

Worship Date: June 6, 2010

Worship Theme: Touch Me, Lord

Scripture Reference: Luke 7: 11-17

Materials: none

Have you ever felt the sun on your face? (pause for possible responses) Have you ever felt the wind blowing through your hair? (pause) Have you ever felt the ocean tide touch your feet as you walked in the sand along the beach? (pause) Have you ever felt happy and smiled back at someone who smiled at you first? (pause) Have you ever gotten a hug from your mom or dad or brother, sister, or friend that made you feel great? (pause)

If you have ever felt any of those things, did you know that you have been touched by God? So, you may be asking, "How can God touch me through all those things?"

Well, God made all of creation. He made the sun, the wind, the water, the happy feelings in your heart when you see a smile, and hugs. When He made all of those things, He put a little bit of Himself in them. So, that means we are never far from God. Do you know that He even put a little bit of Himself in you? Whenever you feel afraid or down or lonely, just think about God's touch in the sun, the wind, the water, a smile, and a hug. He's always there close to us. We just have to recognize His presence. And we can help other people recognize His presence when they feel afraid or down or lonely.

Will you bow your heads and pray with me? "Dear God, we thank you for the sun, the wind, the ocean, smiles, and hugs. And we especially thank you for your presence in everything around us. Please help us to recognize your presence when we need it most and help us to help others recognize your presence when they need it. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."