

FAITH ZONE

FEBRUARY 2012

HAPPENINGS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **Feb. 5**
Annual meeting 10 a.m.
- **Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26**
Faith Zone rotation focuses on the Parables and stories of Jesus
- **Feb. 22**
Ash Wednesday

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MEET OUR PRESCHOOL HELPERS



Bailey Zettle



Amanda Putz



Becca Armstrong



Storytime keeps the interest high for preschool students.



Lead teacher Nicole Rabotski uses finger puppets to assist in storytelling.

FOCUS ON

PRESCHOOL CLASS

The 3- and 4-year old room is a happening place every Sunday morning.

Attendance has grown over the past few years and it's not unusual to have upwards of 20 preschools viewing a finger puppet show, working on an art project, listening to a Bible story or participating in a game.

Serving as lead teacher this year is Nicole Rabotski, assisted by Sandy Rabotski and student helpers Bailey Zettle, Amanda Putz and Becca Armstrong. In addition, there are several confirmands who complete the service portion of the Confirmation program by serving in the preschool room.

FEBRUARY WORKSHOPS

PARABLES AND STORIES OF JESUS



Jesus asked, "What is the Kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to?"

Hmmm...good question.

As Christians, we are part of the Kingdom of God. So, where are our crowns? Where are our precious gems?

Children do some digging in the Bible and discover that parables are like precious gems ... they tell us how we can be a part of the Kingdom of God. Jesus' parables tell how to have a new relationship with God and others.

The children will explore parables depicting God's values, God's love, and God's Kingdom. They will uncover the following parables: The Parable of the Two Sons, The Prodigal Son, The House Built on a Rock, The Rich Fool, The Workers in the Vineyard, The Yeast, The Hidden Treasure and Pearl.

Here are the workshops for the month of February.

Bible@yourfingertips

Concept: Through parables, Jesus presents the Kingdom of God as a new way to know God and choose to live by God's attitudes.

Parable(s): Parables of the: Yeast, Hidden Treasure, and Pearl

Activity: Activity on computer using KidPix

Lesson Summary:

Through the parables of the Yeast, Hidden Treasure, and Pearl, children will learn what the Kingdom of God is like. They will understand that the Kingdom of God is of great value like a pearl. It is growing and living inside of them like yeast. It is worth discovering like a hidden treasure. They

SOMETHING SPECIAL

As a special enhancement, each child will receive a "Crown Certificate" with his or her name on it. Each week, kids will earn a faux gemstone to place on their crown. The idea is that we as Christians are part of the Kingdom of God; hence the crown. Parables are like precious "gems" and we can "dig them up" in the Bible.

similes of their own about the Kingdom of God. Using Kid Pix or various art media, they depict their similes.

The Oasis

Concept: Through parables, Jesus presents the Kingdom of God as a new way to know God and choose to live by God's attitudes.

Parable(s): The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

Activity: No-script dramatization of parable.

Lesson Summary: Children will engage in a no-script drama of the "Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard." The children will learn that this parable subverts all our understanding of fairness to reveal God's generosity to all. Children further learn that our attitudes count to God. God wants us to serve God and others in a way that is uncomplaining and generous.

Super Sunday Cinema

Concept: Through parables, Jesus presents the Kingdom of God as a new way to know God and choose to live by God's attitudes.

Parable(s): The Parable of the Prodigal Son

Activity: "The Prodigal Son" Movie

Lesson Summary: Through a movie children learn the story of the Prodigal Son. They learn that their God is a generous father. They learn that God wants them to be truly sorry for their bad choices and will forgive them and welcome them back generously and joyfully. This lesson contains adaptations for intermediate children.

Created by the Spirit

Concept: Through parables, Jesus presents the Kingdom of God as a new way to know God and choose to live by God's attitudes.

Parable(s): The Parable of Those Who Build Houses on Rock and Sand

Activity: Sand & Rock Erosion Experiment; Oobleck Experiment

Lesson Summary: Children will learn and explore the Sermon on the Mount story where Jesus compares building a house on rock or sand to building our lives on the solid foundation of God's Word. To illustrate the story, children engage in a rock and sand erosion experiment. In another experiment Oobleck is explored as an uncertain solid. The uncertain nature of Oobleck illustrates once more the need for building our actions on the certainty of God's Way.

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

"Then Jesus asked, "What is the Kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to?""

- Luke 13:18



NURSERY SERVICE

One of most used services in the Christian Education wing each Sunday morning is the nursery. The room is often filled with active youngsters playing, singing and just having a good time. Nursery service is provided during the 9 a.m. service.