

# Mount Zion - Children's Church News

We are learning, loving and serving God together!

June is a wonderful month for the children as the school year winds down and they anticipate the freedom of the summer months.

The workers and I also look forward to the sunny days of summer! There will be no newsletter for July and August. However, we will continue to provide an engaging Children Church on Sundays!

**Happy summer everyone!** I hope you will find some time to enjoy family fun in the sun!

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

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## June's Theme: Prayer

### Communicating with God through the Power of Prayer

#### Underlying Concept:

- importance of prayer in our daily lives
- different ways in which we can pray
- purposes of prayer

During the month of **July and August**, we will be reviewing all the biblical concepts we have taught this past year in fun ways!

We believe that **repeated teaching of biblical principles** helps the children to remember and write them in their hearts. We know that when these principles are in their hearts they manifest in their lives!

## June's Scripture Memory Verses:

Jeremiah 29:13

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart"

Matthew 7:7

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

## Upcoming Dates/Events:

June 15: Father's Day

June 29: Games Day with Cathy

## What Parents Can Do:

### Did you know?

Research has shown that one of the most important things you can do, as a parent (besides praying!), is to **read to your child every night!** Reading aloud to your child helps a child acquire language skills and instills love for learning.

When parents read to a child, they are exposing that child to **more than the words on the page;** they are demonstrating proper speech patterns, the basics of how to read a book and the excitement that reading a wonderful story can bring.

Reading together is a great way to **connect with each other** and creates a special bond between a parent and their child. When you read to a child, there are no other distractions; it's just the two of you!

**Choosing the right book** opens up a world of possibilities!

**See helpful hints: see next page!**

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## Helpful Hints:

### Prayer Is Communicating with God

Several newsletters ago I shared with parents the importance of praying with your children. This month, at Children's Church we will be reviewing the concept of prayer. This is a great time to **join with your child to pray together every day.**

Remember, as you pray, you are modeling and teaching your child how to pray. **Praying together is an enduring gift you give your children**, not only showing that you love and care for them, but also that God loves and cares for them too.

One way that we will show the children how to pray is by teaching them the acronym: **ACTS: A - Adoration of God, C - Confession, T - Thanksgiving and S - Supplication.**

**A = Adoration. Adore God, love Him and praise Him for who He is.** A nice way to start talking with God is just to praise Him. You can sing songs to Him, read scripture that tell of His mighty acts and thank Him for all the blessings in your life.

**C = Confession. Admit your sins to God, ask for His forgiveness through faith that Jesus died for our sins.** After thanking Him for all He has done for you, maybe you need to talk about some things that you've done that you know the Word of God says that are wrong. On the other hand, maybe it's you thinking that is wrong because it does not agree with the Word of God. We can easily do that without knowing it. Therefore, confession is simply getting back on track with God's Word. When you do this, God always forgives you. *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."* **1 John 1:9**

**T = Thanksgiving. Thank God for answered prayers, for the good things He has done in your life.** *"Always give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."* **Ephesians 5:20**

**S = Supplication. Pray for your family and friends, for those who are sick or sad. Pray for those who are not yet believers. Pray for your own spiritual growth and any other needs that you may have.** *"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."* **Matthew 7:7**

Although there are many ways to teach children how to pray, as I mentioned in a previous post, the HOW is not as important as the DOING! God loves us and just wants to be a part of our lives!

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