

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

This week, our TapKids will learn that being the church means loving the city God has placed us in. Our Scripture passage this week will come from Matthew 22: 34-40. Let's encourage our children to ask God to show us how we can love our neighbors in our city and community.

Pick and choose as a family throughout the week to do:

- Draw a picture of a medical professional, truck driver, restaurant worker, farmer, garbageman, janitor, mailman, pastor, or teacher.
- Write a thank you letter as a family to some of the people listed above and let them know you are praying for them. Include the picture too!
- Read Matthew 22: 34-40 together as a family.
- Discuss together as a family a small shop or business you love to visit as a family and why you love it.
- Spend 5 minutes praying for small shop owners and in what ways can you support them?
- Memorize Exodus 15:26 together as a family.
- Explain what Shalom is. Pray that God would come and heal our city of this virus and bring Shalom here.
- Talk with your kids about what makes them feel cared for and share what makes you feel loved. Brainstorm ways you can love people in your community and city as a family.

A QUICK WORD TO PARENTS

We're busy trying to juggle working from home, cooking meals throughout the day, cleaning up messes every 10 minutes, sending out emails, breaking up fights, helping our kids with their school work, all while Zooming. *We're exhausted.*

May I offer up some encouragement? Now is not the time to add more to our plates. And now is not the time to add more for our kids either. They don't need to feel busy. They need to feel safe, and they need to feel loved.

Connection to each other as a family and to the Lord together is our utmost goal. We want to encourage you to simply spend **20 minutes of connection**, of no distractions, no phones of sitting down with your children and spending time to connect with them and God together. Model peace in a turbulent time.

UPCOMING NEWS!

Make sure you're following our TapKids instagram page as we will be finding new ways to connect with you and your family during this time. We will begin with an Instagram Live Bedtime Story time at 7 P.M. on Thursdays with Pastor Sherine and Stacy. We also have a TapKids service and Tapestry Youth service on Sundays you can stream together as a family! We encourage you to worship together and sing as a family with the rest of the church family and then have the kids watch the children's services.