Messiah Kids at Home

May 8, 2016

Thank you so much for letting us spend time with your child today. Here are some ideas for you to do as a family throughout the week. We will keep all of our Messiah Kids and their families in our prayers throughout the week. Please let us know if there is anything Messiah can do to help you through the week in prayer or action. We would love to walk alongside you in your weekly journey.

DIG A LITTLE DEEPER:

• **S.O.A.P.** - We are starting to get deeper into Scripture in Messiah Kids by using the SOAP method. Any age can use this simple tool, even our pre-writers.

SOAP stands for:

Scripture - write or say the verse that is the focus

Observation - write/say/draw 1 or 2 observations from that verse...how do you hear God speaking to you through that verse.

Application - how can you apply that verse to your life today?

Prayer - write/say/draw a prayer based on the verse

This week we focused on **Ephesians 6:1-3**. Ask your child how they are going to apply those verses to their lives.

- **Investigative Reporting** Help your child fill out your portion of the "When you were my age..." portion of their take home paper.
- Family Love Walk- Take the family on a walk around your home, your neighborhood, or a park. Invite each person to look for ways love is shown. For example, have family members point out an item and tell how love has been expressed, such as "My aunt loves me: she took many hours to knit this sweater," "Our neighbor shows love when he waters his flowers," or "We can learn a lesson in love by watching the mother bird bring food to the baby birds."

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- VBS Sink into the DEEP this year with our VBS. It will be loads of fun for campers in preschool through 5th grade. Messiah VBS will be July 18-22, 2016 from 9:00 am noon. We will have a special Jr. Leader camp for our 6th graders. This year will be an all new VBS Talent Camp Experience for our elementary-aged campers. They will get to choose their talent to explore deeper during their VBS week. The rest of their VBS week will be the VBS they've known and loved through the years. Our preschoolers and Kindergarten campers will get to have the traditional VBS experience. REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Be certain to sign up early, especially for our 1st-5th grade campers, since each Talent has limited enrollment.
- **Memorial Day** There will be no Messiah Kids on Sunday, May 29, BUT there will be an awesome opportunity to lead worship for the 9:30 and 10:45 service before joining your family for the rest of worship. Sign up at check-in or by emailing Melanie at melanie.cazin@messiahyl.com.
- **Up-a-Grade** Sunday, June 5 we will celebrate the end of the school year a little early by starting the Sunday in our regular grade level classes, then after worship, we will join our 2016/17 year's classes. Our now 5th graders will be joining Jr. High Ministries as new 6th graders that day. We will have a special send off for them!