

ADVENTURE UPDATES

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“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”
Deuteronomy 6:5-7

MONTHLY CURRICULUM OVERVIEW:

November: Abraham, Isaac and Eliezer Obey God
Life focus: I can obey God!

November 2: Abraham Obeys God

Bible verse: “Obey the Lord.” Deuteronomy 27:10

November 9: Lot Chooses First

Bible verse: “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” Luke 6:31

November 16: Isaac is Born

Bible verse: “I trust in God’s word.” Psalm 119:42

November 23: Eliezer Prays

Bible verse: “The Lord hears when I pray to him.” Psalm 4:3

November 30: Isaac Digs Wells

Bible verse: “Love your neighbor.” Matthew 22:39

Note: Younger preschoolers, 2s and 3s, will be focusing on the week one bible verse for the entire month of October. If you feel your child has it down, move on to the others at home!

Ideas to bring the lessons to life at home:

- ✿ Have your child(ren) pretend they are eating lunch at a friend’s house and act out ways to be kind to one another. (Let others choose where to sit, help set the table, let others choose the snack, etc.) Or...Have a play date and allow your children to actually set a table and serve other children!
- ✿ It is important to begin sitting with your child when he is young and reading stories from God’s word. Use your bible and talk through a story with your child, or find a children’s bible (one example is the Read to Me Bible for Kids - Holman Publishing) to read together. When children see parents making time in the word a priority, they begin to learn to trust what it says!
- ✿ Check out the book *I Can Talk with God* by Debby Anderson and read it with your child. Talk about other places they can talk to God and how He hears them no matter where they are. “Practice” this with your child by praying in different spots...in the car, outside at the swing set, while folding laundry, in the bathtub, etc...
- ✿ Talk about ways you can show love to your neighbors. Invite your child to choose one thing that you can do for your neighbors together (perhaps baking cookies to take to them; maybe making a card thanking them for being good neighbors; or helping to rake their leaves).

THANKFUL KIDS!

“Every parent’s dream, especially in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, is to have children who are thankful for God’s blessings and who desire to help others. However, as soon as November rolls around, it seems that the “gimmies” and “gotta haves” take over in the hearts and minds of most children. Changing attitudes starts at home, and it starts with you!” (Evans, *Parent Life*, November 2008).

In this month’s *Parent Life* magazine, author Jolene Evans gives parents eight different ideas on how to be intentional about teaching children to be thankful. Above all, it encourages us as parents to find opportunities to model for our children how to put others needs in front of our own...to find ways to reach out to friends, neighbors, even strangers, through acts of generosity and kindness.

If you would like to find some specific ideas you could implement within your family, pick up a copy of this magazine today outside your child’s classroom or at the welcome desk!

Other family resources you might want to check out:

- Josie’s Gift – a children’s book by Kathleen Long Bostrom
- Celebrating Special Times with Special People – book for families by Shirley Dobson and Gloria Gaither
- Give Thanks to the Lord – children’s book by K. Wilson
- Thanksgiving: A Harvest Celebration – children’s book by Julie Stiegemeier and Renne Benoit



UPCOMING:

Learning how to be grateful... through giving!

During the holidays, the Preschool Ministry will be supporting our IMPACT ministry with an infant resource drive.

Be watching for information to come home with your child in the weeks to come! We are very excited to have an opportunity to allow our little ones to learn about how God can use us to help meet the needs of others.