

CHILDREN'S

MINISTRY



STEP INTO GOD'S KINGDOM

Our mission: To share and teach the love of Christ to children and their families.

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Children and Lent

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."
(Matthew 6:21, NRSV)



Every family has at least two kinds of treasures. One is money and another is time. During the forty days of Lent from Ash Wednesday (February 25th) to Easter (April 12th),

take the time each day to share regular family devotions with your children. That will be "valuable" time. Also, plan a special family offering with them.

There is a tradition during the forty days of Lent for Christians to "give up" something. Families have chosen a wide variety of things: from television viewing (a time commitment) to chocolate (a money and health commitment). A distraction is set intentionally aside so that one's attention is on our relationship with Christ. Money is set aside for a purpose that brings higher satisfaction.

For instance, your family may choose to do without a weekly visit to a fast food restaurant. A simple meal at home can become a special meal. Have each member of the family participate in some way. Talk together about the amount of money that was saved by eating the simple meal at home. Then place the savings in a jar or other container, perhaps one the kids have decorated for this purpose. Plan a brief, age-appropriate devotional that connects the simple meal to the Lenten theme. A good online resource for a weekly family Lenten study is found at www.gbod.org/ministeries/family/articles.asp?item id+46014.

On Easter Sunday, the money you have saved becomes a special family offering. Working together toward a common goal and spending time together in God's presence will far outweigh anything your family chooses to "give up" during Lent.

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CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM SCHEDULE

Date	K	1st	2 nd	3rd	4th
Mar. 1	Story 108	Com- puter	Art 109	Movie 106	Games 100A
Mar. 8	Games 100A	Art 109	Computer 105	Story 108	Movie 106
Mar. 15	Art 109	Movie 106	Story 108	Games 100A	Computer 105
Mar. 22	Com- puters	Games 100A	Movie 106	Art 109	Story 108
Mar. 29	Story 100A	Drama 108	Computer 105	Movie 106	Games 109

Rotation teachers—Movie: Lance & Kelly Gant, Paul & Lisa Lyles; Computer: Steve & Mary Betzhold, Mike Block; Games: Shannon & Steve Christo & Beth Ward; Art: Julie Lyle & Shari Skaggs; Storytelling: Monica Naderi, Harold & Dana Ratcliff. Shepherds: Dona Perkins, Jo Ellen Bergstrom, Kathy Wright; Two's & Threes, 103: Kelly Perritt; Pre-K teacher, 101: Amanda Stewart. Zone 56 teachers, 202: Tom & Pam Keenan, Steve & Julie Sheridan, Jeff Bergstrom.

PURIM CELEBRATION. All children and parents are invited to join us Sunday, March 8th at 2:00 pm as we celebrate the Old Testament holiday Purim. Following the traditional guidelines written by Mordecai in the book of Esther, our celebration will be a festival with joyful activities, delicious food and donating gifts of food for the less fortunate. In keeping with Purim tradition, at the festival we will be collecting non-perishable food for the food bank.

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This ministry for 5th & 6th graders includes Sunday school and weekday praise, missions, Bible study, snack supper and fun. We meet Sunday mornings at 10:00 am in portable 202 and Wednesday evenings from 6:30—8:00 pm in the parsonage next door. If you have a 5th or 6th grader, be sure they come get in the ZONE! Parents, please contact Liz Edwards to sign up as a Zone 56 helper at 940-464-1333 or liz@argyleumc.org.

Zone 56 WINTER/SPRING 2009 SCHEDULE				
Date	Event	LEAD	Helpers	Snack Supper
March 4	Bible Study	Cherie Arruda	Tina Gladys, Mary Betzhold	Tina Gladys, Mary Betzhold
March 11	Bible Games	Julie Sheridan	Jim Dagget, Jennifer Hulcher-Pittsinger	Jennifer Hulcher-Pittsinger and Kate Daggett
March 18	NO ZONE 56 SPRING BREAK!!!			
March 25	Missions	Laurie Schmidt	Sheila Sutherland, Cherie Arruda	Laurie Schmidt & Sheila Sutherland

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Date	8:45 Service	11:15 Service
Mar. 1	COMMUNION	
Mar. 8	Tanner & April Hays 214-952-9948	Jay & Stacey Wilson 940-464-7163
Mar. 15	Rick & Tana Smith 940-382-9148	Jay & Bonny Haynes 940-464-3090
Mar. 22	Quinn & Karen Ricker 214-202-7162	Ryan & Lacey Cheeseman 940-453-7130
Mar. 29	David & Amy Young 940-464-0103	David & Denise Fuller 940-464-2299



Created By God. A wonderful Christian workshop on human sexuality for 5th and 6th graders, will be held the weekend of Apr. 3rd. This will be our second year to offer this workshop, and we highly recommend it.

The workshop will start with small group leader training & parent information sessions on Thursday evening. The children will attend Friday evening and all day Saturday. Parents and children will attend a closing service on Sunday afternoon.

Deanna Ferguson from FUMC Denton is a certified CBG leader who will be leading our sessions. Registration is limited to thirty children; there is a cost of \$35 to cover expenses. Adults will be needed as small group leaders. Registration deadline is Mar. 15th. Forms are available in the education wing.



CAMP E.D.G.E. Vacation Bible School. This year's VBS will be an extreme adventure camp where they Experience and Discover God Everywhere! CAMP E.D.G.E. VBS is not your typical stroll through the woods. It's an action-packed, adrenaline-filled expedition that teaches kids their strength and might come from God. Through rockin' contemporary music, larger-than-life recreation games, mind-boggling science activities, extreme sports videos, and cool, challenging crafts, kids will discover how to live on the E.D.G.E. in their faith. CAMP E.D.G.E. will be at Argyle UMC June 15—19th from 9:00 am until noon. Our first planning meeting will be in March.

Date	8:45 Service	11:15 Service
Mar. 1	Sarah Rouser	Dara & Dawson Fuller
Mar. 8		Natalie Brown & Sarah Hand
Mar. 15	Hudson McCabe	
Mar. 22	Gavin Johnston	Hannah Mooney
Mar. 29	Avery Austin	