

El Paso, Texas Daughters Observe Vow of Study in Summer Programs

Members of Therese of Lisieux Chapter at The Church of St. Clement in El Paso, Texas are taking advantage of the warm, West Texas summer days of 2017 to...stay in and study God's Word! During the June meeting they donned summer straw hats for the program, "Hope Under Your Hats." Then, in July, they "got salty" as they explored what the Bible says about salt.



The June meeting was full of hope! After reading the story "Butterflies Under Our Hats," Daughters explored and discussed various Bible verses and quotes about hope (printed out on colored paper butterflies, of course!), what hope means to them, and what it could mean for others they care about. Daughters can't keep our hope in Christ under our hats—we have to let it out and share with all!

At the July meeting, Daughters explored various characteristics of salt in the Bible in a program titled "The Story on Salt: Our Christian Influence on the World."

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth." (Matthew 5:13) There was great meaning in that verse to the people who heard the Lord say it.

In the ancient Middle East, salt was a valuable commodity used for preserving food, as a catalyst for making clay ovens burn fuel more efficiently, and as a symbol of promise-keeping in covenants. It gives flavor to both food and life, and the salt of the Word makes us thirsty for more. As Christians we are to be the catalyst for sparking faith in others, to keep our promises to care for one another, and to make others thirsty for the joy we experience as believers.

One important characteristic of salt we tend to forget: *salt sparkles!* Hold it up to the light and it's dazzling.

As Daughters, we are called to be salt in all areas of life, including difficult situations. May we always sparkle with the joy of life through Christ, and...pass the salt!