



Synod Journey Story Kit

What is the purpose of these story kits?

During the Journey and the Gathering, youth and adults will encounter five scripture texts: Moses at the Burning Bush, The Woman at the Well, Philip and the Eunuch, The Road to Emmaus, and the Hemorrhaging Woman. It is our hope that participants will encounter these five stories prior to the Journey, enabling them to hear and engage these texts on multiple levels.

Materials included in this Story Kit:

Cloth, Candle, Letter tiles, Flip Flop, “The Word” Scripture Book, Question Mark, Water Bottle

Set Up:

Gather your group in a circle. Create an “altar” area. In the center lay out the cloth. Set the candle in the middle of the cloth. Spread out the letter tiles across the cloth. Place your water bottle, flip flop, question mark and scripture book around the candle. Each story session will have repeated rituals that utilize these materials. Each item will also serve as a visual reminder for one of the five stories.

Rituals:

THE TILES: Placing of the Letter Tiles

Each session will pull letters from the tiles to spell a focus word for that story.

THE CANDLE: Lighting of the Candle

The candle will be lit as a reminder of God’s presence.

THE FLIP FLOP: Sharing Holy Ground Moments

Participants will pass around the flip flop sharing their recent “holy ground” experiences.

“THE WORD” SCRIPTURE BOOK: Encountering Scripture

Participants will take turns reading scripture from the Word and reflecting upon the story read.

THE QUESTION MARK: Lifting up Questions

Participants will pass around the question mark and share a question they have after encountering the Biblical text.

THE WATER BOTTLE: Blessings

Participants will pass around the water bottle and share a blessing with one another related to the story.

Objects Encountered in the Five Stories:

STORY 1: FLIP FLOP: Moses and the Burning Bush

STORY 2: WATER BOTTLE: The Woman at the Well

STORY 3: “THE WORD” SCRIPTURE BOOK: Philip and the Eunuch

STORY 4: QUESTION MARK: The Road to Emmaus

STORY 5: THE CLOTH: Jesus Heals the Hemorrhaging Woman

STORY GUIDES AVAILABLE AT: <http://www.nemnsynod.org/sj-resources.html>

Want to learn more about how Lutherans encounter scripture?

See Session 1 and 2 : Encountering Biblical Texts as a Lutheran, available at the same site.