

February 2009

“How The Bible Came To Be” (February lesson)

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Happy New Year! I trust you found a little time to rest during the Christmas holidays. I already miss the time off but need the discipline of a routine. The new year brings us a since of trying to “correct” habits we have let ourselves get into. I find myself wanting to clean out piles of things that have collected over the past year.

The article that follows my opening comments comes from www.theparentlink.com. It is filled with good tidbits to help the you asf parents and is also good for our children to hear. You may not agree with everything you read but allow the information to give you assistance into one of most important jobs you will ever do.

Chores Foster Responsible Kids

“Most child-development experts agree that children shouldn't be paid for household chores, which are part of contributing to family life. Here are some tips for a positive chore experience at your house:

Give kids ownership. Have a family meeting and enlist the help of your children in selecting the chores they want to do. Also have them participate in selecting the consequences for chores not performed in a timely manner. Let kids know expectations ahead of time.

Use “shaping” to teach tasks. First, let children watch you perform a chore as you talk through it step by step. The next time, let children perform one part of the chore. Each time, give kids a little more responsibility until they're ready to tackle the chore alone.

Use language cues to spur self-reflection and responsible behavior. Say, “I see books on the floor” rather than giving a direct command. That helps kids make decisions and reduces any defiance.

Offer encouragement. Always thank children for their contributions and offer genuine praise for their efforts. Instead of saying, “Your room looks good,” say, “Thank you for working so hard to put your clothes and toys in their proper place.” Don't expect perfection.

Ask God:

To give your children a good attitude about doing chores.

To help your children feel like contributing members of a close family.

To develop in your children a heart for service at home and elsewhere.

Parenting Insights

Select chores specifically geared to your child's age, ability, and personality. Here are some examples of age-appropriate tasks:

Ages 3 to 5

Work alongside children to help them perform simple chores such as putting away toys, putting dirty clothes in the hamper, sorting laundry into color-coded piles, making their beds, and feeding pets.

Ages 6 to 8

Children can dust and vacuum, put away their clothes, empty wastebaskets, set and clear the table, care for pets, and help with some yardwork.

Ages 9 to 12

Kids can unpack groceries, load and unload the dishwasher, mop the floor, fold laundry, wash the car, and help prepare simple meals.

Wednesday Night Activities

6:15—Children's Bells/Choir/
Bible Study

7:30—dismissal

Cool Stuff On The Way

There are new things coming to our church family this year. The Family Life and Children's Committees hope to work together closely to bring you lots of FUN for the whole family to enjoy.

The Spring Program is going to be exciting

“What’s next for the children,” you wonder.

Discussions have started about what we are going to do next. We have started work on 2 different hymns that are played with the Rainbow Bells. It’s not just about color anymore. It’s about

harmony and keeping the rhythm. Our hopes are to showcase a variety of talents and abilities (drama, memorization, individuals who play an instrument, and the bells). No date has been selected but will

soon find it way on the calendar. We have a fantastic group of children. I was so proud of them at the church’s program and also at Hickory Valley Retirement Home.

January 27
Perry Griffin



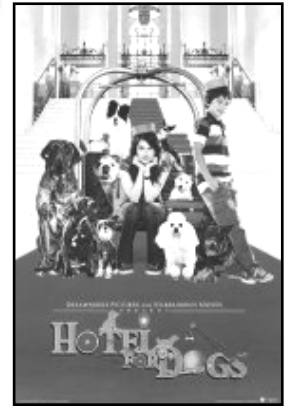
January 31
Justin McFarland

Summer Camp 2009

Due to economic times and budgeting the issue of whether or not the cost of Camp 2009 will be totally covered is in question. The Children’s Council will make a deciding vote this weekend. Results will be released via email to the parents of children who would be affected.

What’s Playing at the Movies

MediaMadness



Movie: *Hotel for Dogs* (releases Jan. 23)

Genre: Comedy

Rating: G

Cast: Emma Roberts, Jake T. Austin, Lisa Kudrow

Synopsis: Andi (Roberts) and Bruce (Austin) are foster kids who end up in a very strict home that doesn’t allow dogs. They must think quickly to find a new home for their dog, Friday. The kids transform an abandoned hotel into the perfect home for Friday, as well as for every stray dog in the city.

Discussion Questions: What are some ways you help take care of your pet (or a relative’s pet)? What are some ways that God provides for animals’ needs? How can you tell that your pet trusts you to care for it? In what ways do you show God that you trust him to meet all your needs?

Rotation Sunday School’s topic is “Creation” from Genesis. I am SO impressed and proud of our teachers. They have prepared very well. The children are responding well to their questions and know so much about the passage. The memory verse for January is Genesis 1:31 “God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.”

We appreciate the following people for agreeing to teach our children this month:

Art: Jenni Hensley

Cooking: Jennifer Griffin

Drama: Kay Swartout

Games: Kelly McKeethan

