

Worship Date	Sunday, December 13, 2009
Worship Theme	Proclaim the Good News Third Sunday of Advent (Joy)
Scripture Reference	Luke 3:7–18/3:12–25 IV
Materials	Pictures from “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”

Last week we learned that God send us messages through his servants. John the Baptist was the messenger that was preparing the way for the people to accept Jesus. John had a pretty tough message for the Jews. God promised to send the Messiah to the Jews. The Jews were God’s special people, and many of them believed that just being Jewish was going to get them into heaven. John’s message was for adults, and it might be a little hard to understand, so I’ll tell you his message this way.

Have any of you seen “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory?” Great! If you’ve never heard it, I’m going to tell you what it’s about, and if you have, I’m going to refresh your memory. There was a famous chocolate maker named Willy Wonka who lived inside his factory and no one ever saw him. (Show picture of Wonka) He decided to have a contest and let five lucky children and their parents visit the factory and have a lifetime supply of chocolate. They each found a lucky golden ticket inside a chocolate bar.

(Show pictures of each.) One was a very hungry kid named Augustus Gloop who ate everything in sight. The next was a kid named Mike Teavee who was a whiz at video games and only wanted to see things on TV and did not listen to anyone. The third was a girl who was in the Guinness Book of World Records for chewing gum and didn’t care about anything else but her chewing gum, and the fourth was a very spoiled rich girl named Veruca Salt who always got everything she ever wanted. The last child was a boy named Charlie whose family was so poor all they had to eat every day was one potato, which they shared.

The factory was amazing. There was a whole garden made completely of candy, lick-able wall paper, and fizzy lifting drinks that could make you fly. Willy Wonka showed the children almost all his secrets, but as the children went through the factory terrible things started to happen to the badly behaved children.

When Augustus Gloop slurped up mouthfuls from a chocolate river, he fell in, and was carried up a pipe. Violet disobeyed Mr. Wonka by chewing a special piece of gum, but the gum made her blow up like a giant blueberry. Veruca Salt wanted everything in the factory. Finally she decided she just had to have a goose that laid giant golden eggs. She pushed her way into the room with the eggs, but when she accidentally stood on the eggdicator, it decided she was a bad egg and tossed her down the garbage chute.

Even Mike Teavee ended up badly. He bossed his mother around all the time, and did not mind Mr. Wonka. He jumped into an experimental television and it shrank him down to almost nothing. Finally, Charlie was the only one left. He had a chance to cheat Mr. Wonka out of a lot of money, but he didn’t. He did the right thing and kept Mr. Wonka’s secret, even when Mr. Wonka seemed to be very upset with him. Charlie thought he was going to leave the factory with nothing, not even one chocolate bar.

Then something wonderful happened. Mr. Wonka smiled and told Charlie he’d won. Mr. Wonka had been looking for someone to take over the factory, because even Mr. Wonka

could not live forever. He even invited all of Charlie's family to come stay with him in the factory, so they lived joyfully ever after and were never hungry again.

That's what John the Baptist was telling the people. If they were bad, they just might get tossed down the garbage chute like Veruca Salt. You see, it doesn't matter if you have a golden ticket. You have to be kind to others and be honest like Charlie; always do the right thing. Remember this story at Christmas, especially when you eat candy.

Let's pray. Dear God, help us be kind and honest. Help us mind our parents and always do the right thing so we can be ready for Jesus. Amen.



<http://www.wordpress.com>

Willy Wonka



<http://www.Alicia-logic.com>

Augustus Gloop



Mike Teavee

<http://www.blogstruck.com>



Violet
Beauregard

<http://www.babble.com>



Veruca Salt

<http://www.Alicia-logic.com>



Charlie
Bucket

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