

Hi Church Family!

It is the time of year where we head into the busy holiday season, packed with events and activities. I wanted to update you all on what will be going on in Kidslife for your kids this year.

Christmas Eve Service Performance:

Our Kindergarten-6th grade group of kids will be performing a song during the Christmas Eve Services this year. The song is "Joy to the World," and we will be using the version by Hillsong Worship on the *Christmas: The Peace Project* album. Your children will be learning motions to the song and we need your help to make this performance successful. You will have access to two videos, a tutorial and our worship video, so that you can learn and practice the motions with your children. We will be practicing the song once every Sunday during Kidslife worship. We will also host a practice night on December 16th from 4-5PM. If your child cannot make it to the rehearsal but would like to perform, let me know.

Christmas Eve Services are going to be at 4PM and 6PM. Due to the large number of children that we have, we are asking you as a family to pick which service you will attend and let me know through email by December 15th so that I can figure out how many children will be performing at each service. If I don't hear from you by the 15th, I will assign a service to your child so that our numbers can be even between the two services. If you have a preference, it is imperative that I hear from you by the 15th.

Children are not required to perform on Christmas Eve, but highly encouraged to do so. If your child wishes not to participate, please let me know so that I do not plan on them being there.

Christmas Curriculum:

This year our elementary age children are going to be going through a 4-week ADVENT series that will be highly focused on the Gospel. Younger children will also be focusing in on the true meaning of Christmas and learning about the first Christmas when Jesus was born.

Stay plugged in to what your child is learning during Christmas all year long through our AT HOME blog, updated each Monday afternoon. Included are lesson summaries and ways for you to interact at home and as a family with what your child is learning on Sunday mornings. We have seen a large amount of success and growth in the children whose families are interacting with our curriculum throughout the week.



AT HOME Week of December 2-9

Toddlers:

We are working hard to begin bringing fun activities and short lessons and songs to your children 2 and younger. We know the success of small concepts, fun songs that we can sing over and over again with this age group. So we are looking for ways to help your children begin to learn about Jesus from the youngest possible age. This month, in December, we are trying out quite a few things. Here is the lesson we will be using every week this month. It would be a great thing for you to say at home as well:

**Today a Savior has been born.
God sent baby Jesus to be born.
Mary is glad baby Jesus is born.
Joseph is glad baby Jesus is born.
The angels are glad baby Jesus is born.
The shepherds are glad baby Jesus is born.
God sent baby Jesus to be born.
I am glad baby Jesus is born.
Today a Savior has been born.**



AT HOME Week of December 2-9

Preschool & Kindergarten:

December 2: We learned that an angel named Gabriel told Mary to get ready for baby Jesus. (Luke 1:26-38)

Bible Story Questions

-Who did God send to Mary? The angel.

-What was the message from the angel? Mary was going to have a baby, God's Son.

-Why did Mary get ready for baby Jesus? Children will have had to listen carefully to the story to hear that Mary wanted to do what God told her and to be a good mother. Some children will have no problems answering this question while others may say "I don't know."

-Who can we get ready for? We can get ready for baby Jesus.

Bible Memory Verse

"A Savior Has Been Born." Luke 2:11

December 9: We will learn that Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem where Baby Jesus was born! (Luke 2:1-7)



AT HOME Week of December 2-9

1st-6th Grade:

December 2: We began our four-part ADVENT series this week. We discussed the virtue of HOPE. Our main points for your child to review are:

- God's promises bring hope. (Promise to Adam and Eve to crush sin, Genesis 3:15)
- God's faithfulness brings hope. (Promise to Abraham and Sarah to give them Isaac and to give them a nation larger than the number of stars in the sky. God was faithful to provide a ram to sacrifice in place of Isaac on the mountain.)
 - On our word wall, we define faithfulness as loyalty and the keeping of promises.
- God's plans bring hope. (Promise to make David king. Promise to give Israel a future King who would save them through David's bloodline: King Jesus.)

We also discussed the Gospel (good news) and the plan of salvation. We discussed how faith in God requires action.

Questions to Ask Your Child:

-Do you remember what brings hope? (God's promises, faithfulness, and plans)

-Can you tell me what the Gospel is? (Sin enters, Jesus comes, Jesus dies and raises from the dead to defeat sin, We can have faith)

-What was the illustration made with the chair? (We had to prove our belief that the chair would hold our weight, not just say that we believe, just like we have to follow Jesus, not just know about him.)