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## Mission Moment

What are your favorite childhood memories of Sunday school and church? Wearing your “Sunday best” and going with you family to worship? Learning about Jesus? Memorizing John 3:16 and Psalm 23? Putting coins in the collection plate or practicing for the Christmas program and hoping (or not!) to be chosen to play Mary or Joseph?

Another favorite was Vacation Bible School- joining my friends for a morning of fun and Bible stories. Our games instilled valuable lessons about playing fair and winning and losing graciously.

Church Camp was the all-time favorite. After waiting to be old enough to attend, then you graduated to camp counselor. There were rustic cabins, swimming in a lake, and telling Bible stories around a campfire in the evenings.

Every year, United Methodist congregations celebrate Christian Education Sunday. This observance “calls the Church as the people of God to be open to growth and learning as disciples of Jesus Christ”

**Christian Education Sunday** is the perfect time to honor the many people who model God’s love every day.