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Written for Sunday, November 10, 2013

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary Year C

**Scripture:** [Luke 20:27-38](#) [ **Summary:** Sadducees ask Jesus trick question about heaven. ]

**Supplies Needed:** No supplies are needed.

**ASK** (a.k.a [The On-Ramp](#))

- Good morning!
- To get things started, I'd like to do a quick game with you where you repeat everything I say.
- Ready? [whisper: I'll know you're ready when *you* say "ready"]
- Ready? (Ready?)
- [say in a dull voice]: Red (red), blue (blue), green (green), green (green), green (green), green (green).
- [say in a lively voice]: Now, what's the color of grass? (Now, what's the color of grass)
- [Note: They might not repeat you. They might actually answer you with "Green!"]
- Okay, that was the game! Thank you for playing and I need you to not repeat me anymore.
- [If they actually repeated you, tell them this]: I just tried to trick you. Often times, people will forget that they are supposed to be repeating everything I say and instead they'll switch to answering the question and say, "Green!"
- [If they answered your question with "Green" say]: Did you notice that I tricked you? Since you were supposed to repeat everything I said, you were supposed to say "Now, what's the color of grass." But don't feel bad, most people fall for it...(whisper: even the adults in the congregation)
- But, that wasn't very nice of me – was it – to try and trick you?

## **TELL** (a.k.a. *The Freeway*)

- In today's scripture story, there were a group of religious leaders, called the Sadducees, who were trying to trick Jesus in a very mean way with a question.
- They were asking him a question about what happens after we die. And if Jesus answered a certain way, then they could make fun of him and then tell other people that they shouldn't listen to Jesus because he wrongly answered their question.
- But Jesus knew they were up to no good and did not fall for their trick [*add if it's true*: Just like (some of) you didn't fall for my trick.]
- So, instead of talking about what happens after we die, Jesus talked about how God is with us and loves us *right now* because God is the God of the living, not of the dead.

## **SHARE the Good News** (a.k.a. *The Destination*)

- Jesus' answer is important because it helps us to remember that God cares for each of us very much *right now*
- This is one of the reasons why we come to worship, and go to Sunday school and pray: So that we can get to know God better *right now*.
- And, as we know God better, it means that we can pay attention to God's help and love and healing *right now*.
- And by knowing God's help and love and healing *right now*, we can then **share** God's help, love and healing with those around us *right now*.
- So, instead of waiting until we die to experience heaven, we can experience heaven *right now* **AND** share it with those around us!
- This is the good news for today.

## **CLOSING Prayer**

Let's Pray. This is a repeat-after-me prayer.

**Dear God,**

Dear God,

**Thank you for being the God of the living....**

Thank you for being the God of the living....

**...for loving us...**

...for loving us...

**...and for being with us...**

...and for being with us...

**...right here and right now.**

...right here and right now.

**Amen**