## Children's Ministry Fall 2024

This time of year is when everything seems to get extra busy. School activities, birthday parties, sports practices and games, holidays, etc. all begin to fill up the calendar. For many families, parents are having to divide and conquer to get everyone where they need to be at all times. This can really start to limit the times when the whole family can be together. We have several opportunities over the next

couple of months for your family to come together:

- 1. Outdoor worship service on Oct 27 at 10:30am
- 2. Fall Festival on Oct 27 from 4-6pm
- 3. Christmas Tree Scavenger Hunt in mid December (With some new updates coming this year!)
- 4. Christmas Eve Service

Also, the Advent season is approaching, so now is a great time to start finding a good family devotional or study to use to bring the family together for a time of worship and reflection. As a staff we are always trying to find resources to help our families and try to make this task easier. Whether you have itty bitties or older elementary and teens, we would love to be able to point you in the right direction. There are several books that are in my office for families to look over and try to find the one that fits each family best.

Here are some of my favorite Advent resources:

- Little Hearts Prepare Him Room by Holly Mackle
- 2. Wonders of His Love by Champ Thornton
- 3. Family Tree of Christ Advent cards by Tiny **Theologians**

The resource is a great place to start, but the most important part is coming together as a family to worship and celebrate the promise fulfilled by Jesus's birth!

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October:

2 Corinthians 4:13-15

November: Psalm 100:1-5

December: Luke 2:10-14

# **Upcoming Events:**

D groups meet Sundays @9am Wed. nights at 6:15 through Oct.

No D Groups: 10/13, 11/24, 12/1

Fall Festival is 10/27 from 4-6pm

Kindergarteners - 6th graders will sing on Christmas Eve



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## Here's a summary of what the kids are learning:

#### **Nursery- Kindergarten:**

Sept 15 - Oct 13: God created the universe out of nothing. The eternal God rules over His creation. Everything was created to give glory to God the Father through His Son, Jesus, but people chose to reject God's good plan. The whole Bible reveals how Jesus came to restore the relationship between God and humanity.

Oct 20 - Nov 10: God's faithfulness is demonstrated in His fulfillment of the promises He made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The promises of God are not dependent upon the understanding or faithfulness of man. He is always faithful to keep His promises. God's covenant with Abraham, that all people would be blessed through his family, is a promise that points to Jesus as the hope of the world.

Nov 17 - Dec 8 - God is in control of all things in heaven and on earth. Nothing is outside of His good plan. We see this in the lives of Jacob, Joseph, and Job. God is a faithful promise keeper who is always present with His people despite their difficulties and suffering.

### **Elementary kids:**

Sept 15 - Oct 20: During His earthly ministry, Jesus performed a number of amazing miracles. He calmed storms, healed sickness, fed multitudes, and more. Each miracle was done out of compassion for people, but also to prove that He is the Son of God.

Oct 27 -Dec 8: Jesus taught like no one else—as One who has authority. Everything Jesus taught about revealed what God's kingdom is like, the kingdom that Jesus had come to establish in full.

Dec 15: Even though Jesus performed amazing miracles, including raising someone from the dead, the religious leaders rejected Jesus and managed to turn the people against Him too. Their sinful hearts were hard. Even this rejection, however, was part of God's plan to bring salvation to the world.

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# CHRISTMAS

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES COMING SOON!