

Details from Deidra

This summer has flown by! School will be starting in a matter of days. I have been working hard to get a fun and exciting calendar in place for our children. We are hopeful to change the look and purpose of our Kidz Newz. Please enjoy some of the new parts and let me know your thoughts.



Back to School Luau!

When: August 16th

What: A family-style back-to-school pool party

Where: Hyatt Place Hotel at the Airport

Time: Noon—4 p.m. for K-3rd grade & families

4—8 p.m. for 4-6th grade & families

Cost: \$3/person or \$10/family

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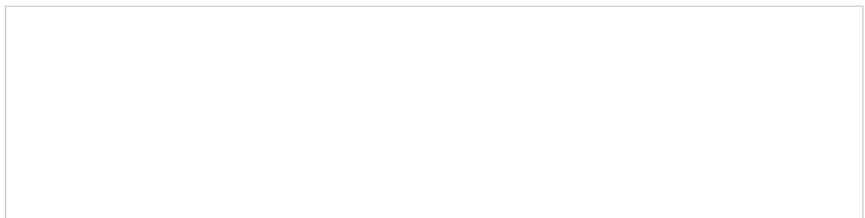
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School is in Session!



Space is filling up!

If you have a young child or grandchild ready to attend pre-school in the fall, visit www.bdcc.org quickly and find the registration forms to complete. Our director, Rhonda Gardner, is in the final planning

stages of the 2008-2009 pre-school year. We don't want any child to miss out on this fantastic opportunity! God's Treasures offers caring teachers; a warm, friendly environment; an academic Christian curriculum; field trips and fun, fun, fun! Meet the teacher night is scheduled for August 28th so don't let the school year sneak up on you! Get your registrations in now and have your space reserved before classes are filled.

Just for Kids Trivia~~~~~

Question: Which M & M Chocolate covered candy will you most frequently find in a one-pound bag?

Answer: Dark Brown, of course! On average, there are about 151 of these in every one-pound bag of M & M's.

Question: If you were starting an insect war, which would you want on your side? A Bombardier beetle? A ladybug? Or a dragonfly?

Answer: The bombardier beetle! If threatened, this little warrior can spray a boiling hot liquid on attackers, turning away something as small as an ant or as big as a frog. **BELIEVE IT!**

Time with God's Word

The Bible is cool!

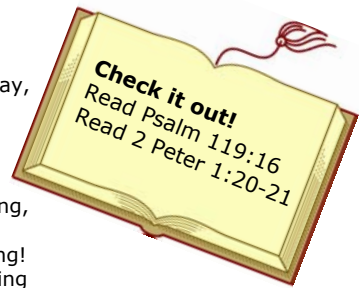


It's awesome and true.
It's God's special message
Recorded for you.
It's different from all other
Books on the shelf
'Cause God was the author
And he wrote it himself!

It's wasn't "made up"
Like the legend or fable.
It's totally true
Because God isn't able
To Make a mistake
Or let errors slip in.
You can trust what it says
Through thick and through thin!
So what's in the Bible?

What does it contain?
God's plan of Salvation
Made simple and plain!
With parables, poems,
And prayers you can pray,
And tales of hero's
Who lived for away!

The Bible predicts
What the future will bring,
And it even includes
A few songs you can sing!
It has stories and warning
Or what not to do,
And best of all news
God came to save you!



Birthdays to Celebrate

July

Alden Wilhelm	7/5
Taylor Schmidt	7/7
Kortney Minor	7/12
Jacob Smith	7/14
Hannah Alcaide	7/15
Samantha Wellbaum	7/25

August

Joshua Majors	8/2
Payton Bengé	8/5
Kendra Strahm	8/5
Madison Ray	8/6
Ethan Crane	8/9
Brody Dreher	8/15
Sam Miller	8/15
Aubrey Mondry	8/19
Luke Munoz	8/20
Chloe Nusbaum	8/24
Ethan Wallace	8/24
Caroline White	8/24
Hannah Linville	8/26
Nicholas Holland	8/27
Sidney Ray	8/31

September

Shelby Murphy	9/3
Zack Linville	9/6
Jason Purdue	9/6
Alexandra Jones	9/8
Alysia Christie	9/11
Noah Thomas	9/11
Jordan Selmier	9/12
Eli Simpson	9/13
Kiersten Schmidt	9/14
Kaitlyn Parrinello	9/18
Heather Sloan	9/19
John McHugh	9/20
Wyatt Smith	9/22
Cody Smith	9/23
Allison Baugh	9/24
Abigail Klemm	9/25
Will Meranda	9/26
Julia Simpson	9/27



Just for Parents

Prayer for the ages

Prayer is as simple as a conversation with a best friend and as powerful as asking a king for help. How can we help children embrace the amazing gift of prayer with our living God? Here are some tips from the experts.

Ages birth to 2

Just as babies and toddlers learn to crawl, walk, and talk, they can learn to pray. How can we cultivate an enthusiasm within each child for the Holy moments of talking with God?

Thank you-giving thanks to God can be a healthy part of each child's prayer life. Thank you, God, for my teddy bear. Thank you, God, for my Goldfish crackers. "Thank you" at various and frequent time during the day is a great way to cultivate the understanding that God hears our words and deserves our gratitude.

Saying Grace-Most of us pray before we eat together as a family, but do we encourage our little ones to pray with us before snacks? This is as simple as teaching them to follow the behaviors that are modeled: fold hands, close eyes, and say "amen" as the prayer is closed. This is habit-forming and a reminder that we can talk to God about our daily needs.

Echo time- pray one brief sentence at a time and teach each child to echo. Begin by addressing God. Continue right away by thanking God for his love. Then mention the blessings and needs in life.

Singing-Sing the campy prayers from your childhood with your toddlers or make up your own prayer songs liked David did. Music is relevant and age-appropriate!

Silliness-Allow prayer to be goofy sometimes so kids see it's fun to talk to God. Have you ever shouted or whispered a prayer?

Kristine Wendt

Ages 3 to 5

Do you remember the first time you ever heard a child any child. Pray? Sometimes there aren't words to describe the innocence of the simple faith heard in the few words uttered out loud by children. Even a simple "Thank You, God for my toys." Moves the heart of God. So what can we do to develop a heart for prayer like nothing else in our children?

Influence-Like sponges, children soak up everything around them. This is especially true of younger children. Their world is a huge place full of influences, both good and bad, that are continuously shaping and reshaping their lives. Teaching them that God loves them and want to be their friend is only the beginning.

Partnership-Much of what children this age see, hear, and experience happens in their homes, making parents the most powerful influence in their lives. Parents can be the defining factor in whether their children develop a love for God and a heart for prayer. We must teach our children that God wants an ongoing relationship with them, that he cares about every area of their lives, big and small, and that no matter what, they can talk to God wherever and whenever they want. That's prayer.

Power-you've heard this statement before..."Don't underestimate the power of prayer." Try this one on..."Don't underestimate the power of children praying!" Kids love to talk. From the time a child is born and begins to make his first noises, parents are standing by ready and waiting for that all-important first word to be spoken. Then, fast forward a few years, and you see those sane parents longing for the days of peace and quiet! God, too, waits to hear from us every day, but unlike us, God never tires of hearing our voices calling out to him. He never tires of hearing the voice of one of his children for the very forest time.

Laura Murphy

Ages 6 to 9

They read! They write! They do long division! Is there anything these kids *can't* do? Actually many struggle with praying on their own. What questions hold them back from embracing the faith practice of prayer in the way they energetically explore so many other activities?

How do I use this thing? Many kids lack biblical literacy that roots them in God's word. As kids become readers, they need support so they can read their Bibles with confidence, handing them gifts Bibles in third grade won't deepen their faith in Jesus any more than giving them algebra textbooks will make them mathematicians. So teach kids to look up Bible verses. Point out prayers that people in the Bible offered to God. Share how regular Bible reading and prayer strengthen your faith.

What will my friends think? The influence of peers begins long before the teen years. Kids at this age pick friends because of similar interests, values, and abilities. If kids don't have friends who pray openly and talk about prayer, they may think prayer is only something done in their families or by gown-ups during a worship service at church, not by kids their age at any time in any place. Ask kids to lead prayer during your time together. Role play what it would be like to offer a prayer before a game, concert, or other event with peers. Arrange with your pastor or worship planner for kids to offer prayers during worship.

Well, what do we believe? Kids' prayer lives benefit when they see prayer as part of their family's daily life. When table grace and bedtime prayers become as expected as fastening a seat

belt, kids witness how prayer is a cornerstone of faith. Allow your children a chance to pray for and with the family at meal and bedtimes.

Dawn Rendman

Ages 10 to 12

By age 12, most children reared by Christian parents and taught by Sunday School teachers know that God loves them and Jesus died for them. They may also know that prayer is a special relationship with God. They probably also learned that prayer is a two-way talk with Jesus. Prayer may've become as natural to them as breathing, eating, and sleeping-an essential part of each day.

The Little Things- While they may feel comfortable praying for the "big things" in life (Grandma's up coming surgery, Mom's pregnancy, Dad's job), preteens might wonder if God cares about the "little things" in their lives. For instance, should they pray about their fear of the school bully? Or how nervous they feel about their role in the school play or an upcoming exam? Or their sadness about not being invited to a friends birthday party? They may ask: "Does God really care about the 'little things' or should we just go to God with the 'big, important things'?"

All things- You can be confident in telling preteens that God does, indeed, care about everything that concerns them-even the "little things." Read to them God's Word about the birds of the air (matthew6:26). Tell them that God knows when a small sparrow falls to the ground (Matthew 10:29). In the days of the Bible, sparrows could be bought and sold for a penny. They had little value to society, but God loved and concerned himself with each one. Even the smallest sparrow was important to God. Ask preteens to recall their last haircut. Tell them that God counted every hair on their head that fell to the hairdresser's floor (Matthew 10:30). Does God want children to come to him with problems and concerns that may seem insignificant (or even silly to others)? Yes! Surely, if God cares about the birds of the air, if he knows when a sparrow falls from it's nest, and if he keeps an accurate count of the hairs on their heads, then they can pray about everything-Big or small. For if it concerns them, it concerns God.

Denise George

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