

Mount Zion - Children's Church News

We are learning, loving and serving God together!

As the cooler weather approaches and school routines are re-established, we are thankful for God's blessings and for how He always provides for all our needs. Let us help the children acknowledge His gifts and be ready to share with others!

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

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Oct.'s Theme: Be Like Jesus

Underlying Concepts:

- Jesus loves us and that helps us love others.
- Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve and help others.
- Matthew 7:1-2 "Do to others what you would have them do to you."

Oct. Scripture Memory Verse:

John 15:12 *"Love others as I have loved you."*

Mathew 7:12 *"Do to others what you would have them do to you."*

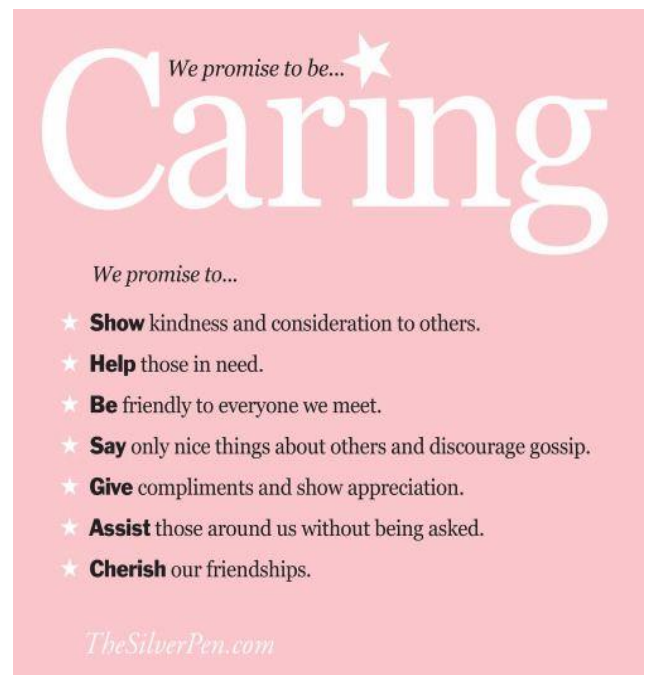
Upcoming Dates/Events:

Oct. 12: Thanksgiving

Parents why don't you encourage your children to bring a friend to church! What a wonderful way to reach out and share Jesus with others!

What Parents Can Do:

Let us help our children to develop an attitude of service to others. Every day brings an opportunity to let the light of Jesus shine through us!



See helpful hints: see next page!

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Helpful Hints

Be Like Jesus!

I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. . . . Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine you did for me. — Matthew 25:35–36, 40

This year our focus is to help the children live their Christian faith. That means not just memorizing scriptures but learning to apply them on a daily basis. This month our theme is *"Be Like Jesus"*.

A few years ago, it was popular to wear a bracelet with the initials **WWJD** (What Would Jesus Do). It was a visual reminder to think about our words and actions. The bracelet may have had some positive influence, but it would have been useless unless we would have known the principles that Jesus wanted us to live by. **Every day has opportunities for parents to guide their children in making right choices based on Christian beliefs.** Reinforce in them to be always motivated by the love of Jesus in their hearts (2 Cor. 5:14).

Some thoughts to help you:

- **Jesus loved everyone.** The greatest gift a parent can give their children is to look beyond *outward appearances*. That means encouraging their children to help classmates who have physical disabilities, to be their friend at recess when no one else plays with them, to be patient with friends with learning disabilities, to share what they have with others—be it a toy or a recess snack, and to embrace races or cultures different from their own. Parents can guide children to see that God only sees what's within us.
- **Jesus came to serve others.** Learning to serve others is about letting go of selfishness. This is an important lesson to teach our children. Let someone else go first. Help with chores around the house. Babysit without thinking of compensation. Run an errand for a neighbour. At the supper table do not ask, "How was your day?" Rather ask, **"Were you able to help someone today?"** Share your own experiences of the day. The possibilities are endless. Even a small event can have an impact and shows your children your values and priorities. By serving others, children will also learn humility when they do it because they love God and they want to show others that same love, not because they seek recognition.
- **Jesus prayed.** Praying with your children every day helps them to see where you draw your strength. Praying for others is a great way to serve them. Leading them to pray for their family and friends, you help them to develop compassion.

We always have a choice in how we treat others. Remind your children to; **"Do to others what you would have them do to you."** (Mathew 7:12) **Their motivation should be LOVE.** This makes them more like Jesus.

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