

Kids' Konnection

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Volunteer this Fall

As you begin to plan for the fall, please also begin to pray about your involvement in our children's ministries. We will have openings this fall in our Sunday morning PreSchool rooms and in the nurseries. We also are recruiting for Awana leaders and Kindergarten Sunday School teachers and assistants. If you would like to volunteer, contact Heather Ensslen for more information.

Parent and Child Dedication

A Parent/Child Dedication Service will be held during the second worship service on August 15, 2010. If you would like to be involved in this service, please complete the "Application for Dedication of a Child" card that is available at the literature table closest to the main office and return it to the church office drop box. Contact the church office for more information (717-442-8161).

A threadbare teddy bear is a treasured possession that brings a child enjoyment, security and comfort. Likewise, parents can use physical objects to help our young children treasure spiritual truth.

Our family made treasure boxes to help our five kids grasp the meaning of God's greatness, love and care. Children love treasure boxes because they can hold them, open the lid, peek inside and fill them with special items that jog positive memories.

Before giving the box to your child, attach a small, unbreakable **mirror** inside the lid or bottom of the box. Then help your child cut out pictures of God's creation to glue on the box. Look for pictures that relate to each day of creation, and use the box's lid, bottom and four sides so you'll have a separate section to represent each day of creation.

Once the box is decorated, ask your child to name one aspect of creation that God especially loves. After several guesses, tell your child to look

inside the box for the answer. He will be delighted to find his own reflection!

Discuss how God looked at all that he had made and saw that it was good (Gen. 1:31). Ask your child, "What do you think God said when he made you?" Make **fingerprints** on small pieces of paper and talk about how God made each of us unique. Then read Psalm 139:14.

Help your child think of treasures to place inside the box, including slips of paper containing **Bible verses**. A lock of my daughter's **hair** from her first haircut reminded her that God values her so much he numbers her hairs.

My son found two **pennies** and a **feather** that he treasured because "God cares for me and the birds." The pennies carry the motto "In God We Trust," reminders of a caring God.

When God answers a prayer about

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Rio Sunday School

We are pleased to announce that beginning September 5 we will be using an exciting new Sunday School curriculum for our 1st-6th grade Sunday School classes! This curriculum, called *Rio*, is published by David C. Cook, the publisher of our current curriculum (which is called *Accent*). We are sure that you will find this new curriculum to be an encouragement and a help in your journey to raise your children to know and love the Lord. For more information about *Rio*, visit rio.davidccook.com/rio.

Please plan to attend the *Rio* Parent Information Session on August 15 at 6:30 PM. At this session, you'll be able to get an overview of the curriculum as well as learn about all of the tools *Rio* provides for parents. To sign up to attend this session, visit <http://cmbccchildren.weebly.com/rio-parent-session.html>.



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hurt feelings, place an **adhesive bandage** in the box, because God heals us both inside and outside. Write down the answered prayer to remember later on.

A tiny **eraser** is a reminder that God forgives us and erases all memory of our sins.

A **postage stamp** helps kids visualize that prayer is a way of sending messages to God.

When your child has trouble sleeping, use the treasure box to provide comfort. Place a tiny **lamb** or furry white pompom inside the box as a reminder that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, takes care of us.

Together make a **cross** of sticks and tie it with a red ribbon to symbolize Christ's blood shed for us. Tell your child, "Jesus died because he treasures you." When the cross is placed in the box, encourage your child to make

room for Jesus in the best place of all in his or her heart.

A treasure box helps children visualize how God works in their lives. It's a fun way to make spiritual concepts more concrete, which helps young children grasp God's truth and make it personal.

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Awana is a program for children age 2-6th grade. Each Awana night is filled with energy, fellowship and spiritual growth. The evening is packed with games, Scripture memory, singing, and a Bible message. Awana is held on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:15 PM throughout the school year.

- **Awana Kick-off:** Join us for this fun event on August 25, 2010 at 6:45 PM, before Awana officially begins. There will be food and fun for families to enjoy together. Parents can also fill out all of the registration forms for their children on this special evening.
- **Awana Opening Night:** September 1, 2010; 6:45-8:15 PM
- **Volunteer:** Interested in getting involved in the Awana Ministry Team? Contact Heather Ensslen at heathere@calvarymonument.org.
- **Register:** You can register your child for Awana at the Kick-Off or download the registration form online at www.cmbccchildren.weebly.com. You can also register on any Wednesday evening that Awana is held. There will be a registration table in the main lobby at the beginning of the evening.

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1 Sunday School Electives	2	3	4 Heroes and Veggies, 6:45 PM	5	6	7
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