

Courage for community

Salt Crafts

Date: 27th September, 2009 Readings: **Mark 9: 38-50**
Courage

Salt.... Mark 9:49 "For everyone will be salted with fire. 9:50 Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

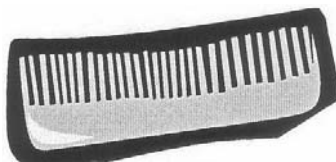
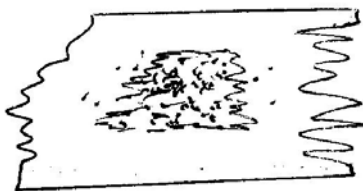
Separating salt and pepper:

You will need:

- ♦ salt and pepper which have been mixed together
- ♦ waxed paper
- ♦ a plastic comb
- ♦ a piece of woollen material or a ball of pure wool
- ♦ small clear plastic cups
- ♦ pop sticks
- ♦ water

What to do:

- ♦ Mix a small amount of salt and pepper on a piece of waxed paper.
- ♦ Rub the plastic comb with the woollen material.
- ♦ Then hold the comb over the salt mixture.
- ♦ What happens?



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- ♦ The pepper should jump up and stick to the comb.
- ♦ **Explanation:** Static electricity pulls the lighter substance, the pepper, towards the comb.

Another exploration of salt:

- ♦ Ask the children what they think would happen if water was added to the salt and pepper mixture.
- ♦ Put the salt and pepper mixture into the bottom of a clear plastic cup.
- ♦ Half fill the cup with water and stir with the pop-stick.
- ♦ What happens?
- ♦ The pepper should float on top as it is lighter, and the salt has either sunk to the bottom or dissolved in the water.



More ponderings...

- ♦ I wonder what Jesus meant when he said, "Have salt in yourselves?"
- ♦ What might spiritual salt be?
- ♦ I wonder how being seasoned with spiritual salt might help us to live at peace with each other?

To talk about:

- ♦ What are the benefits and the disadvantages of the two methods of separating the salt and pepper?
- ♦ Can you use either the salt or the pepper again for anything? What good is it if you can't use it?

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