



LEFC KIDS

Your weekly newsletter from LEFC Kids Ministry!

Dear Parents and Friends of LEFC Kids,

We are so very blessed by over 200 Shepherds who invest in kids here at LEFC! It is a blessing that might be easy to take for granted. Let's remember to let the Shepherds that we connect with as parents and friends know how much they are appreciated as they have committed to love, teach, and disciple our kids! Let's thank God for the blessing of so many people involved in the discipleship process of our kids.

Worship for Kids at 11AM - Pre-K thru 4th Graders



We continue to be thankful for all the new Kids Worship teams that lead and model for our kids how to worship the Lord! This week we'll be singing **House of the Lord, I Love You Lord, Thank You Jesus**, and **God Is Good**.

Global Partner of the Week



This week we are praying for Dustin and Becky Smith and their three children in Southeast Asia. Let's be praying for wisdom and protection for them as they serve so faithfully in an extremely difficult environment. Let's be praying for deep joy and blessings for their family. Have you ever taken time to look at a map of Southeast Asia, LEFC's strategic region of our world? Just looking at a map and exploring new areas of the world with your kids is a fun way to remember to pray for our global partners around the world! Do you have a global partner booklet? **Pick one up at the Parent Resource table in the Kids Ministry lounge so you have their picture and a little more info!**

Kids Becoming Like Christ!



The following excerpts and questions are from the book "Raising Disciples" by Teresa Roberts.

"The first 13 years of life are the most important in this lifelong process of discipleship. No other time between birth and death provides as many opportunities to share how individuals perceive themselves, others and, and the world. ...By the time a child reaches adolescence, she will have a cognitive framework—a mindset—that organizes her world into clear categories. (More on next page...)"

This week: What our kids are learning!



As a church family, we are partnering with families to help children know, love, and follow Jesus! Keeping you in the loop of what we're learning each week is part of our partnership with you!

One-year-olds

Our sweet one-year-olds are a delight! And this year, we will be introducing biblical themes for our one-year-olds in our nurseries. Board books, conversation, songs and prayer will be focused on a simple theme for each month. This month the theme is "God Gives Me Friends." The key Bible verse is John 15:12, "Love each other." The focus will be having the kiddos enjoy happy encounters with other children at church, as well as associate God with happy experiences at church. There will be fun activities, crafts and interactive elements.

Two's and Three's

The 2's/3's classes are learning about when Jesus' Baptism in (Matthew 3:13-17). The big idea for the next six weeks is God's Word never changes. The Bible memory verse is: "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." Isaiah 40:8

Pre-K thru 4th Grade

This week, we'll learn about how Moses confronted Pharaoh and how God used Moses to showcase His glory through Moses' willingness to obey. This unit's memory verse is Psalm 34:17.

Note: During the first service, children in K-3rd grade have a large group story time to engage with the Bible story of the day.



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Kids Becoming Like Christ! *continued...*

This framework begins with concrete thinking: understanding the world through her senses and direct experiences. ...During childhood, her social world shifts from being self-centered toward being others-centered [and to a desire to be valued by others]. ...Many of the choices we make, passions we pursue, and perspectives we articulate as adults can be traced back to what we learned and believed in childhood."

4 Questions to Ponder...

1. Every child is in the process of discipleship. The question is who or what is discipling them?
2. Consider a day in the life of your child. Or look at a week at-a-glance. Who are the people he or she is following—peers, teachers, your friends from church, church leaders, celebrities, coaches? What are the different kinds of content that your child is taking in through listening, reading, and watching? How much time is spent in various activities and how does this impact how your child is being disciplined?
3. Reflect on your own childhood and how you were disciplined during the first thirteen years of your life. In what ways do you want your child's discipleship to be similar or different?
4. How does your childhood experience of discipleship influence the way you're discipling your children?

Opportunities to serve in 2025!



There are lots of ways to use your gifts, experiences and love for the Lord in ministry with kids! Here are a few opportunities to prayerfully consider as we look forward to 2025! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to any of us on the Kids Ministry staff team.

Shepherds: we are looking for Shepherds [this is what we call teachers here at LEFC] to serve with our Pre-K children during the second service and, with our 4th graders during the first service!

Hands and Feet Ministry Buddy: we are looking for a few people to serve as one-to-one buddies. This is a great way to be the hands and feet of Jesus while helping a child have a great morning here at church! We have openings at both services. For more information, connect with Colleen Dennis, colleen.acebo@gmail.com, our Hands and Feet Ministry Team Leader or Julia Brown at brown@lefc.net

A unique opportunity: would you like to invest in a child's life by taking 15-20 minutes out of your Sunday morning to connect one to one, play with kinetic sand together and other creative play as a pathway for relationship? This opportunity could be at either service and truly is a unique and wonderful way to make a difference in a child's life. For this opportunity, please contact Julia Brown at brown@lefc.net.

Welcome Team Ministry: would you like to serve once a month to welcome families and children? This is a great opportunity to get to know people and warmly welcome our families and visitors each Sunday.

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Note: Our Kids Ministry staff team serves in the church office Monday-Thursday

Shepherds: Click [HERE](#) to see upcoming lessons for Sunday mornings!

Grateful for you,

Julia Brown

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