

Mount Zion - Children's Church News

We are learning, loving and serving God together!

We want the children at *Mount Zion* to know that when we persevere and stand firm in our faith, God always blesses us. Children learn how to do that by observing those around them "walk by faith" everyday. We all can be their positive role models!

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: Biblical Role Models

We will be studying the life of Daniel and his friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

Underlying Concepts:

- You **decide** by your **attitude, thoughts, and actions** whether you will follow Jesus' teachings.
- Daniel made the choice to do what was right in the sight of God rather than do what others were doing.
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego willingly put their lives on the line for the God they believed in. They trusted in God's promises and they relied on God's Word.
- God protects and blesses your efforts.

May's Scripture Memory Verse:

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love."

Upcoming Dates/Events:

May 10: Mother's Day

May 18: Victoria Day long weekend

What Parents Can Do:

Children's first role models are their parents. They are always observing what you say and more importantly, **what you do!**

Your actions reflect your true beliefs. If you want your children to be followers of Jesus, be sure they see Jesus in you!

Of course, we all make mistakes; parents aren't perfect, so when you do "mess up," take it as an opportunity for teaching about forgiveness, empathy, humility and love.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

(Matthew 5:16)



See helpful hints: see next page!

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Helpful Hints

Who Are Your Role Models?

In this age of instant celebrities, super star athletes and so-called heroes, it may be hard to find the true role models you want your children to look up to. Unfortunately, sometimes many "role models" influence children toward negative behaviors rather than inspire them. That's why for the next two months at *Children's Church* we will be studying biblical role models from the Old Testament: Joshua, Joseph and Daniel and his friends Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego. In this way, our children can (1) see the benefits of acting in faith, (2) learn how to deal with adversity, and (3) learn to stand up for what they believe. **Our aim is to show our children that they can imitate the qualities these men demonstrated.**

***"He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm."* Prov. 13:20**

The **top five qualities** our biblical role models displayed:

- **Have a clear set of values** - God has given us the Bible so we can know how to live. The values in the Bible guide our daily actions. They help us make the right choices even when others may not accept them. Our biblical role models refused to bow down to worldly pressures because they knew God's values.
- **Be confident, hardworking and demonstrate leadership** - Regardless of our circumstances God gives us the ability to succeed at whatever we do, to show dedication and to help others accomplish a task. We can be self-assured because we know our God loves us. He gives us all the security we need. His perfect love drives out fear. **(1 John 4:18)**
- **Be unique** - God has given each one of us a specific purpose and gifts and talents He wants us to use for His glory. Don't be afraid to stand above the crowd. Be yourself! *"God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, of love and self-control."* **(2 Timothy 1:7)**
- **Be courageous and trust in God in difficult situations** - We can stand firm and persevere because we know that God is faithful to His promises. **(1 Corinthians 1:9, Deuteronomy 7:9)** We don't need to do this in our own strength. We do it because we trust in God that He is our provider. *"I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me."* **(Philippians 4:13)**
- **Show respect for others** - Our biblical role models always treat others fairly. Although they may not always have agreed with their lifestyle, they still showed them respect. This kind attitude earned them great esteem. Their actions spoke volumes. Sometimes this produced a positive change of heart, behaviors and beliefs in others. *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."* **(John 13:34)**

By surrounding our children with positive role models we can influence them to walk in God's ways.

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