



If Your kids are attending Camp with us this summer - be sure to attend the Prep Meeting on Tuesday, May 10th. We'll be getting ready for the fundraiser! And remember, you and your kids need to help with the event in order to benefit from the money raised!

Everyone is welcome to join us for this Fundraising Lunch! You'll be entertained by the kids' talent show, and be able to eat some delicious spaghetti, green beans, and bread. Also, you can bid on Desserts to finish out your meal! All the money raised will help the kids pay their way to camp this summer!!

Captain's Log: Star Date 5-11

A Note from Lauren

Well, April wasn't filled with too many showers for Oklahoma, but the Lord certainly showered HCC with blessings as we served our community through the Easter EGGstravaganza! I was so proud of all the families and kids who came out to help, as we put on 2 great Easter parties at Rockwood and John Adams Elementary schools. We had so much fun and got to share the Gospel with around 1500 people! Praise the Lord! And continue to pray that the seeds that were planted will be watered and will grow into beautiful fruit in God's kingdom!

We have a great month planned, and our lesson follows what happened at Easter. We will be discussing the important things Jesus said to his friends right before He went back to heaven, and also how He kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit to those who believed in Him! I really encourage you to study this story in Scripture and go over it with your kids!

A few upcoming dates to be aware of: We will be hosting a Spaghetti Fundraising Lunch, to help the kids raise money to go to camp this summer. So please make plans to join us for lunch on Sunday, May 15th! All donations will be welcome! And some delicious desserts will also be auctioned off. The kids going to camp will set up, help serve the meal, and clean up. Some of them will also entertain us during the meal, with a talent show. Camp costs \$200 per camper, and we go to camp from June 13 - 17. This will be our second year to attend Oakridge Kids Camp in Anadarko, OK. The theme this year is "Triumph" and we will study 2 John, 3 John, and Jude!!

It's also not too early to begin talking about Vacation Bible School!! Mark your calendar for July 18 - 21st. We have VBS in the evenings of each of those days. And we will need many volunteers to fill spots from Crafts, Games, Snacks, and Bible story leaders, to Group Leaders, Song leaders and Registration workers, and everything in

between! And of course we need people to help us create sets and decorate the entire church! So there really is something for everyone, and I really hope you'll plan to be a part of this very important event that helps to change kids lives!! Look for sign-ups coming very soon! The theme this year is "Pandamania", a wild celebration of God's unconditional love. We will focus on Psalm 139. I have no doubt that it will be fun for all the kids - Toddlers through 6th graders!

And if you have been wondering how you can help RIGHT NOW - look no further! We NEED volunteers right now to step up and help in every area of Children's Ministry at HCC - Sundays and Wednesday! So don't delay - contact me (Lauren Wood) right away, and we will get you plugged in to a very rewarding ministry opportunity!!

So, here we go - 3, 2, 1, Liftoff!!

Dates to Remember:

Camp Prep Mtg (6:30) **Tues. 5/10**

Camp Fundraiser **Sun. 5/15**

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UNIT 20: Jesus Goes Home and Sends the Holy Spirit
BIBLE TEXT: Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:1-11, Acts 2:1-21
MEMORY VERSE: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

For every Unit we study, we want you to be on the same page. So study the Text, learn the Memory Verses, apply the Character Quality, and see the Objectives we want everyone to know. Then work with your kids, especially to memorize God's Word.

Text:

Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:1-11, Acts 2:1-21

Character Quality:
Witness

Memory Verse:

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
Acts 1:8

Extra Verse:

"But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."
John 14:26

Lesson Objectives:

1. To learn what happened after Jesus came back to life.

2. To view Jesus' Ascension as the way for the Spirit to come.
3. To recognize that Jesus kept all his promises - coming back to life, sending the Holy Spirit, and one day he will come back.
4. To learn that Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit to give us power to tell the world about Jesus.
5. To understand what happened on the day of Pentecost.

Family Fun Times with Purpose

The following is an example of a fun family devotion you can use to help your kids remember that God's promised Holy Spirit first came to dwell in believers at Pentecost.

Supply List: Wrap a box with a removable lid. Objects to put in the box: heart, 2 flashlights (one without batteries), Bible, Family Picture and something to represent prayer.

Use the wrapped box to introduce the Bible lesson. The items inside the box are to draw the kids attention to gifts that believers receive from God.

Show your kids the gift. SAY: We all love to receive gifts! Inside this box are gifts that God gives to everyone who believes in the Lord Jesus. Ask your child to come and take one thing from the gift box. Take out one item at a time, and discuss the gift that God has given to believers. (Keep the flashlights for last.)

Heart-It is a gift to know that God loves and comforts His children.

Bible-God's Word is a gift to His children because we find His promises and instructions inside.

Family-It is a gift to be a part of God's family and be able to pray together and help each other.

Flashlight-Have your child hold both flashlights, and have them turn on the flashlights. Talk about why one came on and the other did not. Let your child open the flashlight and discover the batteries and the empty flashlight.

The flashlight with batteries reminds us of another very important gift that God has given to believers. When we are saved God gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit. He comes and lives in our hearts and gives each of us power to live a life that pleases God. A person who has not been saved has no power to live a life that pleases God.

Put the items back in the gift and put the lid on. Take time to look up the story of Pentecost in the Bible (references are listed in the section above). Also take time to answer questions and pray with your child.

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Birthday cupcakes!!! Pentecost marked the first birthday of the church, so when we celebrate Pentecost, we celebrate the birthday of the church. Light trick candles, sing "Happy Birthday", and talk about how the Holy Spirit is like a flame in our hearts that won't go out. It keeps us burning with love for Jesus.
Eat and enjoy!

Kid's Corner:

Space Joke

I work only when I'm fired. What am I?
(a Rocket)



A Project

Can you say "hello" in a different language? Here is the word "hello" in some of the more well-known languages. Ask your parents to help you learn to say these:

- Arabic: Al salaam a'alaykum [Ah sah-LAHM ah ah-LAY-koom]
- German: Guten Tag [GOOT-en Tahk]
- Welsh: Bore da [BOH-ray DAH]
- Indonesian: Selamat pagi [seh-LA-maht PAH-gee]
- Chinese: Ni Hao [Nee HaOW]



Bible Memory

Both of our verses this month are about the Holy Spirit. Take time to look up both verses in your Bible and mark them in some way. Work hard to memorize both of these important verses!

PRAYER TIME:

TALK TO GOD AND THANK HIM FOR SENDING THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN HIM. ASK GOD TO HELP YOU BE THE KIND OF WITNESS THAT HE WANTS US TO BE. ASK GOD TO SHOW YOU SOME PEOPLE THAT YOU CAN SHARE HIS LOVE WITH, AND TO GIVE YOU THE COURAGE TO SHARE WITH THEM. THANK GOD FOR HIS LOVE FOR YOU!