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### April Library Storytime

When two caterpillars begin spinning their cocoons, one becomes lazy and decides life would be much more fun if he spent his time playing instead of working. Will this caterpillar finish his work in time to become a butterfly? Join us at the church from 9:30-10:30 AM on April 25th as we take a look at butterflies and learn that being responsible has its own rewards. At storytime we'll read *The Nineteenth of Maquerk*, create a fun snack, and design our own butterfly craft!

## Countdown to Easter

Forty ways to celebrate the greatest event in history  
by Annette LaPlaca

These Scripture readings, fun activities, discussion points and hymns to read or sing will help your family focus on the most pivotal Christian truth: Christ died and rose to save us from sin!

- Buy an Easter lily for your home. The lily symbolizes new life because something so strikingly fragrant and beautiful grows from a lifeless-looking bulb.
- Paint a spring mural. Put up a wall-sized piece of paper, tape newspaper to the floor, dress your child in old clothes and get out the paints!
- Take a "new life walk" outdoors, searching out tiny shoots, sprouting buds on trees and eggs in birds' nests.
- Explain the word *redemption*, using the dictionary definition as well as the Christian doctrine (hints:

"recovering ownership" and "restoring value").

- Sing together the hymn "O Sacred Head"
- Help your child understand why Jesus was called "the Lamb of God" (his role as the unblemished sacrifice: Ex. 12:21-24; John 1:29; 1 Cor. 5:7-8). With your child, make a lamb craft.
- Read or summarize Exodus 12:1-42 to give an older child a context for the Passover celebration that Jesus observed the last week before his death. Explain Christ's death as the ultimate sacrifice for sin and discuss the significance of God giving up his firstborn Son.
- Look up 2 Corinthians 5:17. As a symbol of a "new creation," make butterflies using a large piece of

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## Summer Program Registration Has Begun!

This summer's children's ministry calendar is full of exciting events that will challenge our children to grow in the Lord and to have a lot of fun while they're at it! Check out the "Children's Ministry Calendar" that is available in the summer display in the church lobby. Registration forms for the following summer programs are also available at the display.

- **Heroes of the Faith and Future:** Children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade will learn about 12 different godly character traits found in the book of Proverbs. They will then be able to participate in a workshop (sports, crafts, cooking, drama, science lab, etc.) and learn how to live out each character trait in their own life! *Heroes* will be held Wednesday evenings starting May 20.
- **VeggieConnections:** This program includes lots of fun activities and VeggieTales characters! Children 3-5 years old will learn to connect with the Lord. *Veggies* will be held Wednesday evenings starting May 20.
- **Cosmic City (VBS):** Cosmic City will meet each evening during the week of July 12-16. During VBS, our "space voyagers" will join Cosmic City Tours on a journey through a floating space city, discovering God's awesome power. Children age 3 through those who have completed 6th grade are invited to attend.
- **Extreme Challenge Summer Camp:** This overnight camping adventure (August 3-7) is for children who have completed 3rd-6th grade. At camp, children will participate in incredible games, swimming, and other indoor and outdoor activities. They will experience fun times in small groups, in exciting worship, and in learning challenges from God's Word.



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### Spring Playdates

Children accompanied by an adult are invited to join us for some outdoor play on April 7 and 21 at Gap Park! Meet at the park from 10:00-11:30 AM. The playdate will be cancelled if it is raining. Questions? Contact Janice McIntyre (610-593-7261).

### Awana Closing Program

Joins us on May 6 at 6:45 PM as we celebrate the accomplishments of our Awana clubbers during the 2008-2009 Awana year. There will also be a time of light refreshments and fellowship following the program.

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wrapping tissue scrunched and secured in the middle with a clothespin.

- Define *resurrection* for your kids. Have an older child undertake a "Bible hunt" to identify people who died and were raised to life. In every case, Who did the resurrecting?
- Find an old muffin tin and fill the cups with soil. Help your child plant a different type of flower seed in each compartment.
- Read Matthew 26:1-16, 47-56. Talk about your child's experiences of betrayal or disappointment in friendships. Imagine Jesus' personal hurt at Judas' treachery and the subsequent desertion of Christ's closest allies.
- Read Isaiah 53:2-8. Depending on the maturity and readiness of your child, describe Jesus' suf-

ferings on the cross.

- In Greece, Christians celebrate Easter with a festive outdoor banquet. On the first warm-enough day, eat lunch together outdoors.
- Explain *repentance* in terms of understanding God's holiness and seeing yourself through his eyes. Emphasize God's loving desire to redeem sinners.
- Sing together words from "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
- Act out the "parade" of Palm Sunday as a family.
- Make hot cross buns--small, spicy, sweet buns that are a traditional Easter treat.
- Clean house! Jewish families typically cleaned before the Passover celebration.
- Discuss Jesus' experiences in the garden of

Gethsemane in Matthew 26:36-46. Then read his prayer for all believers, including your family, in John 17:20-26.

- The name *Good Friday* probably evolved from the phrase "God's Friday." Talk about why the day Christ died is ultimately very good, the best, because we all need a Savior.
- Practice the traditional Easter greeting: "Christ is risen!" and the reply: "He is risen indeed!"

For the rest of the article, please visit: <http://www.christianitytoday.com/momsense/1999/marapr/9g2031.html?start=1>

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## Summer Volunteer Opportunities

- Summer is only a few months away! The "Summer 2009 Volunteer Opportunities Booklet" is now available in the church lobby. As you pray about serving the Lord by ministering to the children of CMBC and the community, use this booklet to help you find a position that will make use of your gifts, talents, and skills. There are a wide variety of positions available—from Bible teaching, to leading craft activities and games, to support positions. Get involved today!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Awana, 6:45 PM	2	3	4
5 Camp Information Meeting, 12:15 PM	6	7 Spring Playdate (Gap Park), 10 AM	8 Awana, 6:45 PM	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Awana, 6:45 PM	16	17	18 Library Storytime, 9:30 AM
19	20	21 Spring Playdate (Gap Park), 10 AM	22 Awana, 6:45 PM	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Awana, 6:45 PM	30		