



Upcoming events:

- Children’s Church Harvest party: Sunday, December 2nd after church service.
- Children’s Christmas Program: December 23rd, 10:45 am during the service.

## For Parents: Parental Responsibility part 2

Obviously, the first parents were Adam and Eve. The Bible gives the names of three of their children (though, they had many more). Cain and Abel were the two brothers with the most trouble, resulting in murder. But the question I ask is, “Who taught Cain and Abel the things they knew about God?”

If you read the story in Genesis 4, both brothers brought a sacrifice to God. Who taught them to bring a sacrifice? Abel brought the firstborn from his flock. Who taught him to do that?

The answer has to be Adam and Eve, his parents. Everything these brothers learned about God, they learned from their parents.

After Cain murdered Abel, Adam and Eve had another son named Seth. Genesis 5 records a

continuous succession of men from Adam through Seth’s lineage who were followers of God. Who taught these men to follow and fear God? Later on, Noah, a descendent of Seth, was the most righteous man living at the time before the flood (that’s really not saying very much).

An interesting note, Genesis 9:6 appears to be the first implications of a system of government. What is interesting about this is that prior to this time, legalities would have been dealt with by the family structure. The father was the ruler of the family. He made all the decisions and everyone obeyed him. When there was a murder that needed to be avenged, the family took care of vengeance. In Genesis 9:6, God was declaring a more “civilized” way of handling the murder of a family member.

Prior to that, the family was all that a person had to fall back on. Even after that, it appears as though the family was the primary avenger in the case of a murder. This was a cultural thing which led God to establish “cities of refuge” in Israel. They were for a manslayer to go before the “avenger of blood” caught and killed him in revenge for an accidental death (see Numbers 35).

Religious knowledge was handed down from parent to child. Social knowledge was handed down from parent to child. “Scholastic” knowledge was handed down from parent to child (see Genesis 4:20-21). This was the way of things until the priesthood was instituted. But did the priesthood change the expectation that parents would train their own children?

## Children’s Ministry Update

During the Sunday School and Children’s Church opening, children are practicing for the Christmas presentation on December 23rd. The program is called “The Best Story Ever” and all the children are invited to participate. Please bring them to practices!

All children that attend on Sunday, Dec. 23 will receive a bag of Christmas candy.

The Children’s Sunday School classes made Christmas cards to send to Cody and Bethany Engbrecht and their girls. Hopefully they will receive them before Christmas!

They are also taking offering every week to raise \$100 for the Engbrechts. Currently, they have raised \$56.

As a church, we sent 19 boxes to children around the world through Franklin Graham’s Operation Christmas Child.

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## Week of Dec. 3rd

**Monday**— Isaiah 9:6

**Ask:** Who is this verse talking about?  
What is the first name that He will be called?

**Tuesday**— Psalm 77:11-12

**Ask:** Is God wonderful?  
What are some wonderful things God has done for you?

**Wednesday**— Psalm 77:13-14

**Ask:** Can you think of some things that show God's strength?  
Can anyone else do those things?

**Thursday**— Psalm 78:12

**Ask:** What wonderful things did God do for Israel while they were in Egypt?  
Is God still that wonderful now?

**Friday**— Psalm 78:13-14

**Ask:** How did God show His power at the Red Sea?  
How did God protect Israel while they were in the dessert?

**Bible Reading:** Ephesians 1:1-14

## Week of Dec. 10th

**Monday**— Isaiah 9:6

**Ask:** What is the second name that this Child will be called?

**Tuesday**—Deuteronomy 10:17

**Ask:** What are some of the names given to God in this verse?  
What do those names mean about God?

**Wednesday**— Psalm 89:5

**Ask:** Who praises God's wonders?  
What else does this verse say about God?

**Thursday**— Psalm 89:6-7

**Ask:** Is there anyone on earth who is like God?  
Are there any angels who are like God?

**Friday**— Isaiah 10:21

**Ask:** What name is given to God in this verse?  
If Isaiah 9:6 is calling Jesus mighty God, does that mean he was more than just a man?

**Bible Reading:** Ephesians 1:15-23

## Week of Dec. 17th

**Monday**— Isaiah 9:6

**Ask:** What is the fourth name of this Child?

**Tuesday**— Isaiah 11:1-2

**Ask:** Who are these verses talking about?  
Who is going to help Jesus when he rules the earth?

**Wednesday**— Isaiah 11:3-5

**Ask:** What job will Jesus do while he is ruling on earth?  
How is he going to judge the people on the earth?

**Thursday**— Isaiah 11:6-9-

**Ask:** Does this sound like a nice place to live?  
Would you be afraid of anything in this kind of place?

**Friday**— John 14:27

**Ask:** Who is speaking in this verse?  
What is Jesus promising to leave with his disciples?

**Bible Reading:** Ephesians 2:1-10

## Week of Dec. 24th

**Monday**— Isaiah 9:6

**Ask:** What is the third name given to the Child?

**Tuesday**— Isaiah 40:9-11

**Ask:** What is God going to bring with Him when He comes to Zion?  
How is God going to treat His people?

**Wednesday**— Isaiah 40:12-14

**Ask:** Is God bigger than the world we see around us?  
Is God smarter than anybody else?

**Thursday**—John 8:23-24

**Ask:** Where was Jesus from?  
What would happen to the people who did not believe in Jesus?

**Friday**— John 8:28-29

**Ask:** What was Jesus going to do to save people from sin?  
Who was Jesus pleasing with all the things that he did?

**Bible Reading:** Ephesians 2:11-22

## Week of Dec. 31st

**Monday**— Luke 15:11-13

**Ask:** What did the son ask for?  
What did he do with everything that his father gave him?

**Tuesday**— Luke 15:14-16

**Ask:** What did the son do after all his money was gone?  
Do you think that he was very hungry?

**Wednesday**— Luke 15:17-19

**Ask:** What did the son think about?  
Was he sorry that he had taken his father's money and wasted it?

**Thursday**— Luke 15:20

**Ask:** What did the father do when he saw his son coming home?  
Do you think he forgave the son?

**Friday**— Luke 15:21-24

**Ask:** What did the son say to the father?  
Was the father happy that his son came home or angry that his son wasted everything?

**Bible Reading:** Ephesians 3:1-13

## Week of Jan. 7th

**Monday**— Luke 15:25-26

**Ask:** What had the older son been doing while his little brother was wasting money?

What did he hear when he came to the house?

**Tuesday**— Luke 15:27-28

**Ask:** What did the servant tell the older brother was happening inside the house?

Was the older brother happy or angry that his little brother was home?

**Wednesday**— Luke 15:28-30

**Ask:** What did the father do?

Why was the older brother angry?

**Thursday**— Luke 15:31-32

**Ask:** Why did the father say that they had to celebrate the younger son's return?

Was it right for the older brother to be angry that his father treated his younger brother so well?

**Friday**— Luke 11:8-10

**Ask:** What was the woman looking for?

Jesus said that there was joy in heaven when what happens?

**Bible Reading:** Ephesians 3:14-21

## Week of Jan. 14th

**Monday**— Ephesians 1:3-4

**Ask:** What blessings did God give us? When did God choose us?

**Tuesday**— Ephesians 1:20-23

**Ask:** What did God do for Jesus?

What is Jesus ruling over?

**Wednesday**— Ephesians 2:14-16

**Ask:** How did Jesus make peace between the religious Jews and the pagan Gentiles?

Can both religious and non-religious people be saved?

**Thursday**— Ephesians 3:8-10

**Ask:** What did God want Paul to do? What was the church showing people about God?

**Friday**— Ephesians 3:20-21

**Ask:** What is God able to do?

What is the church supposed to give to God?

**Bible Reading:** Ephesians 4:1-16

## Week of Jan. 21st

**Monday**— Ephesians 4:1-3

**Ask:** What is Paul begging for us to do?

How do we walk worthy of our calling to be saved?

**Tuesday**— Ephesians 4:22-24

**Ask:** What are we supposed to lay aside?

What are we supposed to put on?

How does that make us different?

**Wednesday**— Ephesians 5:1-2

**Ask:** Who are we supposed to act like?

How did Jesus show us his love?

Can you love others like that?

**Thursday**— Ephesians 5:15-16

**Ask:** How does Paul say we are supposed to walk?

What are we to do with the time that God gives us on earth? Why?

**Friday**— Ephesians 6:10-12

**Ask:** What do we need in order to stand up against the devil?

If our fight is not against people, who is it against?

**Bible Reading:** Ephesians 4:17-24

## Week of Jan. 28th

**Monday**— Romans 5:6-10

**Ask:** How did God show us His love?

What does the death of Jesus save us from?

**Tuesday**— Ephesians 2:8-10

**Ask:** Can we be saved by doing good things?

What is it that saves us?

**Wednesday**— Ephesians 2:11-13

**Ask:** Before we were saved, what was our relationship to God?

When we are saved, how does our relationship to God change?

**Thursday**— 1 Peter 1:17-19

**Ask:** How should we live on earth if God is our Father in heaven?

What did God do to “redeem” us from our sinful life?

**Friday**— 1 John 3:7-8

**Ask:** Who are we like when we do righteous things?

Who are we like when we sin?

**Bible Reading:** Ephesians 4:25-32

## Week of Feb. 4th

**Monday**— 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

**Ask:** Is Jesus still dead?

Is the death and resurrection of Jesus important for us?

**Tuesday**— Ephesians 2:4-5

**Ask:** What is God rich in?

What did God's great love do for us?

**Wednesday**— Ephesians 2:6-7

**Ask:** Who are we raised up with?

What does God show about Himself by raising us up with Jesus?

**Thursday**— Ephesians 2:8-10

**Ask:** Why does God not allow us to be saved by our own good works?

**Friday**— 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

**Ask:** How should our spirit, soul, and body be preserved when Jesus comes?

Who is going to cause that to happen?

**Bible Reading:** Ephesians 5:1-14



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their own children for God's  
glory!**

## Family Resources:

Focus on the Family produces a magazine for children called Clubhouse Jr. Kids love the fun stories, jokes, comics, and activities. Best of all, the magazine focuses on a biblical worldview and morals.

From Clubhouse's website:

"Here at *Focus on the Family Clubhouse Jr.*, we want to do more than simply entertain your child. We want to come alongside you to help you lay a spiritual foundation in your children's lives that will enable them to stand strong for Jesus Christ for the rest of their lives. We take this calling seriously.

The *Clubhouse Jr.* staff is honored to have the opportunity, month after month, to show kids ages 3 to 7 how exciting the Christian life can be. That's

why we provide distinctly biblical content both in our magazine and on our Web site. We are also committed to your child's safety and a fun online experience. Our Web site abides strictly by the Child Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). So browse around the site, play fun games, read exciting Bible stories and discover dozens of crafts, recipes and activities to do together as a family.

Keep in mind that you will find many additional resources in our award-winning monthly magazine. It's easy to subscribe online. During your son or daughter's formative years, let *Clubhouse Jr.* encourage them to make wise choices and live for God. And if you're looking for parenting advice or encouragement, check out Focus on the Family's Parents website."

[www.clubhousejr.com/parents](http://www.clubhousejr.com/parents)

### Week of Feb. 11th

**Monday**— Ephesians 6:18

**Ask:** How often should we pray? Who should we pray for?

**Tuesday**— Ephesians 6:19-20

**Ask:** Why does Paul want people to pray for him?

Is it important to pray for missionaries?

**Wednesday**— Colossians 4:2-4

**Ask:** What should our attitude be while we pray?

Is it important to pray for Bible teachers?

**Thursday**— Colossians 4:5

**Ask:** How are we supposed to act toward people outside of the Church? Should we pray for opportunities to tell them about Jesus?

**Friday**— Colossians 4:6

**Ask:** What should our speech always be seasoned with?

How can you have graceful speech when you talk to your siblings?

**Bible Reading:** Ephesians 5:15-33

### Week of Feb. 18th

**Monday**— Matthew 28:18-20

**Ask:** How much authority has been given to Jesus?

What did Jesus command his disciples to do?

**Tuesday**— Ephesians 4:11-13

**Ask:** Who did God give to the Church? What are these people supposed to do?

**Wednesday**— Ephesians 4:14-16

**Ask:** How are we supposed to speak to each other?

What does God want us to do for each other?

**Thursday**— 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22

**Ask:** What are we supposed to hold onto?

What are we supposed to avoid?

**Friday**— 1 Thessalonians 5:23-25

**Ask:** What is God called in these verses?

What will God do for us?

**Bible Reading:** Ephesians 6:1-9

### Week of Feb. 25th

**Monday**— Acts 2:44-45

**Ask:** What were the Christians doing with their things?

Who were they giving their money to?

**Tuesday**— Acts 2:46-47

**Ask:** What were the Christians doing together everyday?

What was God doing?

**Wednesday**— John 15:1-4

**Ask:** What does God do so the Christian can bear fruit?

Can a Christian bear fruit by himself?

**Thursday**— John 15:5-8

**Ask:** If we dwell in Christ as the Vine, what can we do?

How do we prove to be disciples of Jesus?

**Friday**— John 15:9-11

**Ask:** How can we abide in Jesus' love? Why did Jesus say these things to his disciples?

**Bible Reading:** Ephesians 6:10-24