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LIVING

Psalm 51 is often associated with “Ash Wednesday.” Here is The Message version:

Generous in love - God, give grace! Huge in mercy - wipe out my bad record. Scrub away my guilt, soak out my sins in your laundry. I know how bad I've been; my sins are staring me down. You're the One I've violated, and you've seen it all, seen the full extent of my evil. You have all the facts before you; whatever you decide about me is fair. I've been out of step with you for a long time, in the wrong since before I was born. What you're after is truth from the inside out. Enter me, then; conceive a new, true life. Soak me in your laundry and I'll come out clean, scrub me and I'll have a snow-white life. Tune me in to foot-tapping songs, set these once-broken bones to dancing. Don't look too close for blemishes, give me a clean bill of health. God, make a fresh start in me, shape a Genesis week from the chaos of my life. Don't throw me out with the trash, or fail to breathe holiness in me. Bring me back from gray exile, put a fresh wind in my sails! Give me a job teaching rebels your ways so the lost can find their way home. Commute my death sentence, God, my salvation God, and I'll sing anthems to your life-giving ways. Unbutton my lips, dear God; I'll let loose with your praise. Going through the motions doesn't please you, a flawless performance is nothing to you. I learned God-worship when my pride was shattered. Heart-shattered lives ready for love don't for a moment escape God's notice. Make Zion the place you delight in, repair Jerusalem's broken-down walls. Then you'll get real worship from us, acts of worship small and large, including all the bulls they can heave onto your altar!
A Psalm of David

LEARNING

#Lent21PCCE

We are inviting all of our schools to join us as we kick-off our [“CONTEMPLATING LENT”](#) initiative tomorrow, “Ash Wednesday.” The first page of the resource contains a brief explanation of the initiative and a “word of the day” schedule. The

idea is that you will spend time each day inviting students to reflect on the connection between the word for that day and Lent. The second page provides links to articles/activities/devotionals, themes and a “Going Deeper” section to help guide those discussions and provide a deeper understanding of this particular season on the Christian calendar. Ask your school leadership for more information concerning the logistics of sharing any artifacts your students create in response to these discussions. You can also take to your own social media platforms and use #Lent21PCCE to share your reflections/thoughts on the word for that day. Have a blessed Lent.

#TakeMeBackTuesday

[Grade 2: Social Studies - Inuit](#)

God’s Story Restoration

As we study this group of people, we see God’s hand of protection as he guides them to live in a harsh part of this world. We see a God who is loving and caring and never leaves his people. He has given them many gifts which they continue to use and develop. The Inuit are very well known for their strong relationships and sense of community and Canada has benefited from their culture. Knowing God as a relational God, we can learn from this culture's ability to work together and be a unified group surviving in the coldest place in the world.

Throughline Connections

Community- Building - By exploring the Inuit culture, students will recognize the importance of community and unity and how these values are relevant to their daily life. They will understand the diverse culture within Canada and appreciate God’s creativity in this diversity. By better understanding the diversity of the Inuit culture students will become more accepting of the differences they find in those around them and they will come to see and appreciate all as God’s workmanship.

Essential Question

How does knowing about the Inuit culture make me a better community-builder?

Covid-conscious FLEx idea(s)

Using a platform like [PenPal Schools](#), have your class connect with a similar grade level in Nunavut to ask questions and share learning. Send encouraging letters/cards celebrating their [holidays/festivals](#).

Thank You - Cara McGinnis, Shane Holder. Codi Kreil, Carolyn Stolte

Here is a link to the entire [library](#) of units if you want to explore on your own and/or nominate a unit to be highlighted that’s been a blessing to you by sending us an

email with the name of the unit and grade.

LEADING

Manna for Today

With this sometimes oh so tedious pandemic that just seems to go and on, there's a risk that overwhelming fatigue and despair can settle into my spirit. As you process the latest pivots to your school's learning delivery, perhaps you're feeling this same sense of fatigue and despair. Waiting and wondering is hard work which can exhaust the most resilient leader.

If this sounds like you, this [article](#) written by Marianne Vangoor will provide you with some nourishment. Thanks to Edvance and Marianne for permission to share!

Compensation Report

PCCE was very pleased to finalize our first annual Compensation Report last week. This first edition concentrates on compensation for independent school employees. If you would like to receive a copy of this report, please contact [Gayle](#). Also, if you would like to see us expand the report's contents in future editions, please let us know what you'd like added.

Code of Conduct/Lifestyle Agreements

If you require your staff to sign a lifestyle agreement of some sort, please send a copy to [Gayle](#). We are gathering samples so that we can share them among our schools for further reference.



February 17	Ash Wednesday - #lent21PCCE kick-off
February 19	Christian Deeper Learning Gathering
March 2 & 4	TfT 101 - Session 4 - FLEx
April 17	The PCCE AGM (virtual)
October 21-22	Teachers' Convention (Hybrid Model)



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