



# FIND YOUR FIRE

## **Mothers of Preschoolers 2018-19 Schedule**

All Meetings 9:30-11:00 A.M. at the New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Church

### ***September 12 Find Your Fire***

Finding your fire is about fanning the flame inside and paying attention to what lights you up. We will explore some ways we can live expectantly, surrender daringly, and breathe deeply.

### ***September 26 Tech-Wise Family***

Becoming a Tech Wise family is not about parenting by limits but is about parenting with what you most desire for yourselves and your children in mind. We must think intentionally about how we want our children to learn about themselves, God, and their world. What devices in our homes are reshaping our families, and how can we use them better?

### ***October 10 The Giving Plate – Thanksgiving-Themed Craft***

### ***October 24 Burn It Down***

Mothers of Preschoolers are in this together. We need God and each other, and the overwhelming days will not have the last word! Embracing the phrase “burn it down” means that we don’t have to be afraid of being ourselves anymore. It may be time to let go of what’s holding us back from nurturing our God-given identity.

### ***November 14 Gratitude Challenge***

Worry is an absence of something, while gratitude is the presence of something. If you worry, you give up being happy. We will take the Three Good Things Gratitude Challenge and embrace the phrase “don’t worry, be happy”!

### ***November 28 Fire Starter – Christmas-Themed Craft***

### ***December 12 The Nativity***

Have you had Christmases that left you waiting for a more peaceful, joyful season than the one you were living? We will re-examine the Nativity story in a way that inspires us to face this season with courage and joy, knowing that Jesus didn’t choose to love us from a distance.

### ***January 9 Neighbor’s Table***

Lives are transformed when people gather around a table and share their stories. Community is powerful. What does going and being who God has meant you to be include for you?

### ***January 23 Reclaiming Home***

We will investigate the options for building our family homes in ways that encourage love, acceptance, communication, play, and presence.

***February 13 Love Lives Here***

**Moms are torchbearers for the next generation so we must focus on what matters most – the state of our heart rather than the state of our home.**

***February 27 Raising Compassionate Kids***

**Peacemaking is a primary way to see changes in our families, neighborhoods, cities, and world. Everyone is precious, and if we want compassionate families, we must start by being compassionate ourselves. We must tell better stories and show up kindly in the lives of others.**

***March 13 Cross & Three Strands – Easter-Themed Craft***

***March 27 Facing Adversity***

**Adversity and suffering can cause us to give up our quest for control and perfection. We can hold boldly to faith and hope so that we can turn hardship into our fuel.**

***April 10 Mystery Craft TBD by Member Vote!***

***April 24 Loving the Life You Didn't Choose***

**What happens when we give up on the picture-perfect dream of motherhood? We will explore five daily practices that can help us love our unexpected lives.**

***May 8 Mothering Right When Our Kids Do Wrong***

**Our children will make childish mistakes and choices. They will do things that are wrong, but we have the opportunity to do the right thing. Together we will think about what triggers our anger and consider a better way to parent with calm, loving consistency.**

***May 15 Sisterhood***

**How can we fill our table with women who can speak into our lives? We will explore the true value of having grown-woman friends.**

**HELP NEEDED!**

**In order to provide this ministry to mothers of preschoolers in our area, we are in need of volunteers to help with childcare during the meetings. You do NOT have to work every meeting, but any and all assistance would be greatly appreciated!**

**Please contact Erika Taylor for more information  
at 724-674-1840 or emtaylor1978@aol.com.**

*Never let the fire go out ... When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful. Share with God's people who are in need. Welcome others into your homes.*

- Romans 12:11-13 (NirV 1998)