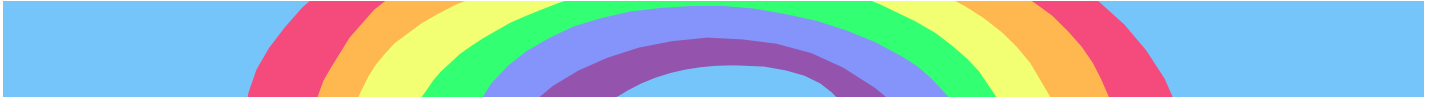


Sunday School Newsletter



This Month...

Wow...what a busy and exciting first quarter of 2010! We just wrapped up our first strategic planning session for the Sunday school last Saturday and came away with some great ideas and suggestions to continue to move forward in reaching our kids with the good news of Jesus Christ. I will be formulating the meeting into a document that will be shared with each teacher and parent of the Sunday school department.

I also wanted to let you know that we will begin practice for all Sunday school youth in grades 3rd through 8th this Sunday immediately following Sunday school (11:00am). Stacey Yovichin and Brad Webel will lead this group as they prepare to present a program for Easter on April 4th.

Lastly, I would encourage you to read through the entire newsletter as it includes many important dates and information and we head toward spring. There are even some creative Easter crafts and activities that you can do as a family, located on the last page. As always, please do not hesitate to let me know if you should have any concerns or suggestions!

In Christ,

Tom Troyer

HIDE-EM-IN- YOUR-HEART Verses of the Month

March 7-

21 Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

March 14-

22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?'

March 21-

23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

March 28-

24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:21 -24

Important Dates:



April 4 – Easter
No Sunday School

June 21-25:
Vacation Bible School
"High Seas Expedition"

May 15:
Cincinnati Creation Museum Trip

August 14:
Chicken BBQ & Choristers

Pre-K Class—Spring Curriculum

UNIT 1: Jesus Dies and Lives Again **March 21**

March 7:

Lesson 1: People Praise Jesus
Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11,15-16
Teacher: Darla Jivan

Lesson 3: Thomas Sees Jesus
Scripture: Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19
Teacher: Kaylee Jivan

March 14

Lesson 2: Jesus Dies and Lives Again

March 28

Lesson 4: Jesus Lives Today
Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20; John 21:1-14
Teacher: Darla Jivan



Happy Birthday!

March Birthdays

March 5
David Nold

March 26
Thomas Capela

March 28
Kate Lynn Capela

K-2nd Grade—Spring Curriculum

UNIT 1: Jesus Is Alive

Life Focus: Because Jesus is Alive **March 21**

March 7

Lesson 1: Praise Jesus
Scripture: Matt.21:1-17; Mark 11:1-11
Teacher: Cathy Webel

Lesson 3: Jesus' Friends Believe
Scripture: Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-31
Teacher: Cathy Webel

March 14

Lesson 2: Jesus Dies and Lives Again

March 28

Lesson 4: Jesus Lives Forever
Scripture: Matt. 28:16-20; Acts1:1-11
Teacher: Cathy Webel

Learning, Living, Sharing

Proverbs - Chapter 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

3rd – 5th Grade—Spring Curriculum

UNIT 1: Jesus is the Son of God who gives us everything we need to grow in our relationship with God.

March 7

Lesson 1: Living Water
Scripture: John 4:4-42
Teacher: Valerie Csepe

March 21

Lesson 3: The Good Shepherd
Scripture: John 10:1-20
Teacher: Valerie Csepe

March 14

Lesson 2: Bread of Life
Scripture: John 6:1-15, 25-51
Teacher: Valerie Csepe

March 28

Lesson 4: The Way
Scripture: John 12:12-15; 14:1-14
Teacher: Valerie Csepe



When:

Sunday school starts each Sunday at 10:00am sharp.

Where:

We meet back in the main Sunday school area.

What:

We begin each morning with prayer, followed by music and Hide-Em-In-Your-Heart. Youth are then dismissed to their Sunday school class.

Until:

Each class will end at approximately 11:05am. A teacher will escort each youth to the main sanctuary for together time.

6th – 8th Grade—Spring Curriculum

UNIT 1: Living As God's People, The Church

March 21

March 7

Lesson 1: Belonging to Christ's Church
Scripture: Matthew 16:13-18
Teacher: Roger Webel

Lesson 3: Identifying with Christ
Scripture: Matthew, John, Romans
Teacher: Roland Schmidt

March 14

Lesson 2: Doing Our Part in the Church
Scripture: Acts, 1 Corinthians, Ephesians

March 28

Lesson 4: Loving God's Family
Scripture: Acts 15:1-31
Teacher: Tim Webel

New 6th – 8th Grade Curriculum

We will be starting a new curriculum beginning in March from Accent Bible Curriculum. A new series will begin each quarter and will feature engaging discussions, while also providing an opportunity for each youth to have personal devotions during the week. This quarter will feature the theme "The Church" to promote living as God's people and reaching the world through the church. We will aim to learn about the church as people who belong to Christ and each other, while expanding our vision of people who need to hear the Gospel.



High Seas Expedition VBS-2010

I am currently seeking volunteers for this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS). I am looking for individuals to help in the following capacities:

- 1) Prayer
- 2) Decorations and Set-up
- 3) Community Outreach and Advertisement
- 4) Teachers
- 5) Snacks
- 6) Crafts
- 7) Games & Activities

The curriculum has been ordered and a date has been set. If you have any questions, or would like more information please let me know. Please pray about this wonderful and worthwhile program as we seek to lead our young people to Christ.

Easter Background

Explain to your children why we celebrate Easter:

At Easter Christians remember that our Savior Jesus was on a wooden cross. We believe that He is the Lamb world that died so that our sins would be forgiven and that through faith in Jesus, we will receive by grace, eternal life with God in heaven.



(Give Scripture verses that apply – John 3:16, 1 John 10:10 and any others.)

Jesus was crucified on a Friday, now called Good Friday and He rose from death three days later.

Easter falls at the same time as the Jewish Passover...and this is significant too. The name Passover comes from when the Angel of Death passed over the homes of the Jews in Egypt in the time of Moses. Since they had been forewarned, the Hebrews had put lambs' blood on the doors of their homes, so that death would spare their first born child.

Just as the angel of death passed over the homes of the Jews in Egypt, that were marked with the blood of the sacrificial lamb, so too we are delivered by the blood that Jesus shed for our sins on the cross.

Since the true significance of Easter has nothing to do with chocolate eggs and bunnies, there is nothing about them on the next page of Easter crafts and activities for kids.

I hope that you will start some new Easter traditions that remind your children of the act of salvation of Jesus on the cross by doing these activities and Easter crafts for kids.

SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR SOME EXAMPLES OF FUN EASTER ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS YOU CAN DO AS A FAMILY—

Information obtained from:

www.shirleys-preschool-activities.com/easter-crafts-for-kids.html

1. Movie - Prince of Egypt

After reading the Biblical account of the first Passover, watch the movie, [Prince of Egypt](#), with your children. It is an animated film that tells the story of the life of Moses until the time that he led the Hebrews out of Egypt and across the Red Sea.

2. Food - Matzoth

Matzoh is the traditional unleavened bread that is eaten during Passover. It is made of flour and water. It is a tradition which dates back to when the Hebrew slaves were finally free to leave Egypt. The Hebrew women did not have time to let their bread dough rise and so it turned out flat.

You can buy commercially made matzoh at your supermarket or make your own unleavened bread using the recipe which follows.

3. Easter recipe - Unleavened Bread

Ingredients

5 cups flour
1 2/3 sticks butter
1 pint whipping cream

Method

Mix together flour, butter and cream. Knead until mixed. Press onto cookie sheet and bake at 450 degrees F (or 230 degrees C) for 15 minutes or until lightly golden.

Unleavened bread originated as a result of God taking the children of Israel out of Egypt. They were in such a hurry to leave that they did not take the time to let their bread rise, thus the term 'unleavened' (or not lightened) bread. When the order was given to leave, they quickly packed their unbaked, bread dough into their back packs and started across the desert. The desert heat baked the bread into flat matzah. Actually any kosher bread recipe can be used as long as you DO NOT ALLOW it to rise. You can buy unleavened bread in many stores today, it is called matzah, matso, matzos or (pl) matzoth.

4. Easter Poem - Jelly Beans

You will need to buy a small packet of jelly beans or other candy that contains sweets of each color mentioned below.

Red is for the blood He gave.
Green is for the grass He made.
Yellow is for the sunflowers so bright.
Black is for the dark of night.
White is for the grace He gave.
Orange is for the sun He made.
Purple is for the hours of sorrow.
Pink is for our new tomorrow.
A bag full of jelly beans,
colorful and sweet.
It's a prayer, a promise,
and a child's treat.

5. Easter Picture - Golgotha Silhouette

You will need

Drawing paper
Black wax crayon
Paint brush
Water color paints or diluted food coloring (red and/or blue)

Method -Create a silhouette of three crosses on a hill (like the one further up this page). Draw the outlines for your children if they can't do it alone. Let them color in the mound of the hill and the three crosses with a black wax crayon. Wash over it with water color paints or diluted food coloring to make a sunset (shades of red) or dark blue/purple sky – remember it became dark in the afternoon when Jesus died. Mix the red and blue to create purple. Add glitter and stars to the sky if you like – use star stickers or draw star with white wax crayon before you wash over the picture.