

Esther and Emmett: Rain and Reign!

Esther: Hi Emmett:

Emmett: Hi Esther. Do you happen to have an umbrella?

Esther: I think there's an umbrella in the closet. Why do you need an umbrella?

Emmett: Well, this is a little odd. Have you ever heard the saying, "it's raining cats and dogs"?

Esther: Yes, it means that it is raining a lot. But it isn't raining today.

Emmett: Well, the minister said it's going to rain on Sunday, only it's not going to rain cats and dogs, it's going to rain Jesus!

Esther: Rain Jesus! That doesn't even make sense!

Emmett: Well, don't blame me. Blame the minister.

Esther: The minister said it was going to rain Jesus!

Emmett: Well, not exactly....

Esther: Not exactly...?

Emmett: The minister said that on Sunday it will rain Christ!

Esther: Oh Emmett!!

Emmett: Let me guess. The minister didn't mean that I need an umbrella to keep Jesus from landing on me!

Esther: I think that what the minister said is that Sunday is the 'Reign of Christ' Sunday!

Emmett: So I was right.

Esther: It's a different kind of rain. It's 'reign' not 'rain'.

Emmett: I 'd like to say that's as clear as rain, but I don't know what you're trying to tell me!

Esther: There are two words that we pronounce the same way. One word is spelled R-A-I-N! Rain... that's the rain that is water drops falling from the clouds.

Emmett: You're right as rain about that!

Esther: But there is another word spelled R-E-I-G-N. That word means ‘to rule.’ For example, we might say that a king or queen may reign over a country. They were in charge. They ruled.

Emmett: Let me see...there are two kinds of rain. For one of them you need an umbrella, and for one of them, you just need to listen to whoever is the leader?

Esther: Right. This week is the ‘Reign of Christ’ Sunday, using the word R-E-I-G-N. This is a Sunday when we think about what the world would look like with Jesus was in charge.

Emmett: Well, I think Jesus would ask God what the world should be like.

Esther: I think so too. I think Jesus was always treating people the way God wants people to be treated.

Emmett: Yeah, so when people were hungry, Jesus said, “Let’s share our food and feed everyone!”

Esther: And when people were sick, or couldn’t see, Jesus said “let’s heal people and let them know God loves them.”

Emmett: And when someone felt like no one cared about them, Jesus cared about them.

Esther: And Jesus said we should learn how to forgive people.

Emmett: And Jesus said that the children of God are people who make peace in the world.

Esther: And Jesus said that we should do good works so that the light of God’s love will shine in the world.

Emmett: And that we should love others and pray for others.

Esther: And we shouldn’t judge others.

Emmett: Wow! That’s a lot to think about on just one Sunday of the year.

Esther: Well, I think that we’re supposed to think about Jesus every Sunday, every day.

Emmett: And think about the Reign of Christ – think about how Jesus treats people and how we should treat people.

Esther: Treat everyone the way God treats everyone – as a child of God.

Emmett: This is great. It means I don't need to borrow an umbrella from you, Esther.

Esther: But if you did, I would share my umbrella with you.

Emmett: Because that's what people do when Christ reigns – they share umbrellas when it rains! Hey, I think that rhymes!

Esther: Can you think of a word that rhymes with 'Amen'?

Emmett: Uh...how about, "Amen"?

Esther: Amen!