

Mount Zion - Children's Church News

We are learning, loving and serving God together!

With spring finally here, we can rejoice! We can also always rejoice knowing God's word is there to help us to be overcomers in this life. No matter what we go through God has the solution.

This month we pray that the children deepen their understanding of the Bible. How they can use it to appropriate God's promises to us.

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

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May's Theme: The Bible

Underlying Concept:

- The bible is the word of God
- The bible is our guide for living
- Knowledge from the Bible changes us.

May's Scripture Memory Verses

2 Timothy 3:16-17

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Psalm 119:160

"All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal."

Upcoming Dates/Events

May 11: Mother's Day!

What Parents Can Do:

Take Time

Take time to live: It is the secret of success.

Take time to think: It is the source of power.

Take time to play: It is the secret of youth.

Take time to read: It is the foundation of knowledge.

Take time for friendship: It is the source of happiness.

Take time to laugh: It helps to lift life's load.

Take time to dream: It hitches the soul to the stars.

Take time for God: It is life's only lasting investment.

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See helpful hints: see next page!

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Helpful Hints:

The Word of God

Children go to their parents for love, comfort, advice, knowledge and wisdom. What a blessing it is when you can use the Word of God to guide your children as they journey through this life. That's why this month in Children's Church we will teach the children (1) that the Bible is God's Word and (2) how a Bible is structured. We will also answer questions like, "Who wrote the Bible?" "Why is the Bible divided into two sections: Old and New Testament?" "How they can find a Scripture?" As we teach these lessons, our prayer is that you and your child will spend some time reading together the Scripture we will study.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man [or child] of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."*

It helps parents to know the central themes of the four lessons we will be teaching this month so that they can reinforce them at home. We at Children's Church can begin to plant the seeds, but as parents water it as often as they can, they will have a greater harvest in the lives of their children!

Lesson 1: The children will learn that the Bible is God's Word, written by man through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
Scriptures to Study: 2Peter 1:20-21, Psalm 119:106, 1Corinthians 1:14

Lesson 2: The children will learn that the Bible can guide them throughout their lives. That's why they need to know what the Bible says. Reading and studying the Bible regularly produce great results. *Scriptures Study: 2Timothy 3:16-17*

Lesson 3: The children will learn that the Bible is the source for the new life and it will change them inside. From the story of Nicodemus, they will learn how to be "born again." Then, they no longer belong to this world. They belong to Jesus.
Scriptures to Study: John 3:1-8

Lesson 4: The children will learn that the Word of God contains the truth and it is sharper than any two edged sword! When you hear the truth, you always make a decision to follow it or not. Your decision has consequences in your life.
Scriptures to Study: John 20: 31, Ephesians 6:17, Hebrews 4:12, Timothy 4:1-5

Reviewing these scriptures, memorizing some verses and learning the books of the Bible will bless your children, strengthen their faith and bless your family.

A few suggestions for learning Scriptures:

Games are an effective way to help your child learn Scriptures.

1. Choose a Scripture and then write each word of the verse on a piece of paper. Then, challenge your child in a timed race to assemble all the pieces together in the correct order.
2. Parents can put a Scripture verse on a white board (You can purchase a small one at the Dollar store) with an erasable marker. Take turns erasing a word and reading the verse until the whole board is empty. Parents can also write a verse and leave some words out for their child to fill in.
3. Some children learn best when their bodies are in motion. Recite scripture while bouncing a ball, skipping a rope or tossing a beanbag! Blow up a balloon and try to keep it up as your child recites a scripture.
4. Artistic children can write a verse on a piece of poster board or cardboard and then illustrate it. Can mom or dad figure out the scripture verse just by looking at the illustrations?

Knowledge is power! Knowing God's Word gives us the power we need to succeed in what we do!

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