

Heartland KIDS Newsletter

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Warmer weather & sunshine make me think of summer and that means VBS. I think this is the most exciting week of the year! I am excited to let you know we will be doing Go Fish Praise VBS this year. VBS is July 19-23 in the evening. Mark your calendars because you don't want to miss it.

Exciting things continue to happen in Children's Ministry and VBS is by far the most exciting to see what God does with 1 week. I would LOVE to have you be a part of VBS. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering.

Together with you.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Children's Ministry at Heartland Evangelical Free Church exists to help fulfill the mission of our church. Our goal is to assist in raising up a faithful generation of children that **come, follow and serve**.

CALENDAR

Children's Church

First Service during the sermon time

Awana

March 18 Joke Night

March 25 NO Awana

Sunday School

Every Sunday-ages 2 through 6th grade

BIBLE CHALLENGE

for families

Read the Bible as a family 4 out of 7 days each week the month of February. Stop by the Heartland KIDS slat wall for Bible reading calendar.

Here at Heartland we want kids to GROW in their faith. I once heard someone use the acronym GROW to remind us how we can promote growth. This goes for us as parents and for our kids.

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Go to church

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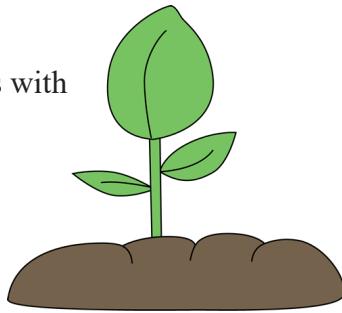
Read your Bible

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Obey what you read

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Witness or share Jesus with others



What kids are learning on Sundays in February

Sunday School

In Sunday School we use Answers Bible Curriculum (ABC) from Answers in Genesis. ABC takes kids through the Bible chronologically (Genesis-Revelation) Here at Heartland that will take us 6 years. During that time the kids will learn that the Bible is trustworthy, God's redemptive plan, God's characteristics, basic apologetics, and life application. In March we are continuing in the book of Exodus studying the life of Moses and the Israelites. Here is a breakdown of what we are learning:

March 1 God Gives the 10 Commandments-Ex 19 & 20

March 8 God Punishes Idolatry-Ex 20

March 15 God Dwells Among His People-Ex 25-31

March 22 Review

March 29 Moses Sends the Spies-Ex 23 & Num13-14

April 5 God Judges Rebellion-Num 16

Children's Church

In Children's Church we use Bible Studies for Life Worship Hour. The goal of the curriculum is to help them be more like Jesus. As we study the stories of the Bible, we look at what we can learn and apply to our lives.

Last month in Children's Church we looked at the life of individuals in the Old Testament who trusted God. In March we will study the life of Jesus and his teachings.

March 1 Jesus Reads the Scriptures-Luke 4:16-22

March 8 The Sermon on the Mount-Matthew 5-7

March 15 Jesus Taught About Forgiveness-Matthew 18:21-35

March 22 Jesus Told 3 Parables-Luke 15

March 29 Jesus Taught About Giving-Mark12:41-44 & Luke 21:1-4

In April we will be looking at Jesus, Our Savior.

NURSERY CORNER

Fruit of the Spirit for Toddlers

For our children, character training begins at home. Teaching the Fruits of the Spirit is a wonderful way we can begin to "train up a child in the way he should go" Proverbs 22:6.

Fruit of the Spirit: FAITHFULNESS

Memory Verse: Psalm 117:2 For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. (ESV)

Lesson: God helps us to stick with Him and with others even when it's hard.

Read: The story of Daniel in the Lion's den (Daniel 6)

Discuss: Why was Daniel put in the Lion's den? Why didn't he want to do what the king said? What would you have done in Daniel's position? How do you think he felt? How do you think God felt? What does faithfulness mean? Have you ever struggled to stick with God? What helped you? How does God stick with us?

Activity: Put a hole in the bottom of a paper cup. Thread a string through and knot the end inside the bottom of the cup. Secure the knot with tape. Tape a ping-pong ball onto the other end of the string. Now try to catch the ball inside the cup!

Pray: Think about the cup and ball game and how you really needed to stick with it and keep going even though it was hard. Spend time asking God to help you to stick with Him even when it is hard because, like in the game, there will also be joyful, victorious times! Write your prayers on the cup to decorate it.

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