone doing something they shouldn't do? How did you handle the situation? Did you tell anyone else? What happened next?
2. In the story, some people brought a woman who had sinned to the Lord. They wanted to see what the Lord would say. Did the Lord talk about punishing her? What did He do?
3. What do you think the Lord wrote on the ground? The Lord knows everything a person does—so He knew what she had done. What might He have wished for her? What did He tell her to do once everyone had gone?
4. We all make mistakes. What might the Lord say to you if you do something wrong? What would He want you to do?
5. Give each child a *Finger of the Lord* picture (p. 59). Invite them to color the Lord's hand, robe and foot.
6. Now, imagine what the Lord may have written. Write the message using a pencil. Make the writing large so it's easy to do the next part.
7. Dip your finger in glue and trace the writing. Use plenty of glue.
8. Sprinkle sand or glitter over the picture. Shake extra off into a tray or box.
9. Read the message you have written to the group.

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Finger of the Lord

