

# Mount Zion - Children's Church News

We are learning, loving and serving God together!

This month we are reinforcing the concept that knowing God's Word enables us to live a life of freedom in Him. We continue to teach the children how to look up Scriptures and to learn the promises of God so that they can learn to stand in faith in every situation. You will greatly help your children daily by finding with them Scriptures and promises that they can apply to their needs.

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

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## April Theme: God's Word

### Underlying Concepts:

- The importance of God's Word: the Bible is like light. It helps us see the truth; it guides us.
- God's Word gives us "road signs" helping us and giving us direction.
- God's Word is like a sword; it helps us to fight the devil and protects our hearts and minds.
- We need to know how to search for Scriptures so that we may find the help we need daily.

## April Scripture Memory Verse:

Psalm 33:4

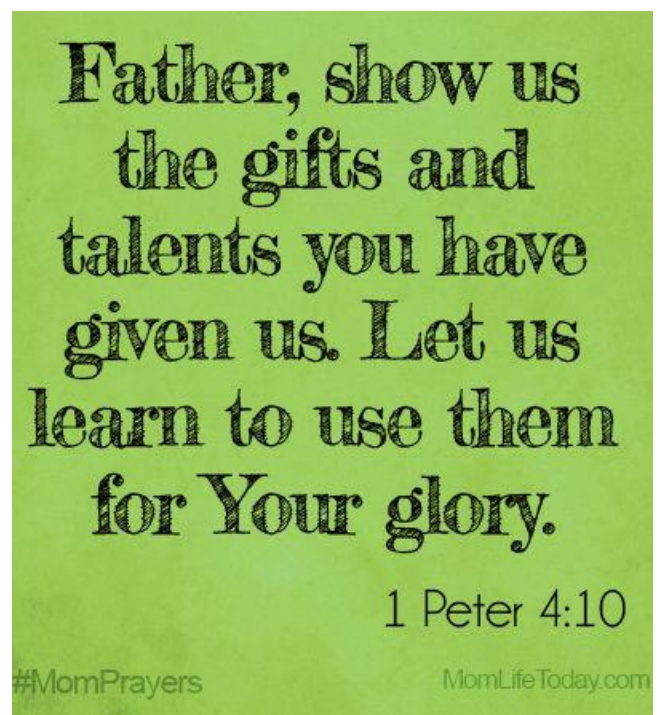
*"For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does."*

## March Scripture:

2 Corinthians 9:7

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not with hesitation or because of pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

## What Parents Can Do:



See helpful hints: see next page!

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## Helpful hints

## Stewardship Part 2

Last month we discussed the importance of teaching Biblical Stewardship to your children. God has given us the resources we need to live an abundant life on this earth and **He wants us to manage them wisely**. Our stewardship includes our giving to others of our time, talents and finances. In this article, I will focus on **financial stewardship**.

**Training children on money matters will give them the skills and tools they will need to manage their finances when they are adults.** Research shows that financial habits are set at approximately the age of seven. Therefore, start money lessons early!

### Practical suggestions:

- **Teach your children to be intentional with their giving.** Young children may not understand the concept of ten percent tithing; nevertheless, parents can start with the idea that *"God loves a cheerful giver."* We must be thankful for everything that God provides for us, so we want to give something back to Him. Allow them to see you giving your tithe joyfully.
- **Explain to your children how you create their budget,** in age appropriate ways. Help them see how you plan to purchase big household items by saving until you can afford to buy them.
- **Help your children to understand the difference between "wants" and "needs."** Many financial experts suggest starting money jars with your children. Label three different jars: **"\$ for God", "\$ to save", "\$ to spend"**. Whenever your child receives money, whether from an allowance or a gift, help them to divide the money into each jar. Discuss how giving to **God should always come first**, before anything else that they might be saving for or how much it is reasonable to spend now. When your children get older, help them **set up their own bank account** where they can transfer their savings.
- **Teach your children the concepts of giving generously and saving wisely.** This helps them to develop problem-solving skills as well as how to set goals. It will also build their self-esteem knowing that you trust them to make decisions about their own money.
- **Take the time as a family to thank Him for His provision.** Show your children when God blesses you financially,

Let us teach our children to give willingly and with a grateful heart to the Lord, because we know He is the one who takes care of us.

**Proverbs 3:9 Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops.**

**Philippians 4:19 My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.**

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