

Good morning!

Please join us for **Breakfast in Bethlehem!** This is our **second Sunday** way of saying **we love and appreciate who you are and what you do**. There will be breakfast in the Resource Room, served beginning just after 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., **before pre-service prayer**. Come fuel up and fellowship with other kid's ministry volunteers!

The curriculum through February for preschool and January for elementary are loaded/linked on our MaranathaResources.org training website in the curriculum sections: (<https://maranatharesources.org/categories/preschool-curriculum> and <https://maranatharesources.org/categories/elementary-curriculum>)

I am not planning to send another update email out in the next two weeks, so please read through any notes that apply to you and those with whom you serve.

## NOTES BY AGE GROUP

### The Nursery

- Did anyone happen to notice that many of the **nursery shelves and the bins have been labeled**? There are also photos on the side counters showing how the shelves should look when they are tidied up. Thank you for cleaning and helping tidy and organize the space before you leave!
- There will be a hand-print **craft** to do with the babies **beginning next weekend** (12/14-15, and the following weekend for whomever did not participate).

### Preschool

- There will be more involved **Christmas crafts** over the next few weeks. Please use the crafts to help **explain and connect** the young ones to the lessons, completing them together, step by step. (Directions and examples are provided.)
- For the **preschool and pre-K classrooms** (not the toddlers), the weekend before Christmas (12/21-22) in the curriculum is the same as last year (Simeon and Anna see Jesus). Similar to last year we are going to **focus on reviewing the previous three weeks (Angel announces Jesus' birth, Jesus is born, shepherds visit Jesus)**. Then, the weekend after Christmas (in sync with the curriculum), we will teach the wise men worship Jesus.

### Elementary K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

- There is an **activity to do during small group this weekend** which involves each child preparing a link for a **"prayer chain"** that you will link together and pray over with the kids. All classrooms' chains will be linked up and used to

decorate the tree in the Fellowship Hall. Directions and examples are provided with materials in your classrooms.

- Please let your kids know that the **Shekel Christmas Store will be open again next weekend!**
- The kids will be participating in a **JOY craft activity the weekend of 12/21-22.**

#### **Elementary 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- The kids will be making a **JOY banner** the weekend of 12/21-22.

#### **Coming Up:**

**12/11 7:00 p.m. Christmas Sing-a-Long—on Solomon's Porch**

**12/15 Living Nativity and Petting Zoo—on Solomon's Porch**

**12/20 Baby Elliott's Due Date!**

**12/22 MCS Christmas Carolers--on Solomon's Porch**

Wishing you joy,

Melissa