



January 2019

# parenting CHRISTIAN kids

## JBC Kids

### Question Corner

**Q: What is the Bible Reading plan for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders? How much do they read, and where do I find it? Do they get prizes for completing it?**

**A:** We have developed our own Bible Reading plan at JBC for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at a beginner's level. It is about a page a day (not a chapter a day as some chapters are 3 verses long and some are 6 pages long). They read about ¼ of the Bible in a year. We cover 18 weeks in the Old Testament (We always read Genesis then trade off in other O.T. books) 5 week of Psalms, 6 weeks of Proverbs, and 22 weeks in the New Testament. We have a 3 year cycle to try to cover most books of the Bible. We hand out and put the Bible reading program on the JBC website so that it is easy to access for parents. When the student reaches the 6<sup>th</sup> grade they transition to the youth Bible reading plan. We have Rising Generation Parties (for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders) 3 times a year in which we give prizes to kids who have completed the reading program for that semester. Jeff Carter & Janet Lee organize these parties & Bible reading programs if you have other questions.



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### Director's Column

January is the beginning of a new year! At JBC that means new goals! Have you written some goals for the year? Have you talked to your kids about writing some goals for the year? The best ways to keep your goals are to share them with someone who will ask or remind you about them (and your children would enjoy doing that!) You can make some simple family goals of attending church, reading your Bibles and having prayer times together. You can have some fun goals of going camping or a ball game or movie nights. Maybe some academic goals of a math quiz contest or a reading marathon, the sky is the limit! Pastor Dee says; "Write it down and make it measureable. Read your goals 3 times a week and share them with someone." Try it, it can work

The Children's Ministry leadership team consists of Janet Lee, Kathy Williams & Patty Duke.

Questions? Contact us at [kids@jbc.church](mailto:kids@jbc.church)

**5 DAYS OF PRAYER**  
**JANUARY 28 – FEB 1**  
**5AM–10AM**  
**5PM–10PM**  
 UPSTAIRS IN THE DISCIPLESHIP CENTER

**Parenting Dessert**  
**Friday, January 25**  
**7pm in the Gym**  
**Don't miss this great time of teaching by Pastor Dee Duke!**  
 \$5 PER COUPLE TO COVER COST OF FOOD & CHILDCARE!  
 SIGN UP FOR CHILDCARE BY JAN 20 IN FOYER OR WITH LEAH CARTER!  
 Contact Leah Carter 503-602-6795

**God Created You With a Purpose**

**POWERSOURCE**

**ASK JESUS:**

1. To help your children realize they are wonderfully made—in God's image.
2. To remind family members they each have a God-given purpose.
3. To reveal his plans for each person, no matter his or her age.

Because January is a time for new beginnings, let's go back to the *very* beginning. Genesis, the Bible's first book, starts with the words "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Over six days, God made the entire world and everything in it.

Young children are usually intrigued by the creatures God fashioned to fill the air, water, and land. Most children's Bibles colorfully depict the variety of marvelous animals God made. Yet it's also important to emphasize God's final creative act before resting: making people in his own image.

Humans weren't just God's grand experiment; instead, our Creator has a specific purpose and plan for each of

his beloved children. As kids grow, they often wonder, "Why am I here?" or "What am I supposed to do with my life?"

The main reason God created people is because he wants to have a relationship with us. Our ultimate purpose is to love God and to believe in his Son, Jesus. By growing closer to God through his Word and through prayer, we can begin discovering what specific plans he has in store for our lives. As Ephesians 2:10 (NLT) says, "We are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

Read on for some active experiences that reinforce what God made and how he created us with a purpose.

## How do we train our kids to be spiritual champions for God?

Do our kids turn out to be strong Christians by just bringing them to church? No. Our Children's Ministry Mission Statement at Jefferson Baptist Church is "To assist parents in training their children in God's ways." We know that is a very difficult job, so we want to provide some tools for parents. Here at JBC, we focus on several ways to achieve this goal:

### **1) Teaching children about Christ.** (Classes during weekend services)

You can make this a more productive experience by asking a few questions after their class. What/who was the lesson about? How did that make you think about your life, and what God wants you to do? Also, you can follow up the lesson by talking about it during the week. Some classes have a take home paper with ideas you can do with your child.

### **2) Teaching children to pray** (prayer events 4 times per year plus weekly prayer times)

This month we have our prayer event the week of Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00-10:00 am & 5:00-10:00 pm. We will be praying for our many missionaries around the world! There will be more information in the bulletin. The next prayer event will be before Easter.

### **3) Teaching children to read their Bibles** (Bible reading plans & programs begin at 4<sup>th</sup> gr)

The Rising Generation age group (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades) have a Bible reading plan with prizes that are handed out at our 3 parties through-out the year. The January RG party with Bible reading plans & prizes is Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 6:00-8:30 pm. This beginning Bible reading plan is about ¼ of the Bible in a year. The reading increases as the child goes into the youth program. The next party will be Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **4) Teaching children to memorize God's Word**(AWANA club on Wed nights)

This is an important discipline, but unfortunately not done often by children or adults. Our AWANA program is a fun way to get your kids memorizing verses and you can do it with them! Our AWANA meets Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm from September thru April and is for kids 4 years thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade, with independent study for 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.

### **5) Teaching children to serve** (special serving events)

In November we have Operation Christmas child, Angel tree & Thanksgiving basket collections. In the summer we have ServeInc where we help paint a building or do landscaping in our community. Keep your eyes peeled for information in the church bulletin about upcoming events. You can also teach a KidZone children's class together as a family.

### **6) Teaching children to outreach to their unsaved friends** (Invite to VBS or Trunk or Treat)

These fun outreach events make it easy to invite unsaved friends and family. This year's VBS is June 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> from 9am-noon for ages 4-11 years. Be thinking now who you can invite from your neighborhood, your family or friends. Trunk or Treat is always October 31<sup>st</sup>

By Janet Lee, Kathy Williams & Patty Duke



## TEACHABLE MOMENTS

### God's Plan Boxes

You'll need a Bible, one medium-size box per family member, wrapping paper, and decorating supplies such as markers and stickers. Decorate your boxes, making sure they still open.

Afterward, say: **Let's store in these boxes reminders of how God uses challenges to do great things in our lives. For example, you can add a ribbon from a sports event to remind you of the satisfaction that comes from practice. Or you can include a note of encouragement you receive.**

Read aloud Psalm 33:11. Ask: **What does this Bible verse say about God's plans for you? What are some amazing things God has already done in your life?**

Read aloud Psalm 40:4-5. Ask: **Why do you think God takes the time to make plans for each of us? Why is it important to follow God's plan?**

Close in prayer, thanking God for making each of you "on purpose."

## Everything God Made Is Good!

After creating the world, God called it good. What an understatement! In fact, God's work is *incredible!* Whether you look at creation up close or from far off, you must admit it's amazing. God thought up the tiniest bug and the largest planet. And he created people—not merely to populate his world but to share him and his love with others. We've never needed God's love more. Although human sinfulness marred his perfect world, God never gives up on us. Instead, he faithfully continues working through his imperfect creations to fulfill a perfect plan.

**Time to Create!** Make clay by squishing together for five minutes 1 cup flour, 1/3 cup salt, and 1/3 cup tap water. Create a never-seen-before animal or plant. Name the creation and compare it to something God made in Genesis 1.

**Wonderfully Made** Read aloud Psalm 139:14. Call out body parts, and have family members name good uses for each one. For example, "God gave me hands to help others," or "I use my ears to listen to teachers." Then hold hands and repeat the first part of the verse four times.

**Creation Snack Mix** Make a treat to represent what God created:

Day 1: Light and dark (*mini Oreo cookies*)

Day 2: Sky and ground (*Frosted Mini-Wheats cereal*)

Day 3: Trees, grass, and flowers (*stick pretzels, green and red M&M's candies*)

Day 4: Sun, moon, and stars (*orange and yellow M&M's candies*)

Day 5: Birds and fish (*Goldfish crackers*)

Day 6: People, plus all animals that walk on the ground (*animal cookies*)

Day 7: God rested (*marshmallow "pillows"*) and saw that everything he made was good (*enjoy!*).

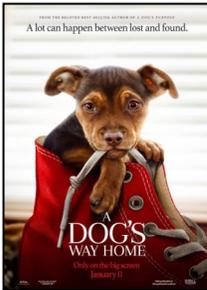
**Follow God's Plans** Cut a large red paper heart into 10 pieces. Put each piece in a separate envelope. Tape five envelopes in easy-to-see places and five in hard-to-see places (inside cabinet doors or under chairs). Tell family members to search for 10 envelopes while following your traveling instructions (hop, tiptoe, crawl, etc.). Lead the group to all the envelopes, then assemble the pieces. Ask: "How does God show us his love?" Read aloud Jeremiah 29:11. Say: "God loves us and has good plans for us. If you hadn't followed my instructions, you wouldn't have found all these pieces. Let's follow God so we don't miss the great things he has planned for us!"

**A Perfect Plan** Display a globe. Say: "We can see only a small part of the world at a time, but God always sees his entire creation—and has a plan for every creature." Ask what jobs God gave cows, dogs, and mosquitoes. Say: "Although they're pesky to us, mosquitoes even have a place in God's world, as food for bats and birds." Read aloud Psalm 89:11. Say: "This Bible verse reminds us that God has a plan for everything he made—even mosquitoes!" Put your hands on the globe and pray, thanking God for the whole world.

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord.  
"They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give  
you a future and a hope."

—Jeremiah 29:11

# MEDIA MADNESS



## MOVIE

**Title:** *A Dog's Way Home*

**Genre:** Adventure, Family

**Rating:** PG

**Cast:** Bryce Dallas Howard, Ashley Judd, Edward James Olmos

**Synopsis:** In this movie, based on a novel by W. Bruce Cameron, Bella the pitbull travels 400 miles to return to Lucas, her owner. The loyal dog must survive the Colorado wilderness to make it back to her "person."

**Our Take:** As with Cameron's book and movie *A Dog's Purpose*, expect this to tug on your heartstrings. The perilous situations may be tough for some children to watch. Discuss the concepts of being "lost and found"—especially how Jesus searches for us, his lost sheep. Also talk about what it means to have unwavering devotion.



## TV

**Title:** *Let's Go, Luna!*

**Network:** PBS Kids

**Synopsis:** This new TV series for kids ages 4 to 7 introduces viewers to cultures throughout the world. As three friends (a wombat, a butterfly, and a frog) travel with their parents' performance troupe, Luna the Moon helps them learn about each region and its people, food, music, and folktales. Each episode contains two 11-minute stories.

**Our Take:** PBS continues to make education fun and age-appropriate. This series encourages curiosity about our diverse world and teaches basic social-studies concepts. It also shows children the importance of global citizenship and cultural appreciation—lessons you can reinforce when you travel as a family, even close to home.

## Games, Sites & Apps

### Super Mario Party

This Nintendo Switch game offers the original board-game-style play of *Mario Party* but with upgraded strategic elements. It also has 80 skill-based mini-games and Toad's Rec Room, which lets you pair up two gaming systems. Up to four people can play. Rated E, with mild cartoon violence.

### Grimm, Grimmer, Grimmest

This podcast from Pinna, an ad-free app for ages 3-8, features Grimm fairy tales with a twist. A classroom of grade-schoolers tries to predict plot points, reacts to enchanting creatures, and challenges the tales' logic. Reviews call the podcast fun, daring, and highly interactive.

### Bully Alert

Researchers developed this free Android app to combat cyberbullying. The app tracks a child's public Instagram account for signs of bullying and alerts parents within two hours of the onset of any problems. Parental feedback helps the app become personalized over time.

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## CULTURE & TRENDS

**Getting Organized** Nannies are so 2018! More parents are using "family assistants" to help with childcare, household duties, driving, and schedule management. Two moms who launched the family-assistant service Nest Easy say meal prep is one of their clients' biggest needs. (*various websites*)

**Slime Is Here to Stay** Love it or hate it, the slime craze is more than a fad. Forecasters say the glue-hungry goop "has legs" because caregivers seek out tactile, educational activities for kids. (*cen.acs.org*)

## QUICK STATS

**Back-to-School, Winter Edition** If you ran out of ideas to keep kids busy over Christmas break, you're not alone. Last year, 58% of parents said they wished summer break were over after 13 days. (*businesswire.com*)

**Soup's On—Use Care!** Almost 10,000 U.S. children receive burns from instant-soup products every year. (*aap.org*)

**On the Horizon?** Although only about 5% of families own a virtual reality headset, 62% of parents believe VR will prove educational for their kids. (*smallbiztrends.com; commonsensemedia.org*)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 6:30pm AWANA 4yrs-6th Grade	3	4 6-8:30pm Rising Generation (4th& 5th Grade) Party	5 KidZone 7pm 0-5thGrade
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## **NEW TEACHERS & HELPERS NEEDED FOR January-March:**

**SATURDAY 7:00 SERVICE: \* 1 & 2 year olds**

**SUNDAY 9:00 SERVICE: \* 1 & 2 year olds**

**SUNDAY 11:30 SERVICE: \* 1 year olds**

**We are also looking for help with kids check in from 11:15-11:50.**