**The Drive-Home Newsletter**

December 3rd, 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**

GOD’s plan for Joseph

**Preschool:** We played a game where we listened to Ms. Angela as she pretended to dream and her dreams told us where to go. We learned that GOD talked to Joseph through dreams, and had a special plan for Joseph, even though a lot of things went wrong.

* What happened to Joseph?
* What was GOD’s plan for Joseph?

**K-2nd:** We talked about Joseph’s early and how even when things go wrong, GOD has a plan and we looked at that in Joseph’s life. The brothers were jealous because Joseph was the favorite. We told the full story of Joseph. The pit, prison, Potiphar’s house, pharaoh’s service. Made a multicolored robe with construction paper. Made a map of where GOD had gone, colored a large coat.

* What happened to Joseph? There was a lot.

**3rd-5th:** We talked about the good and bad things that we did this week. Then we tried to figure out what GOD taught us through the bad things. We played a running game to get the wiggles out and help remember the different dreams of Joseph. After reading the story, we answered true and false questions using thumbs up or downs. Finally, we talked about some of the small details, and asked why are these small details in the Bible.

* Why does the Bible tell us the occupations and roles of the two prisoners with Joseph?
* What happened to Joseph?

**This week in Children’s Church**

**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 3rd: Kids will be singing Christmas Carols at Winchester house after church! No preparation needed, come and sing with us!

December 3rd and 10th we will meet immediately after the service for 20 min in the choir room to practice the songs and chimes for the performance on December 17th. With the band

December 10th: Second Sunday! After practicing our chimes in the choir room, join us at the Old School Forest Preserve sledding hill if there is snow, or to see the new children’s Christmas movie: The Star! Details will be sent out through email this week, keep an eye out!

**Keep in Mind**

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

**Advent Devotional week 1: The Shepherds and the people**

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

Read: Isaiah 7:14-16

Isaiah lived 700 years before Jesus, and told the people that bad times were coming, but GOD had already promised Jesus to save them. So the people watched and waited, they waited 700 years until…

Read: Luke 2:8-20

The first people who were told about Jesus’s birth were not the rulers or the wealthy or the special people, but the normal people. People like you and me who had been waiting for Jesus to come. They had finally received the good news, their savior was here.

Now, each advent season, we continue to wait. We celebrate the first time that Jesus came, but we also wait and watch for the day that he will come again and make this world perfect again.

Suggested questions:

Preschoolers

* GOD promised Israel that he would send a savior. Did GOD keep his promise? What has GOD promised us?
* How do you think the shepherds felt when they heard the news?

K-2nd graders

* What is something you are waiting for? Relate how long the kids have to wait to the 700 years.
* How do you think the shepherds felt when they heard the news?

3rd-5th graders

* Why do you think GOD told the shepherds first?
* What are some things we wait for? What are we waiting for from GOD?