



Parents' Fellowship

a newsletter for parents
from the Kids' Harbor crew
at College Church
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Recommended Books for Families

Kids' Guide to God's Creation

Tracy Sumner
(Barbour Publishing)
The world's a fascinating
place for curious minds.
Feed your kids' appetite
for learning with this
guide to hundreds of cool
facts . . . all arranged ac-
cording to creation-order.
(ages 8-12)

Tea Party Bible Times for Mom and Me

Mary J. Murray
(Harvest House)
This charming and unique
Bible study offers mothers
and daughters a delightful
way to strengthen their
special bond and grow in
their faith.
(age 7-12)

The Faithful Parent: A Biblical Guide to Raising a Family

Martha Peace & Stuart
Scott
(P&R Publishing)
This book contains a
wealth of practical, bibli-
cally-based suggestions,
but maintains that the
most important rela-
tionship in any family is
vertical—between parents
and God.

Summer Schedule

Summer is filled with activities—day camps, swim team, vacations—but there's a limit to how much "excitement" kids can handle. During the summer months it's important for us to allow time for our kids to be free—to create, to play, to think, to experience!

TIPS TO AVOID SUMMER SCHEDULE OVERLOAD

PLAN JUST ONE BIG ACTIVITY EACH MONTH

For example, take swimming lessons or attend a day camp in July. In August, enjoy a family vacation. If we cram each month with too many activities, we run the risk of overwhelming our children and reduce the chance for growth and creativity.

INCLUDE DOWN TIME BETWEEN SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Interspersing special events with days off provides time for rest and recuperation between activities and makes special occasions even more enjoyable.

ALLOW FOR CREATIVITY

Gather several cardboard or plastic boxes. Fill one with construction paper, markers, colored chalk, a glue stick, scissors and a hole punch. Fill another with old clothes, hats and jewelry and another with magazines, tape, glue, glitter, scissors and small pieces of card stock. Bring out a box on a slower day and let your children use the contents for quiet moments of play and discovery.

PROMOTE QUIET TIME

Place a children's Bible and an easy-to-read devotional book by your child's bed. Include a blank notebook and colorful markers. Suggest that he or she spend time reading and recording his/her thoughts or



drawing pictures during quiet time with God.

CONSIDER WEEKEND TRIPS

Instead of week-long vacations, mini-trips often work well for families with very young children who find it more difficult to travel long distances. Several shorter trips also give everyone something to look forward to each month.

ESTABLISH AN END-OF-SUMMER COUNTDOWN

Use the two weeks before school starts to get everyone back on a more normal schedule. You can ease the transition to the school year with early bedtime, early rising, more reading and limited television.



NAVIGATING KIDS' HARBOR

Backyard Bible Clubs

Coming soon to a neighborhood near you! Backyard Bible Clubs are the perfect opportunity to reach your neighbors with the gospel. Encourage your entering first-sixth graders to pray about who God wants them to invite. Here are this summer's dates and locations:

July 12-16, mornings at the home of Anson & Teresa Johnson (350 S Kenilworth Ave, Glen Ellyn); afternoons at the home of Chad & Mindy Rynbrandt (1911 E. York Ln). **July 19-23**, mornings at the home of Brad & Miriam Warren (509 E. Oak Ave); afternoons TBD.

July 26-30, mornings TBD; afternoons at the home of Jim & Kathy Walsh (407 E. Pershing Ave). The morning clubs run from 10-11:30 a.m. and the afternoon clubs from 1:30-3 p.m.

Chicago Eagles Soccer

Kids ages 5-14, improve your soccer skills and learn from the Bible with coaches from the Chicago Eagles from **July 26-30**.

Upward Fall Soccer

for kids grade 1-6
August 5: Summer Registration
Evaluations:
Last Names A-J: Monday, August 30, 6-8 p.m.
Last Names K-O: Tuesday, August 31, 6-8 p.m.
Last Names P-Z: Thursday, September 2, 6-8 p.m.
Practice begins the week of: September 20
First game: October 2
Last Game: November 13
Awards Night: November 15

Summer Information

Pick up a summer brochure at any information table to find out more about summer events for kids or log onto www.college-church.org/children to view the brochure online.



Back row: *Graham Farnsworth & Jocelyn Krisch*. Front row: *Rebecca Chase, Jillian Higgins & Ariel Burke*.

Meet the SICM Team

Jillian Higgins

I recently graduated from Wheaton College with an English major and Bible minor. My husband and I are expecting our first child in January so I am preparing to be a mother! SICM impacted my life tremendously as an intern two summers ago, and I can already testify to the Lord's great work this summer. He's brought so many wonderful kids to us this past month, and we pray for his continual guidance throughout the summer.

Jocelyn Krisch

I am a student at Taylor University, and I am studying elementary and special education. I would love to be a special education teacher for kids with severe and profound disabilities. I am extremely blessed to be on the SICM team this summer, and I have already learned so much. I have really enjoyed hanging out with the kids of College Church and getting to know them better. I'm excited to see what God has planned for us the rest of this summer!

Rebecca Chase

I am so grateful for the opportunity to be involved in College Church's summer Children's Ministry. God has been working in my life, and I am so thankful for His provision. Growing up in Wheaton under a loving family was only the beginning of His work. Currently a student at Taylor University, I am pursuing a Bachelors of Art degree in Elementary Education with a certification in Special Education.

Ariel Burke

I attend College of DuPage and am working toward a Major in Nursing and a minor in Spanish. I am serving in Children's Ministry this summer because I love spending time with children; they brighten up every aspect of my life, and I learn so much from them—especially how to love.

Graham Farnsworth

This fall, I will be a junior at the University of Illinois. I am an English and Creative Writing double major and hope to use those majors to become a teacher. I am also a member of Naval ROTC and will be serving for three years after I graduate. After a wonderful summer on the SICM team last year, I am excited to serve once again as a SICM team member.

FAMILY TIME TRAINING WORKSHOP

Wheaton Bible Church is offering a great opportunity for parents and grandparents on Saturday, July 17. Kirk Weaver, one of our nation's leaders in parenting ministry, will be conducting a FAMILY TIME TRAINING workshop. This Saturday morning event is designed to help parents and grandparents learn fun and engaging ways to spiritually impact their kids at home. This community event is free, but pre-registration is required. See the graphic below or get more information at www.wheatonbible.org/family and also check out Kirk's website at www.famtime.com.

What is Family Time Training?

The mission of FAMILY TIME TRAINING is to train families to teach children Christian principles and values in the home. "Family Time" is a term used to describe fun, intentional, spiritual lessons in the home. For some, the term "Family Time" may conjure up visions of adults and children playing a board game or watching a movie together. But here, Family Time represents so much more. In addition to spending fun time together, Family Time lessons are used to teach specific Christian values, character qualities and spiritual beliefs.

(An excerpt from famtime.com)

For more information, consider attending the FAMILY TIME TRAINING, July 17 at Wheaton Bible Church.



WELCOME TO KIDS' HARBOR!!

Each month we look forward to welcoming new babies to Kids' Harbor. This is just another way to help families stay connected at College Church. We welcome the following babies born in June:

Elijah Andrew Prochnau - 6/1
(Tim & Katie)

Josiah James Sohmer - 6/11
(Dave & Julie)

How can parents and grandparents have meaningful and fun times of spiritual training at home?

FAMILY TIME TRAINING

with Kirk Weaver

Our mission calls us to love God, at church and at home. Kirk Weaver travels the world equipping parents with Biblical, practical and creative ways to help them successfully develop the practice of family worship and impress the hearts of their kids with a love for God.

Kirk will inspire you with a vision for why family worship is so essential for your children and give you simple and creative ideas to get started. This event is for parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles—anyone who has a desire to impress the hearts of the children in their family with a love for God.

Register online at www.wheatonbible.org/Family or contact Pam Moore, 630.876.6627, pmoore@wheatonbible.org.

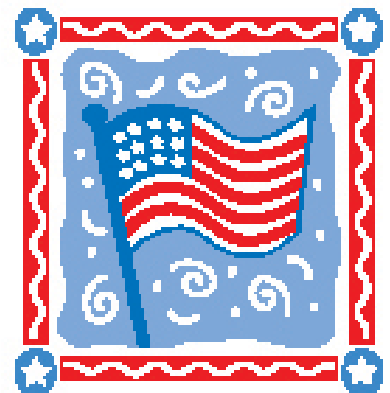
"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home..."
Deut. 6:6-7

Saturday, July 17
9:00–11:00 am
Chapel

wheaton
bible church
27W500 North Avenue
West Chicago, IL 60185

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for kids e-news at
www.college-church.org

For more information on anything listed in this newsletter or Kids' Harbor in general, please call 668-0878, ext. 134.



JUST FOR FUN

JULY

4 Independence Day. As a family discuss what freedom means, specifically about the ultimate freedom we have in Christ, *“If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free”* (John 8:31-32). Challenge your family to share the good news of freedom in Christ with family and friends this weekend.

7 Chocolate Day. Since July is also ice cream month, combine ice cream and chocolate today by creating and enjoying sundaes with all the toppings.

23 Hot Dog Day. Summer is a great time to gather for a barbecue. Celebrate hot dog day by inviting friends and neighbors over for a backyard cookout.

25 Celebrate **Parents’ Day** by helping your kids plan a special meal to honor mom and dad.

From Diane’s Desk:



The past few months we have been looking at Learning Objectives for the various age groups represented in Children’s Ministry. Before we look at our objectives for 2nd-3rd graders, let’s review what we mean by the term “Learning Objective.”

What is a learning objective?

A learning objective is an outcome statement that captures specifically what knowledge, skills, and attitudes learners should be able to exhibit following instruction.

Why have learning objectives?

Creating clear learning objectives serves the following purposes:

- Helps integrate learning
 - Serves to connect content and assessment around learning
 - Guides selection of teaching/learning activities that will best achieve objectives
 - Gives learners a clear picture of what to expect and what’s expected of them
 - Forms the basis for evaluating teacher, learner, and curriculum effectiveness
- (taken from Teacher and Educational Development)

Here are some of our Learning Objectives for 2nd to 3rd graders.

KNOWLEDGE

Identify some Bible stories in sequence.

Begin to understand how the Bible is put together.

Understand Christ’s role as the only Son of God and Savior.

Understand worship as including singing, praying, giving, serving, and studying God’s Word.

BIBLE STUDY SKILLS

Read simple Scripture verses for themselves.

Be able to explain the organization of the Bible into Old and New Testaments and into books, chapters, and verses.

Memorize the books of the New Testament.

Memorize the books of the Old Testament

ATTITUDES

Feel genuine remorse over sins.

Desire a relationship with Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Want others to know and love Jesus.

Trust God to help them make decisions, and desire to do those things which please Him.

BEHAVIOR

Respect and obey those in authority.

Confess sins, seek God’s forgiveness and His help in changing (repentance).

Participate in corporate worship through singing, prayer, Bible learning, and giving.

Bring unchurched friends to church programs as a means of outreach.

Be a good steward by taking care of church property and by giving regularly.