



Mount Seymour United Church
Inclusive, Intelligent, Inquisitive, Involved

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WATER WONDER

water is a gift

water is powerful

water is sacred

water is life

water builds friendships



FRIDAY...

The forecast includes predictions of wetness on Friday, so kids will need to be wearing clothes they can get wet in and a towel.

The other thing we'd like everyone to bring is a small container of water from your tap - a cup or less.

Parents and guardians are invited to come at 12:15 to see an overview of what happened this week. Cold beverages will be served in the sanctuary.

HABITS & HARDWARE

When it comes to using less water, there are two ways we've been thinking about it. There are habits we can improve like turning off the taps when not needed, re-using bathwater for watering gardens, taking shorter showers, and lots more. There are also many hardware pieces in our homes that can be changed like water efficient showerheads, faucets, toilets and washing machines. Most of these use about 1/3 of the water that older hardware uses. Some are more expensive than others, but when it comes time to change the big items, choosing to spend the extra dollars is a great investment for our world.

***THANKS FOR A WONDER-FULL WEEK EVERYONE
IT'S BEEN A SPLASH***

CHECK OUT THIS FUN ONLINE WATER GAME: www.thewaterfamily.co.uk

WHAT'S COMING HOME?



Creation Cards: On Monday we heard the story about the seven days of creation. There was some powerful wondering about what would happen if we took away the second day when God gave us the gift of water.

Boat: On Tuesday we heard the story of Jonah, who found out the hard way how powerful water can be.

Water Blessing Bowl: On Wednesday we learned about baptism. We decorated water blessing bowls and imagined ways we might use the to remember every day that water is sacred.

Letters: After learning how precious clean water is and that many people in our country and world don't have access to it, we explored ways of taking action. One way is to write letters to our government, and some kids decorated postcards for the Minister of Environment.

Toilet Bottles: About 30% of our indoor water use goes down the toilet, so we put rocks and water in plastic bottles to place in our toilet tanks and save half a litre of water every time we flush. Imagine how many times your toilet gets flushed in a year and how those savings add up! An important thing to know is that there are many different toilets, but most have a spot in the tank where the bottle won't interfere with the mechanics of the toilet.

Water Signs: It's easy to forget how precious water is, especially when we're using it. We made signs to place above the tap or in the shower or wherever we need to be reminded that water is a gift and to use it wisely.

WHAT'S NOT COMING HOME?

Our neighbourhood has been marked by this week - storm drains around the church have been labeled with pictures of fish to remind us that what goes down there affects other animals we live with. There were pictures drawn and messages written which will be going to the village of Adexor in Ghana this January as they celebrate the completion of their rainwater harvesting tanks (www.theWATERproject.ca)