



parenting CHRISTIAN kids



What We're Learning:
Here is an overview of what we will learn during small groups & Kids Church.

Feb. 5- Nehemiah Heard News

Feb. 12- Jerusalem's Wall Rebuilt

Feb. 19- Ezra Read the Law

Feb. 26- Malachi the Prophet

A Quick Word From Tyler

What do you love?

What are some things that you love? We all love something and most of us love a variety of different things. We say we love things that range from food, hobbies, friends or family. We use the word love very widely and hopefully we use it differently.

If you love golf as much as you love your wife then men you will have a problem. Or if you love cupcakes as much as you love your kids then you will also have a problem.

Your kids perceive the things you love. They are very perceptive in that way. Many times your kids will begin to love the things you love. Your favorite sports team will likely be your kid's favorite sport team. Families build great traditions over their mutual love of a sports team. It is just a natural part of life.

If the things you love will likely become the same things your kids love then what things do you love that will bring lasting love to your child?

Is your love of God so evident in your life that your child will want to love God like you? Or what if we think about it this way? Do you want your child to love God like you do?

What about your love for God's Word? Is that something you can say is strong in your life? Pastor Charlie preached recently and challenged us to be devoted to growing in your faith this year. If we want to grow in our faith then we must spend time in God's Word. It is paramount to our spiritual growth.

We all love a lot of things and your kids will likely pick up some of

those same passions that you have but will they pick up the right ones? How can you show your kids you love God? How can you show your kids that you love God's Word?

Those are great questions to ponder and inside the pages of this newsletter is some great information on how to instill a deep love for God's Word in the heart of your children. But the best way for your kids to know and learn from your affection for God is to see you authentically loving God with your whole heart, mind and soul.

In Christ,
- Tyler

Instill a Deep Love for the Bible



TEACHABLE MOMENTS

Knot a Problem!

Together, read 2 Timothy 3:16 once or twice. Have everyone try writing (or saying) the verse in their own words.

Next, take a one-foot length of rope or clothesline. Say: **I'm going to hold one end of the rope in each hand and tie a knot without letting go of the ends. It seems impossible, right?**

Let family members try to come up with a solution. After a few minutes, lay the rope out straight on a table. Cross your arms over your chest, lean over, and pick up the ends of the rope with your arms still crossed. Then unfold your arms to reveal the tied knot.

Say: **Without God's guidance in the Bible, it's impossible to make good decisions. The Bible teaches us to do what's right and how to love as God loves us. Without the Bible, it's impossible to know how to live a life of love that pleases God.**

Close in prayer: **Thank you, God, for communicating with us through your Word, the Bible. Help us read it often to learn about you. Amen.**

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These age-appropriate guidelines from *Children's Ministry Magazine* will help you tailor the Bible's message to your children as they grow.

Ages 2 to 5 Preschoolers' attention span is only two to 10 minutes. They learn by touching objects and through repetition. Paraphrase Bible accounts and highlight only main points.

Ages 6 to 9 By this age, children's attention span is 10 to 20 minutes. They think concretely and focus on people's actions. Provide more details, and then let kids share a Bible passage in their own words.

Ages 10 to 12 Most preteens have heard many Bible accounts often. They need to know, "So what?" Offer modern-day applications, because kids learn more when they see how God's Word applies to them personally.

Act It Out If your children enjoy playing pretend and dress up, encourage them to act out various Bible accounts. Read directly from the Bible and then help kids search for fun props (a stuffed whale for Jonah, building blocks for the wall of Jericho, a doll for baby Jesus, and so on).

"The B-I-B-L-E" Many children absorb new information quickly through music. Plus, it's fun! At home or in the car, sing songs about Bible people and events. Many praise songs come directly from Scripture verses.

The Ultimate Group Project More than 40 people wrote the Bible throughout 1,500 years in three different languages. Yet the book fits together perfectly! What if your family decided to write a book and each person was responsible for a chapter or two? What would you each write about? The book might be interesting, but it wouldn't fit together. Ask family members to each write (or tell) a description of the same movie. Compare to see how similar or different the descriptions are. Next, read how different Bible writers present the same event; for example, see Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; and Luke 3:21-22.

Hide God's Word in Your Heart If you want your kids to learn Bible verses, keep it simple and fun. For longer passages, family members can each read a different section and retell it in their own words.

I Can See Clearly Now Have family members each try drawing two self-portraits—one while blindfolded and one while they can see. Then compare the results. Ask: "What was the difference in the outcome when you could see?" Say: "The Bible helps us see ourselves clearly. It tells us how God sees us, too. God loves each of us!" Read aloud James 1:22-25. Ask: "What do these verses tell us about the Bible?" Say: "The Bible comes to us straight from God. We can follow its directions and clearly see the way to go in life."

Breathe Easy Take turns seeing how far you can read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 in one breath. (Younger kids can blow out their breath while someone reads.) After several tries, read the verses normally. Ask: "What do these verses say about the Bible? Why is the Bible important? How does Jesus speak to us through the Bible?" Say: "One thing Jesus shares in the Bible is his love. To hear more about that, keep reading the Bible!"

"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. The teaching of your word gives light, so even the simple can understand."

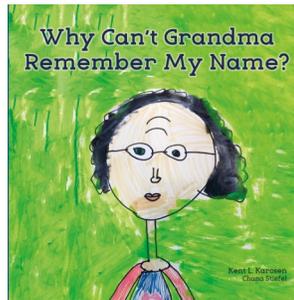
—Psalm 119:105, 130

MEDIA MADNESS



MOVIE

Title: *The Space Between Us*
Genre: Adventure, Drama, Romance
Rating: PG-13
Cast: Asa Butterfield, Britt Robertson, Carla Gugino, Gary Oldman
Synopsis: Gardner, 16, is the first human born on Mars. After striking up an online friendship with a girl in Colorado, he visits Earth for the first time—only to experience major culture shock. When Gardner's health fails, he goes on the run with his friend, trying to figure out his place in the universe.
Our Take: Older children and preteens will be drawn to this interplanetary tale. It can spark good discussions about friendship, loneliness, sacrifices, and people's differences. Also, talk with preteens about where they find their identity and sense of belonging.



BOOK

Title: *Why Can't Grandma Remember My Name?*
Author: Kent Karosen & Chana Stiefel
Synopsis: This picture book, which has drawings by children and Alzheimer's patients, offers helpful guidance for families dealing with the disease. Geared toward children ages 4 to 7, the book tackles questions such as "Will Grandma get worse?" and "How can I have fun with Grandma?" Proceeds go to Alzheimer's research.
Our Take: Many families have relatives or friends who are affected by Alzheimer's. More than 5 million Americans have the disease, which is on the rise because of our country's aging population. This is a positive way to help children understand and relate to people with Alzheimer's.

Games, Sites & Apps

Gravity Rush 2

In this follow-up to the popular PlayStation title, players can manipulate levels of gravity as they go on missions. The main characters, Kat and Raven, engage in battles with humanoid enemies. The entire game takes 20 to 40 hours to complete.

Kiva.org

This micro-loan site is ideal for families who want to make a big difference with a little money. Parents and children can select a borrower from a variety of categories and countries. You receive updates as the loan is repaid and can keep loaning that amount out to someone new.

1600

This new free app by the White House Historical Association lets users take an augmented-reality tour of 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. By pointing a smartphone camera at a dollar bill, you'll see an interactive, 3D video of the White House and its many activities. Best for ages 7 and up.

This page is designed to help educate parents and isn't meant to endorse any movie, music, or product. Our goal is to help you make informed decisions about what your children watch, read, listen to, and play.



CULTURE & TRENDS

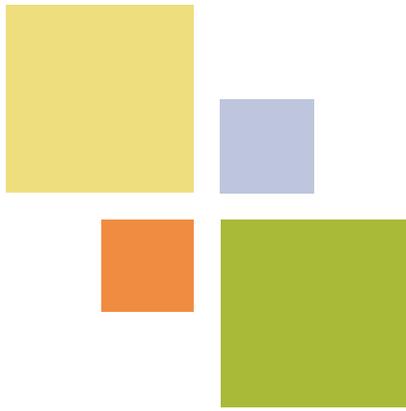
Activity and Activism With the UNICEF Kid Power Band, children can change the world while getting exercise. The Fitbit-like bracelet has a mobile app that encourages physical activity with videos from stars. When kids earn points by meeting their step goals, UNICEF sends food packets to hungry children around the world. (unicefkidpower.org)

Built for Play While working at Lego's experimental lab in Denmark, Carlos Arturo Torres designed Iko, a prosthetic arm that accommodates a variety of toy-like attachments. The arm, which encourages play with friends, is expected to be cheaper than regular prostheses. (designawards.core77.com)

QUICK STATS

Disconnect About 5 million U.S. families with school-age children don't have broadband Internet access at home. Meanwhile, 70% of teachers give assignments requiring web access. (Time.com)

I'm Sorry In a survey, 96% of parents said it's important for their child to apologize when he or she intentionally does something to upset someone else. And 88% said it's important for kids to apologize when they upset someone by mistake. (thenewsminute.com)



February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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