

Dear Parents

A couple of weeks ago with Easter in the offing, our grade 5 class was given an assignment that integrated the subjects of Bible, art, language arts and computer. Their teacher, Patience Lutzmann, challenged them to choose a Biblical metaphor that

best described their relationship to God or Jesus. They were to represent their metaphor in a painting or drawing, explain their metaphor and then type it up using the computer. When I last looked the projects were still up on the bulletin board outside of the grade 5 classroom. Since I know that all of you won't get the chance to view them I thought I would share some of the metaphors that were chosen by the grade 5 students. I think you will be both touched by their relationship with their God savior as well as impressed by their depth of insight and ability to express themselves. My only regret is that there is not room in this short article to share all of their metaphors.

Larry Simpson

### **God as a Flower**

God is the flower and I am the flower petal. I am the petal because petals are smaller than the stem, and people are smaller than God. I hold on to God by my faith. If I lose my faith like the flower loses its health then the wind will take me away like the devil. I want to hold on because the world is full of danger. I will need the faith, just like a flower needs nutrients from the stem. I need Jesus because he is my foundation and the light to the pathway just like flowers need light to grow. I need God in my life just like the flower needs light and water.

Teagan Rogers

### **Jesus is the living water**

I chose Jesus as the living water because it shows how much we need God because without water we would die. In the same way, Jesus is the living water and without him you will die. For Christians it is very comforting to know that God is our life. Also, knowing that he will reign over us forever covering us with living water. We need his living water to grow so that we can show others about the living water and they can grow in God too. I need water before I go to bed as much as I need to talk to God before I go to bed because he helps me get over all my sadness and hard times that I had gone through that day.

Water shows God in more than one way. The water in Vernon, that we drink, is pure and clean. Christ is not pure of dirt but pure of sin. So we are asking for help from a God that is pure and is the living water, sounds super comforting to me.

Rebecca Vanderdeen

### **Jesus Is My Path**

I chose “ Jesus is my path” because I find it both an emotional and comforting metaphor. When I think about how we need Jesus for everything I am reminded that it is very easy to step off of Jesus’ path and to take a different trail. We should count on God when you are in that kind of situation because if you don’t, you might end up in something very, very sticky. Writing this paragraph, I remember a quote from John 3:16, “ Whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” That tells us that when we come to the end of God’s path, Heaven will be there, and just like John said, that we won’t perish but have eternal life!

Ian Knopf

### **Jesus is the Sun**

I chose the metaphor Jesus is the sun because he is the light of the world and he leads us through life. And if there wasn’t any light or sun we would live in the darkness, but he is the sun so we have light in our world. And I chose it because Jesus is bigger than the whole world and us He shines upon us and the earth. He’s a light in front of us helping us to choose the right way to go. Jesus saves us from taking the wrong pathway and he always leads us to the important things. He is the way the truth, the light and bright morning star. He is always our savior.

Aline Nyirazo

### **Jesus is my Sword and my Shield**

For my metaphor I used ‘ Jesus is my sword and my shield’ because I wanted to show that Jesus loves us immensely because he will and does protect us from Satan. Jesus guards us from Satan’s lies and temptations. Sometimes when Satan tempts me, I use my shield for protection. But often I do not and need to fight Satan with my sword to get back on the right track again. I used Jesus is my sword because swords are used in battle to kill and slaughter enemies. Satan is our enemy, so, with Jesus, we can defeat him and have eternal life with Jesus. In Deuteronomy 33:29 the author says, “He is your shield and helper and your glorious sword”. Jesus is glorious. It makes me think about how much we need him to get through life. The lion on the shield is like Jesus, because in medieval times a lion on a shield would represent strength and bravery. Jesus is both strong and brave, because he died on the cross for us, and mighty and majestic like the lion. Lions are fierce, and they are called the King of the Jungle. Jesus is our king. We need him for protection against

Satan's slashing weapons, and we need him to slash Satan back. That is why I used ' Jesus is my sword and my shield'.

Clare Thiessen