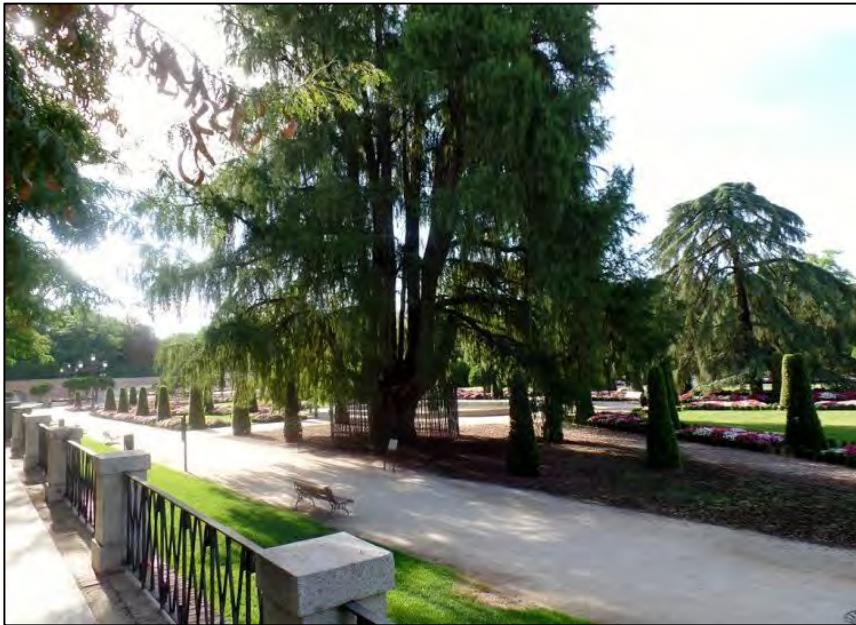


Visiting the Holy Ground

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Summer is coming and, as an activity to end our Sunday School's year, we decided to bring the children to visit and discover our Holy Ground in Madrid. We explained them that not all Holy Grounds are the same and that in Madrid it is a tree, and is located in one of the main parks in Madrid: "Parque del Retiro".

We met with the kids in our church center and then (after explaining some rules) we went all together to the Retiro Park (Parque del Retiro) by subway. All kids were really happy and they had lot of fun in the subway.

When we arrived at the park we walk few minutes in the nature, we fed the fishes on the lake, and finally we got to the Holy Ground. There we sat on the floor in a circle and we explained the children the meaning of Holy Grounds.

Later, we approached the tree description and we discovered that it has more or less 648 years! (The oldest tree of the entire city of Madrid).

We wanted the kids to have a memory of this experience so, after a snack, we gave them a small paper where to draw the tree, put their name and the date; then we asked them to take a leaf or a little branch of the tree so that we can

stick it behind and create a bookmark for them.

All children had lot of fun!

Earlier in the day we explained to the children that our Sunday donation that day would be given to needy people who play, sing, do magic, ... in the park.

Two of them decided to buy a book to help children with difficulties, and all others gave their donation to a young girl playing a song with her guitar.

It had been a really good experience and we think it would be nice to repeat it. Thanks.

