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This Sunday, we learned about the Sheep and Goats in Matthew 25:31-46. As a family, read this passage together!

- **WHAT'S HAPPENING?:** Christ the King is the last Sunday of the church year. The long Season after Pentecost is done. We celebrate this Sunday keeping in mind God's kingdom and the kind of shepherding King Jesus is. Jesus tells this story after a series of parables that tell people how to live in order to be prepared for the time when Jesus comes back again. Jesus is trying to paint a picture of the sheep and goats in this text is difficult for many of us to understand and accept. Jesus tells us that our response to those in need is our response to him. When we serve others, we serve Jesus. When people care for each other as if caring for him, this world will look more like the kingdom of God.
- **QUESTION OF THE DAY:** Who serves Jesus? How do we know if someone is serving Jesus? In this story, what is the difference between the sheep and the goats? We can all act like goats at times. Tell me about a time



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you acted like a goat. How have you served Jesus lately?

- **BIBLE BIT:** In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus talks about two kingdoms. The world is one kingdom, but God has a different kingdom. God's kingdom is now and in the future too.