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Canada Day at the Movies- At Home

Being a kind Canadian this year means following social distancing guidelines on Canada day. There will be no big gatherings downtown or walks with thousands of neighbours along the Gorge.

If you are looking for something quintessentially Canadian to do, look no further than the [National Film Board of Canada Website](#).

The NFB was started by the Government of Canada in order to create propaganda and news reels during the second world war. However, since then, documentaries, dramas, comedies and vignettes made by the NFB have won over 5000 film awards. The NFB was an early leader in funding films by women and films that explore Canada from an indigenous perspective.

The NFB has over 4000 videos available to watch for free online. You might remember classics like Kate and Anna McGarrigle's "[The Log Drivers Waltz](#)" or Buster Keaton on a CN railroad speeder in "[The Railrodder](#)" but the National Film Board is also continuing to fund filmmakers talking about important current issues. Whether you watch something for nostalgia or choose a challenging documentary, an afternoon at the movies might be just right for this Canada Day.



[Click here](#) for a sing-a-long video of the hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" sung by Susie

A New Study Guide from the PCC

Even as we celebrate the many great things about Canada, we know that our country is not perfect and that some people experience discrimination within these borders. We might feel lost as to what we can do about it. To help us explore this issue, the Presbyterian Church has put out a new, downloadable study guide called "[Speaking Out Against Racism and Hate in Canada](#)".

Read From Your Bible This Week

Genesis 24:34-38,

42-49, 58-67

Psalm 45:10-17

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30



Pastor's Parable

You can learn a lot watching children on a playground. Neither psychology, politics, economics nor even religion is any match for learning the lessons taught by children vying for supremacy. Older child to younger, "Let's play capture the flag." "No, I don't want to play that. I want to play hide and seek." Older child retorts, "If you play capture the flag, I'll let you have one of my dessert snacks at lunch." Younger child is one step ahead, "Do that two days in a row and you have a deal."

Actually, the two children above resolved their differences much easier than perhaps in real life. Unfortunately, the outcome might involve much more disagreement and conflict. As Jesus was prone to say, "That reminds me of a story...". The story Jesus told happened in Matthew 11 (our key passage during the Sunday meditation on July 5) when Jesus tells about life as he observed being lived out in the neighbourhood, "You are like children," he says. "Arguing among yourselves, 'We played the flute, but you would not dance! We sang a funeral song, but you would not mourn!' " Jesus' point was concerning the things that really matter and how tripped up we become over the things that ultimately do not matter. He had been brought a message John the Baptist who was currently in prison. John had sent word to Jesus about his own despair in feeling that his life's work and ministry was erupting in flames. Jesus directed John to remember the things they had done which were most crucial in which lives had been changed forever. But, there were too many around that were stuck on petty playground issues that ultimately did not matter.

Sunday we begin a sermon series during July on The Church. While we are quarantined it is a good time to focus on what really matters about the church. Is it just a building? What do we do that matters most and ultimately matters least. Join us each Sunday as we tune in together as The Church of St. Andrew's. Blessings all!!!



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