

# Children's Sermon: QUENCHING OUR THIRST FOR GOD

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"Hi, guys! How was your week? Did you do anything fun? What did you do? (get the kids to briefly -HA!- tell about some of the fun things they did over the past week). Very cool! God LOVES it when kids have fun, doesn't He? I had fun, too! You know-- (clear throat) that reminds me-- (clear throat) Excuse me!

My mouth is so dry all of a sudden. I think I need a drink or I'll never get through this. (looks around, finds a cup of liquid that was stashed before-hand) Ah, here we go! (drinks) Ahhhh! Oh, that did the trick! Much better. Boy I was really thirsty! I'm glad this cup of water (or whatever you drank) was close-by.

Water is my very favorite thing to drink when I'm really thirsty. What's your favorite drinks? When you are dying of thirst, what is your very favorite thing to drink? (get kids to tell you their favorites) Those all sound so good. But MY favorite is still good ol' water. I like water.

But even though I like water, I'd never make fun of you for drinking (use some of the drinks offered by kids) milk to quench your thirst. Or can you imagine telling someone that they were WRONG to drink kool-aid to quench their thirst? Or gatorade? There's nothing harmful about milk, is there? Or gatorade or kool-aid? It's just that some people prefer to drink those instead of water. The important thing is that you get that THIRST taken care of as soon as possible. You gotta quench that thirst, right? Yeah.

I think that's kind of like religions, too. We're United Methodists (or whatever your denomination is). This is how I quench my RELIGIOUS thirst. I like how we do things, I like how we worship God, I like how we take communion.

Now some other people belong to the Baptist Church, or Catholic Church or they attend a Synagogue or a Temple or a Mosque. That's how THEY like to worship our God. I bet they would find some of the things we do to worship God, a little different than how they do things in their worship. And that's OKAY, isn't it? That's why we have so many different churches in the world. They all want to worship God in the way that makes the most sense to them. The important thing is that they worship God, right? Everyone needs to find the best way for them to quench their thirst for God!

Let's pray:

“Dear God, thank you for our church and our pastor, and all the members of our congregation. Thank you for bringing us all together to worship you the way we feel most comfortable. Thank you for all the other churches, all the other pastors and all the other congregations in the world. We're glad that everyone can find a special way to worship that quenches their thirst for YOU.”