**The Drive-Home Newsletter**

December 10th, 2017

Greetings wonderful LCC Parents! Sometimes, it is really hard to start a conversation about what happened in Church that day. Questions like “What did you learn today” get met with answers like “About GOD.” Hopefully, this newsletter is helpful in letting you know what the kids are learning about, as well as equipping you with questions to help go deeper in your family’s walk with GOD. GOD Bless!

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**This week in Sunday School**

Joseph’s Dreams come true

**Preschool:**  We played a game of “I Spy” talking about how Joseph’s dreams helped Joseph knew the future like a good spy. We made patterns with construction paper where one person would make a pattern and we would all copy the leaders pattern talking about how we did not know what patterns to make until we were shown and how GOD showed Joseph what patterns to make. We talked about the connection between Joseph and Jesus. Finally, we sculpted food out of playdoh.

* Who is Joseph?
* Did Joseph punish his brothers for what they did to him?

**K-2nd:** Today we talked about how Joseph was able to predict the coming famine with the Pharoh’s dream. When Joseph’s brothers arrived in Egypt to buy some grain, they were surprised to see their brother was a powerful leader in Egypt. Instead of punishing the brothers for trying to harm him, Joseph forgave them and showed them grace. We played a game acting out emotions, talked about what it must’ve been like for Joseph to be separated from his family, and the importance of forgiveness. We also learned the meaning of **GOD sending Joseph to Egypt to establish a remnant.**

* What is a remnant?
* Why did Joseph forgive his brothers? What is that called?

**3rd-5th:** We discussed Joseph, the bad things that happened to him and how what man meant it for evil, GOD made it for good. Wrote that phrase on cups and made a pyramid out of them. Finally, we broke down the verses and discussed how GOD established a remnant through Joseph.

* How does GOD use evil for good?
* What is a remnant?

**This week in Children’s Church**

We talked about how we are waiting for GOD during this time of Advent. Then, we talked about what mercy is and how when we get angry, we have a choice to either show mercy and be kind to that person or not. We talked about the story of Jesus and the crippled man and asked who showed mercy to the crippled man.

* What is mercy?

**Coming up This Week**

Join us for Wednesday night kid’s club this week! Dinner starts at 5:30 and programming starts at 6:15. Hope to see you there!

December 17: Kids will be singing in the Sunday service, we will start rehearsing the songs on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings in November.

**Keep in Mind**

Jesus’s Birthday Party will be during Kid’s Club on December 20th. Bring a birthday treat to share!

**Advent Devotional week 2: Mary**

While you color and prepare the Mary for your nativity scene, read and talk about the following.

Read: Luke 1:26-38

When we talked about the shepherds, we said that the first people told about Jesus’s birth was not the wealthy or the rulers, but the normal people. Mary is the same way; she is someone unknown. Mary is not a queen or rich, but GOD decided to use her anyway, and she accepts the responsibility humbly. Mary grew up listening to the promise that a savior would come one day. A promise so old that it may sound more like a legend than fact, then she is told that she would play a crucial role in it. We see how she reacts:

Read: Luke 1:39-55

Mary goes to see her cousin, who is pregnant with John the Baptist, and the marvelous news Mary heard from the Angel is confirmed! The joy those two women felt is easy to feel just by reading their reactions. In this moment, Mary sings praise to GOD.

Suggested questions:

Preschoolers

* How do you think Mary felt when she found out she was going to give birth to Jesus?
* Last week we talked about promises, how do you think you will feel when GOD fulfills his promise to return?

K-2nd graders

* What is your happiest memory?
* What do we do when we see that GOD has done something good?

3rd-5th graders

* What stands out to you most from Mary’s Song? Why?
* Why and how do we praise GOD?
* Why do you think GOD told the shepherds first?
* What are some things we wait for? What are we waiting for from GOD?