

## Becoming a Lutheran Teacher

Miss Armstrong's class was just finishing up their busy school day. They had learned about David and Goliath during Bible time. They had finished a math lesson and practiced reading a story together. They had also had fun doing a science experiment.

As they were gathering for their end-of-the-day devotion and prayer, Elijah asked, "Why did you decide to be a teacher, Miss Armstrong?"

Miss Armstrong thought for a moment. "Well, I've always enjoyed being with children and helping them learn. I taught Sunday School when I was younger, and I loved sharing the good news about Jesus with those children. After high school, I decided to go to Martin Luther College (or MLC). MLC is a special school in Minnesota where young men and women go to study the Word of God and many other things. At MLC I learned the best ways to teach children like you!"

"But how did you end up being a teacher here at our school?" Amy asked.

"When I finished college at MLC, I received 'a call.' It wasn't a phone call. This type of call is given by God. God used the people in your church to ask me to come and be a teacher here at your school. I was so excited and surprised to find out I would be coming here to be your teacher!"

"We're glad you're our teacher!" said Joey. The other children nodded.

"I'm glad too," said Miss Armstrong. "But now it's time for our devotion, my favorite part of the day. I love sharing God's Word with you every day. Maybe someday some of you boys and girls will go to MLC and become teachers too!"

## **Discussion**

1. Why did Miss Armstrong say she decided to become a teacher?
2. To what school did Miss Armstrong go to study God's Word and learn how to teach children?
3. How did Miss Armstrong end up being a teacher at the children's school?
4. What was Miss Armstrong's favorite part of the day in their classroom?

## **Activity**

1. Tell your own story about how you became a teacher and/or about the places you have served.
2. Tell the children that they will take a field trip inside your own school to visit with another teacher. Ahead of time, help them come up with several interview questions they could ask.

## **Memory Treasure**

Mark 16:15: *Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.*

## **Prayer**

*Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the teachers we have in our school who teach us God's Word and many other important things. Make them strong to do their work, and help us listen to them and obey them. Thank you also for Martin Luther College, the place where those who want to be teachers go to learn. Bless the students there and help them become your special helpers in schools all over our country and world. Amen.*

## **Hymn**

Hymn 746: "I Love to Tell the Story" (stanza 1, optional stanza 2)