

Creating Your Family's Spiritual Scrapbook

Provide a visual reminder of all that God has given.
by Debbie Austin



FYI

Good News Clubs in Pequea Valley

CMBC will be sponsoring several Good News Clubs (GNC) again this spring. At GNC, children in the public school are able to hear a Bible lesson, a missions story, and a presentation of the gospel. The spring semester of GNC will be held March 9—April 20. The clubs will meet on Mondays at Paradise Elementary and on Tuesdays at Salisbury Elementary. Both clubs will meet from 3:15 to 4:45 PM. If you are interested in volunteering as a leader for either of these clubs, please contact Heather Ensslen.

You probably have photo albums (or at least photo piles) to commemorate the special occasions in your family's life. As you organize these images into an album, consider creating a spiritual scrapbook.

In Joshua 4, after God performed the miracle of drying up the Jordan river so that the Israelites could cross into the promised land, God instructed Joshua to choose 12 Israelites to build a memorial out of 12 stones as a visual reminder of what God had done for them. In verse 6, Joshua says, "These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever."

Creating a spiritual scrapbook provides a visible reminder of all that God has done for your family. Here's how to build your own memorial:

Gather the Stones

Choose pictures and memorabilia from events of spiritual significance

such as a birth (Psalm 127:3), baptism (Luke 3:21-23), birthday, confirmation, graduation (Proverbs 2), wedding, anniversary, or different holidays. For more ideas, ask your family to remember times when God answered specific prayers (Psalm 4:3). Your children may want to include pictures of special friends or special times that brought them closer to God, such as a photo from camp. Get creative and include a beautiful leaf that reminds you of God's artistry or the music sheet from your family's favorite worship song.

Begin with the Basics

Shop for a ready-made scrapbook or design your own at a local scrapbooking store. Choose a scrapbook that allows you to add pages. Use acid free paper to prevent your pictures from deteriorating over the years. Purchase photo mounting

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CMBC Missions Conference

The CMBC Missions Conference will be held March 15-22. During the Missions Conference, there are special sessions designed just for children. For a complete schedule, please visit www.calvarymonument.org or pick up a Missions Conference Brochure.

Elementary Children will be able to meet a different missionary guest at many of their sessions, which will be held throughout the week. On Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evening, additional children's electives will be held to give the children an opportunity to do several hands-on projects. Children are also invited to attend the banquet on Sunday evening and the Picture Reports. Each child (Kindergarten-Sixth grade) who attends the Missions Conference will receive a "Missions Conference Passport." This passport will list all of the events that are available for the children. Children will receive a stamp for each session they attend and will be able to earn a special incentive for completing the passport.

Preschool children will be able to meet missionaries on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings. Missionaries will also attend each of the Awana clubs on Wednesday evening.



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Awana Games/Sparks-a-Rama

The Awana Games (for T&T clubbers) and Sparks-A-Rama (for Sparks clubbers) are sports activities in which clubbers compete with other area Awana clubs in Awana games practiced throughout the year. Both events will be held on March 14 at Mount Calvary Church in Elizabethtown, PA. The Sparks-A-Rama will begin at 9:00 AM and will be followed by the Awana Games.

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tape (called photo splits) and an acid free pen to label pictures, write Scripture references, and add quotes from the family.

Personalize your Memorial

Consider writing a Scripture verse on the cover, such as Joshua 24:15, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Other easy embellishments

include stickers, colored and patterned papers, and stencils. Try cropping a photo or rounding off the corners. Use speech bubbles to tell a photo's story. Let younger children add stickers to the pages. Have the artist in the family illustrate a page or add colorful lettering.

Share your Story

Plan periodic family nights to update your book and add more stories. Put your

scrapbook in a place where people will notice it. Encourage your kids to show it to visitors and tell the stories about what God has done in their lives. Your memorial scrapbook will become a wonderful witnessing tool, as well a reminder of God's presence in the life of your family.

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Get Involved in Children's Ministry!

"How to Lead a Child to Christ:" A free seminar will be held at CMBC on March 31 at 7:00 PM. This seminar, "How to Lead a Child to Christ," is open to all children's ministry volunteers (Awana, Sunday School, PreSchool, Nursery, Summer and VBS, Junior Church) as well as *parents and grandparents!* Make plans to attend!

Summer Days at CMBC

Registration for our summer programs will begin soon! Here are some highlights of what is to come:

- May 20-Aug. 12 (Wednesdays): *Heroes and Veggies*
- July 12-16: Vacation Bible School
- August 2-30 (Sundays): *Mythbusters* and *Hope Lives!* Special Sunday School Programs
- August 3-7: Extreme Challenge Summer Camp

Recruitment for our summer children's programs starts on March 1. Begin praying about how you might serve the Lord this summer by ministering to the children of CMBC and our community! For descriptions of the available positions, pick up a copy of the "Summer 2009 Volunteer Opportunities Booklet" from the children's ministry bulletin board in the church lobby or contact Heather Ensslen.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Awana, 6:45 PM	5	6	7
8	9	10 Winter Play-date, 10 AM	11 Awana, 6:45 PM	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Awana, 6:45 PM	19	20	21 Sparks-a-Rama/Awana Games 9 AM
22	23	24 Winter Play-date, 10 AM	25 Awana, 6:45 PM	26	27	28
29	30	31 "How to Lead a Child to Christ" Seminar; 7 PM				