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Talking to Our Kids About Jesus

In our lives we all have times when our kids begin to ask question about who Jesus is and what does He mean to our faith. A son might ask us why did Jesus die on the cross? Our daughter might inquire if Jesus was really God and human at the same time? I think it is appropriate to answer these sorts of questions before your child gets to middle school. You might be asking why before middle school? Most middle school curriculums have built into them a world religion class and I think it is best that a tweener know (both head and heart) who Jesus is to the Christian Church before they enter 6th grade.

Most parents are very good about reading to their young children from an infant bible. There is a beautiful one by Zondervan Publishing called the "Jesus Storybook Bible". It develops the true story of Jesus from Genesis till Revelation. I have read the Crucifixion to all my sons and found this story's paintings to be the best description of Jesus death. I usually read that story to them several times and then begin to slowly talk to them about sin and redemption. The key here is to actually talk to your kid about Jesus death and its purpose. I choose to ask questions like: Do you think this hurt? Where did it hurt? What does this Bible say about Jesus death? Why did he have to die? Who does the story say Jesus was? One of my sons started asking me to read just this story. He would cry afterwards. Telling me he didn't want Jesus to die like that. Eventually we prayed together, and my son accepted Jesus as his savior.

Another way I talk to my kids about who Jesus is to the church is through the miracles. I talk to them about the power within this man. Particularly the miracle in which Jesus calms the storm. Together in one passage we see the humanity of Jesus (sleeping) and the power of Him being God (calming the storm). I want my kids to know He was tired just like every other human and that He woke up displaying that He was God.

As my kids grew older, I would ask them who is your Savior. (or what is your only comfort in life and death). My kids got pretty good at answering this. Sometimes they would say "Jesus" before I could finish. When they did this, I would ask "and he was 50% God, 25% human and 25% mystical being right?" They always rolled their eyes and said no....100% God.....!00% like us, except better (He is perfect, I would say back).

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Monthly Responsibilities - June 2019

Greeters

- 2- Steven and Angela Baune
- 9- Bubba and Sally Bierschbach
- 16- Jerome and Tami Van De Stroet
- 23- Wilma Wissink
- 30- Teresa Feucht

Ushers

- 2- Gene Lamp and Harlan Hoogeterp
- 9- Sam Peterson and Seth Peterson
- 16- Caden Baune and Rylan Richardson
- 23- Rick Sehr and Wyatt Jacobs
- 30- Gil Van De Stroet and Tim Lems

Nursery

- 2- Laura and AnnaLee Jacobs
- 9- Lynette Lems and Rachel Kelderman
- 16- Becky Winter and Emma Evans
- 23- Jill and Kate Devitt
- 30- Karren Peterson and Karly Jorgenson

PowerPoint/Sound Room

- 2- Tim Lems and Jordan Van De Stroet
- 9- Leroy Feekes and Bubba Bierschbach
- 16- Chad Van Geest and Elijah Van De Stroet
- 23- Jerome Van De Stroet and Jordan Van De Stroet
- 30- Tim Lems and Bubba Bierschbach

Praise Team

- 2- Dee Brown, Breanna Bierschbach, Angela Baune, Brad Peterson
- 9- Melanie Van De Stroet, LaVonna Lems, Karren Peterson, Chad Evans
- 16- Kristi Robinson, Nancy Feekes, Breanna Bierschbach, Tami Van De Stroet
- 23- A Selection of Prerecorded Worship Music. Leaders will be present up front.
- 30- Dee Brown, Kate Devitt, Angela Baune, Brad Peterson

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Ray Schroder
2 9:30AM Worship Doug & Brenda Van Zee Dwainz & Rhonda Tiedemann	3	4 Easton Robinson	5	6	7 Dominic Robertson Aaron Seal	8 Vivian Souvignier
9 9:30AM Worship Dave Ackerman Andy Winter Dylan & Jami Paulson Josh & Donna Strohfus	10 Food & Friends 5:30-7:00PM	11 John Robinson	12	13	14 Alan Lems Ron & Marge Buggsman Flag Day	15 Terry Dozark
16 9:30AM Worship Melinda Kelderman Darren Brown Father's Day	17 Harlan Hoogeterp Matt & Laura Hozringa VBS 7-9PM	18 John Van De Stroet Sheridan Scheidt Levi Wiersma VBS 7-9PM	19 VBS 7-9PM	20 VBS 7-9PM	21 Jolene Ferris	22 Dave & Lorraine Ackerman
23 9:30AM Worship Lynette Lems Harlan & Jo Zomer	24 Harlan & Alztha Hoogeterp	25	26 David Jacobs	27 Dee Brown Brad & Karren Peterson	28	29
30 9:30AM Worship						

Healing Hope Ministries

Healing Hope Ministries reaches out to families who have lost a child at any age to any cause of death. Founded by Denny and Karri Allen in 2016, the vision for Healing Hope Ministries is to create a safe, tranquil environment where families can come stay for 3-4 day. Located near Alcester, SD, they plan to create a “retreat” for families to get away for a while and focus on their loss. It’s their mission to stand with these hurting parents and show them they can survive and move through this difficult time.

In 2012, Denny and Karri lost their 18-month-old son. They’ve since wrote a book about their loss titled *The Walk*.

Denny and Karri graciously donated 2 books to our church. If you’re interested in reading more about their story and how God led them to where they’re at now, please see Jill Devitt.

Vacation Bible School

What? - MEGA Sports Camp!

When? - Monday, June 17 through Thursday, June 20.

Time? – 7:00-9:00PM

Each night, we will focus on learning the fundamentals of a different sport. When kids face difficult opponents, adversity, getting tired, and high-pressure situations, good FUNDamentals lead to victory. The same is true in our faith journey. Just like Nehemiah and the Israelites who rebuilt the wall of Jerusalem, faith FUNDamentals based on timeless biblical truths lead to success too. *Call Angela Baune or the office/Jill Devitt to register your child.

Food & Friends Meal

Monday, June 10, from 5:30-7:00PM

Contact Laura Dozark if you’re interested in helping prepare the meal. There’s a sign-up sheet for volunteer workers at the church. You’ll find it on the table by the office.

Office Hours

With summer here (aka...the kids are out of school) my office hours will vary. I’ll still be in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, and you might even catch me on a Thursday. The difference will be I won’t be sitting behind the desk as early as 8:30am since I’ll be working around my kids’ weekly camp and activity schedules.

So, even though I might be a little harder to track down, my goals will remain the same; spreading God’s Love to everyone I encounter; managing and maintaining the bulletin, newsletter, or any other office task given to me; keeping positive communication lines open between myself, the Pastor, Elders, Deacons and members of the church.

Please feel free to call or text my cell phone if you cannot reach me at the church. Church 987-5645 or Jill’s cell 254-5141

Thank you,

Jill D.



Inspiration Hills Camp Sunday June 9th, from 3pm-5pm!

Meet our Summer Camp Staff, enjoy NEW camp activities, & explore where the campers will spend their time this summer! Tours are available throughout the afternoon! Take along your swimsuit & towel to enjoy the Pool & Slip-N-Slide! Bring the WHOLE family for this FREE event! RSVP to enter in for a prize by calling at 712-986-5193 or emailing at ihills@inspirationhills.org

Join Team Love INC for a 1K Walk/5K Run Saturday, July 27, 2019

Registration: Canton High School Track: 8:00AM

Walk/Run Start Time: 8:30AM Collect Pledges to Walk: \$20 (Minimum fee per walker. Walkers can purchase T-shirts for \$10)

Sign-up and order a Team Love INC shirt by June 30.

For more info, contact Love INC of Greater Canton at 605-764-0453 or loveinccanton@gmail.com.

Pastor Al will be gone June 8-11. Please contact an Elder or Deacon during this time if you have any concerns.

Sunday, June 9, James Koller will be our guest Pastor.



I just wanted my kids to be able to hold their own and be able to dialogue about who Jesus is to the Church. I also wanted them to know Jesus as their Lord and the One who brought salvation to them.

I want you to notice one thing here..... I don't put the death and resurrection into the same lesson. The resurrection is pretty tough for a kid to understand..... I wait for bit to introduce the resurrection. I want kids to understand the consequences behind the crucifixion first, then the beauty of the resurrection. Once they understand the crucifixion and their own salvation then I begin to speak with them about other important faith scopes (like the resurrection, temptation and managing themselves as Jesus did in his own temptations).

Many parents have a different way of doing this and I would encourage you all to have a plan about how you will engage your children with the Salvation Jesus offers all of us.

Blessings,
Pastor Al

Volunteers Needed for The Weekend Warriors!

The Weekend Warriors, which originated from Empower Canton, is recruiting committee members for their planning team. The group has recharged and is ready to make a difference in this beautiful town we call home. The group hopes to begin organizing small community projects throughout the coming months with a vision of eventually becoming a "hub" for volunteer projects and a community resource for anyone seeking volunteer opportunities. Ideally, the group hopes to gain 1-2 members from every church in this community so that the local church congregations might alternate sponsoring some of these projects. Our top priority currently is building our committee. If you wish to join, have questions, or hope to become a volunteer, please call text or email Darcy Folkens at 605-940-3783, Darcy.folkens@hotmail.com. Our first project is set for June 9th, watch the Sioux Valley news for more information.

Before you speak:

THINK

T = Is it True?

H = Is it Helpful?

I = Is it Inspiring?

N = Is it Necessary?

K = Is it Kind?