

# THE BETHLEHEM STAR



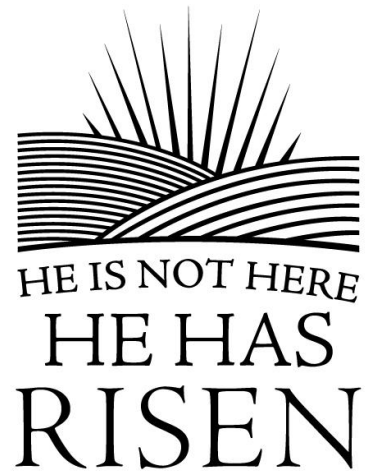
**April Wisdom: Pity the Fool!** | Pastor Bode

“I pity the fool.” This sounds like a threatening statement, doesn’t it? If you pity the fool who crosses a certain line, then it may sound like you intend to do something that would make them very pitiable. But the saying, “I pity the fool,” which Mr. T of Hollywood fame has legally trademarked, is meant with a different intent. Mr. T, a Christian, considers this saying an act of kindness.

How so? In the Bible, “pity” is a word of love; namely, a show of mercy. And throughout the Old Testament, a fool is someone who is spiritually lost. Your classic example of a fool is a familiar one. “The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God,’” Psalm 14:1. Therefore, April 1 has commonly been considered National Atheists’ Day, due to Psalm 14:1 and what a fool has to say.

On the other hand, if a fool seeks God’s pity, then he is beginning to learn wisdom. After all, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Prov. 9:10). A repenting fool may suddenly be considered wise, by suffering sorrow over sin and beginning to trust the Lord for forgiveness. Lent has made us wisely consider the foolishness of our sin. Easter makes us wise to eternal life!

The Christian does not recognize National Atheists’ Day in order to gloat or mock. We mean that “pity” with love for those who do not believe. We mean that “pity” as an act of kindness. May God the Father use us to show his pity to the foolish ways of unbelief. May the resurrection of the Son of God demonstrate real wisdom to those who doubt. And may the Holy Spirit open hearts of foolishness to the eternal wisdom of saving faith.



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March has been a very fun month for the preschoolers. During this month we have done a number of projects including making shamrocks with baking soda paint and then squirting them with vinegar to see the reaction. We also learned about our senses through different activities. We did a listening activity where we identified different sounds, a tasting activity where we tasted with all our taste buds, and an activity where we had to identify objects in a box just by feeling them. We used items like a stuffed unicorn, playdough, and ice.

During March we had a Spirit Week in which we had different dress up days. We had pajama day, favorite book character day, career day, wear all green day, and mis-matching day. The kids all looked so good dressed up and had so much fun.

We had fun playing freeze tag, as well as racing each other rolling across the floor. Along with this we also had all the students line up and maneuver a hula hoop from one end of the line to the other.

We have learned about Jesus' miracles and parables and the children are growing every day in their knowledge of their Savior. We have had a number of parents attend our Wednesday morning chapels, and the kids are always so excited to hear from Pastor Bode.

In Christ,  
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