

Mount Zion - Children's Church News

We are learning, loving and serving God together!

When we know the word of God we can receive His love, forgiveness, healing, joy, peace... all His precious promises to us!

I am reminded of Deuteronomy 6:6 *"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them upon your children. Talk about them when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."*

At children's church we want the children to know God's word and apply it to their lives. Please join us in helping them to know His word.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to speak with me or email me (address below).

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The general theme for the next several months: The Ministry of Jesus.

In the coming months we want the children to learn that we can depend on Jesus to be our Healer and our Provider.

Underlying Concept for January, February and March:

God sent Jesus to save us from our sins, to be our healer and provider. He is our good Shepherd.

February's Theme: Jesus Is Our Provider

Underlying Concept:

- Jesus is the good shepherd who provides us with everything we need.

February's Scripture Memory Verses:

We are in the process of changing how we will have the children learn scripture. We will inform the parents once our plans are formalized so we can all work together to empower the children to know that God's word can work in their lives.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

What Parents Can Do: Here are all the memory verses for the last six months! Why not learn them with your children!

September:

Psalm 107:1 "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

1Chronicles 16:8 "Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name. Let the whole world know what He has done. "

October:

Psalm 69:30 "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving."

Philippians 2:14 "Do everything without complaining or arguing. "

Matthew 15:18 "The things that come out of our mouths come from our heart. "

November/ December:

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Luke 2: 10 and 11 "The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior is born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

January:

Matthew 8:17: Jesus took away our pain, suffering and sickness.

Mark 9:23: Everything is possible for him who believes.

See helpful hints on next page!

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Helpful Hints:

The Power of Prayer Praying with and for your child

In the next several newsletters I would like to talk about the importance of praying with and for your children. They need to know that they can go to God to meet all their needs and He is there to answer those needs. Parents may ask, "How do we teach our children to pray?" Certainly instruction helps but the easiest answer is, by example! If they listen to you praying they will learn how to do it for themselves. And as they take tentative steps towards their own prayers, parents can guide them along.

One of the enduring gifts my mother gave me was the power of prayer. She had an unshakeable faith that when she prayed God heard her. Growing up she taught me to take God's word at face value! If I was struggling with something she would simply say, "Don't worry; let's pray about it, God has an answer". Then she would pray out aloud, as I listened, I always felt an overwhelming sense of peace knowing that I was not alone, that God cared about me and was looking after me. I would often come home from school and there would be a piece of paper taped to my bedroom door with a scripture written on it, usually a promise of God about the every issue I was dealing with! (This was always a good visual reminder for me!) I would reread that scripture over and over again.... and usually the issue would be resolved.

I share this because my mother planted good seeds for me and helped me to develop my own prayer life. As a child my mother's prayers were tangible evidence of her love for me. I trusted in her prayers and through her I learned to trust in God.

By her example I learned many good lessons about praying:

1. You can talk to God anytime. Prayer is having a conversation with Him.
2. The more you pray the more it becomes a natural part of your daily life.
3. Go to the word for guidance, direction and to remember His promises.
4. Speaking your prayers out aloud (although not always necessary) helps to strengthen your belief.
5. Prayer develops that close, intimate and personal relationship with "Abba" my Father.
6. Most importantly: **GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS.**

I hope this helps and encourages you to start praying with your children if you don't already do so. It does not matter how old your children are, I know if you take the step to pray with them you will also be leaving an enduring gift to your children.

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