

A Special Place

“Good morning, class!” Miss Armstrong said, as the children gathered on the rug to begin their day. “We’ve spent some time this week talking about sharing God’s Word with others. We also learned how pastors and teachers enjoy doing this in a special way. Do you remember the name of the college where young men and women can go to learn how to be teachers and pastors?”

“Martin Luther College, or MLC for short,” Amanda said.

“Very good,” said Miss Armstrong. “Today I’d like to share a picture story with you so that you can find out more about MLC.”

Read and talk about the attached coloring pages to tell the story from an MLC student’s point of view. These are the captions:

Let me tell you about my college, MLC.
Students like me learn how to be pastors . . . and teachers.
We study God’s Word, just like Martin Luther. You can see his statue at MLC.
You can see our steeple, high on a hill, from miles around.
Our teachers are called professors.
They teach us many different things.
We play lots of sports. Is MLC winning this basketball game?
Our softball players hit the ball hard.
Look out! He’s going to score a touchdown!
We have boys’ and girls’ soccer teams. Do you play soccer?
We praise Jesus by singing songs.
We can learn how to play organ.
We play really loud in band.
Have you ever seen a play at MLC?
We can eat all day long in our cafeteria.
We love MLC!
It’s a great college!
Graduation is exciting! Soon we’ll be teachers and pastors.
Maybe one day you’ll want to come to MLC!

Let's Talk

1. Name some of the things students at MLC enjoy doing.
2. What would you like to do if you were a student at MLC?
3. Why is it important that many young men and women go to MLC?
4. Why is being a Lutheran pastor or teacher such a special job?

Let's Do

Distribute the story pages you used for this lesson and ask the children to color them as neatly as they can. You can then assemble them into a book about MLC to display in your classroom or at church.

Let's Memorize

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

Let's Pray

Thank you Jesus, for Martin Luther College. Please bless the students who go there and help them learn all the things they need to know to be good pastors and teachers. Help us also continue to preach the gospel our whole lives . . . whether as pastors or teachers or in whatever job we may have some day. Amen.

Hymn

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