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Christmas Child is one month
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for pick up.

HKCS Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, October 18, 2020

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



***Carry Out Only**

Single (1 person) - \$10.00

Half (2-3 people) - \$25.00

Full (4-6 People) - \$40.00

Meal includes:
spaghetti with meat
sauce or marinara,
salad, bread, and
dessert.





I love a good deal, especially when the good deal is something of value that is free. This week, I ordered some clearance shorts online and ended up getting one pair for free and paying only five dollars for the other pair. Since I received such a good deal, I wasn't expecting much. However, when they arrived, I realized that they were good quality and fit me perfectly. As I said, I love a good deal!

I think sometimes we forget God extends his grace to us and it too is free. And, not only is it free, but it is also undeserved! Romans 5: 8 says, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." This statement is a powerful reminder that we are saved by grace and not by works. We don't deserve to go to Heaven. We don't have to earn our way into Heaven. God's grace that offers us eternal life is free.

It is important understand that although grace is free, it is not cheap! Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who gave his life standing up for what was right, had this to say about cheap grace: "Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate."

Right now, we are in a season of covid precautions. Many are still sheltering in place while others are cautiously venturing out to the store and to church. Our church continues to provide an online service for anyone wishing to worship with us. As you either join us online or in person, we remind you that worship is our response to grace.

Love and Blessings, Pastor Tom



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Dianna Carr-DiZinno, *Admin. Assistant*

Sunday Schedule:

10:00 a.m. Worship

10:45 Sunday School (Sept.-May)

Youth Group as scheduled

Other ministries of Summit Church:

•**Summit Church's Christian Community Outreach Building**

•**Loaves & Fishes Food Bank**

Directors: Dorothy Steighner
and Kay Foertsch

•**HIS Kids Christian School**

(PreK--6th grade)

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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS
from the September 8 meeting

Pastor's Report: Pastor Tom officiated the wedding of Celina Sanks to Michael Cunningham.

Clerk's Report: **Motion** approved to accept the minutes from the August 11 Session Meeting.

Finance Committee: **Motion** to accept August treasurers report.

HIS Kids Christian School Report: The School Board has formed a Health and Safety Committee. HKCS is looking to hire a custodian/maintenance person during school hours to help with disinfecting bathrooms after use and for minor work around the school. **Motion** approved to grant HKCS to hire a custodian and for the School Board to decided whether part or full-time is needed.

Facilities Report: Pastor Tom and Session discussed the meeting of groups if they follow CDC guidelines. **Motion** approved for Summit Church groups that were in existence before, to start meeting again as they choose. Brittany Morse requested use of the Fellowship Hall for her girl scout troop, and Christan Baker requested the use of the HKCS multipurpose room for her girl scout troop. **Motion** approved for both troops to use the facilities. Rich Foust has been working on quotes for re-carpeting the Summit Church Sanctuary. **Motion** approved to move forward with the new carpet installation done by Paracca Flooring.

*Submitted by Cheryl Nagel,
Clerk of Session*



*...a quick study of God's edifying Word by R.J. Baker.
Discover the truth and promises intended for every believer.*

THE BRIDE OF THE LAMB

Study Verses: Hos 2:2, 3:5; Jer 3:1; Ezk 6:63; Psm 11:4, 93:20; Isa 6:1, 66:1; Zach 14:5; Matt 22:2, 25:10; Jude 14-15; Rev 19: 1-16, 21: 2-11; Thes 3:13; II Cor 11:2

Texts: D. Jeremiah, J. Swaggart, A. Tsar Fati

Upon His agonizing crucifixion, Jesus took on the mantle of the Old Covenant sacrifice...the spotless, innocent lamb, a sin covering. This Jewish offering was limited and temporary. Jesus lovingly committed Himself as the perfect and everlasting sacrifice...for all sin, for all mankind. John the Baptist cried out to the wilderness crowd when Jesus quietly arrives: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" This commences our Lord's earthly ministry, sealed by the descending dove of the Holy Spirit, following Jesus' baptism in the river Jordan. The **LAMB** designation is an eternal title, one that forever will be held alone by Jesus Christ. Give thought to the scriptures in which He identifies Himself as the good shepherd. Peter was told, "...feed my sheep". Fully the Son of God, fully the Son of Man, He ironically is the perfect **Lamb** and the faithful **Shepherd**. Only our God!

One of the intriguing and much misunderstood aspects of the Lordship of Jesus Christ is a crucial spiritual position ...*The Bridegroom*. It has roots in the protection and care Jehovah provided for Israel, establishing a special relationship with His people that was jealously guarded in ways comparable to how the Jews embraced a beloved spouse. The loyal prophets of the Most High regarded unrighteous actions such as idol worship and other flagrant transgressions, as adultery. Prophetic warnings appeared easier understood from a traditional/cultural viewpoint. Very often they were ignored or tragically unheeded inviting dire circumstances.

As the lesson approaches the what, why and when aspects of the "Bride" subject, consider several essential biblical and secular historical facts. They will have a catalytic effect upon sacred truth and reason. (I.S. Bible Encyclopedia)

- ♥ The word "holy" is used with only real things, never symbols
- ♥ Jerusalem is mentioned (810) times as a literal city
- ♥ Greco & Roman cultures promoted feminine declaration for institutional and related items...ie. "she was a great ship"
 - ♥ Jesus never referred to Himself as the Bridegroom
 - ♥ Jesus called redeemed saints (invited) "guests at the Wedding Supper"
 - ♥ Fine white linen is the dress of the saints showing purity by the Lamb's perfect sacrifice

Christian tradition has long embraced the Apostle Paul's identifying the Church...the body of Christ, as the "Bride". And, although this principle rings true, it alone is not sufficient to fully grasp God's purpose and plan for believers in the Kingdom. Well-schooled in Jewish O.T. law and orthodoxy, pharisee Saul (Paul), was no doubt influenced by the blessing or punishment that impacted Israel as a considered faithful or wayward spouse. The volume of scripture is extensive but incomplete, as other N.T. writings obviously were not available to Paul. Harking back to the principle that scripture supports scripture, see the beautiful truth that becomes so much clearer as inspired words slowly knit together, for our benefit, and **GOD'S GLORY!**

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ADULT FICTION SERIES



Secrets of Wayfarers Inn

- 18. Before It's Too Late, by Kathleen Y'Barbo
- 19. Mercy's Song, by Candice Prentice
- 20. There's No Place like Holmes, by Roseanna White
- 21. A Place to Belong, by Beth Adams
- 22. Crossing the River, by Leslie Gould
- 23. Who Let the Dogs Out?, by Janice Thompson

Patchwork Mysteries

- 26. Threads of Love, by Susan Page Davis
- 27. Something Borrowed, by Camy Tang
- 28. A Bitter Brew, by Elizabeth Ludwig

Mysteries of Martha's Vineyard

- 21. Sail Away Home, by Cara Putman
- 22. Waves of Doubt, by Nancy Mehl
- 23. Lifeline, by Elizabeth Penney
- 24. Flotsam & Jetsam, by DeAnna Julie Dodson
- 25. Just Over the Horizon, by Ruth Logan Herne

Tea Room Mysteries

- 27. Tea Leaves & Legacies, by Susan Page Davis

Given in Memory of Donovan Sanks by Anthony & Mary Jo Sanks

The Inn at Magnolia Harbor

- 10. Joyful Beginnings, by Elizabeth Penney
- 11. Love's Surprise, by Johnnie Alexander
- 12. Season of Renewal, by DeAnna Julie Dodson
- 13. Drawing Hope, by Tara Randel
- 14. A Guiding Promise, by Gail Chianese



Herald Assembly Team for the November issue:

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| Terry Dean | JoAnn Lawson |
| Rex Jewell | Linda Morse |
| Jud Jewell | Janet Sepich |
| Eleanor Kingan | |

CURRENT CHURCH OFFICERS

Thank you to all who have stepped up to volunteer their time as Officers of Summit Church! If you are interested in becoming a Church Officer, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee or Pastor Tom.

Elders

Kathy Acquaviva, Diana Campbell, Terry Dean, Errol Foertsch, Rich Foust, Amanda Galvan, Jason Grabenstein, Doug Harrison, Phil Henkel, and Kim Steighner



Deacons

Anna Crider, Celeste Faust, Sally Foust, Trish Harrison, Michelle Morgan, Linda Nowakowski, Peggy Peters, Renee Slupe, Judy Sutton, and Linda Toy

Nominating Committee

Lori Painter, Amy Warner, Andrew Moyer, and John Vensel

Audit Committee

Dave Cadugan, Jim Faust, and Andrew Moyer

HKCS Night at Living Treasures

Friday, October 9th, 2020

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Mention HIS Kids for a discounted ticket price of \$6.99!

268 Fox Road
New Castle, PA 16101



Come and take a walk in the dark through torch-lit walkways at Living Treasures! Hear the calls of many vocal animals and spot the glowing eyes of the big cats and alligators, along with seeing 80 other species of animals, many of which are nocturnal. Night at the zoo is a rare opportunity to observe the wild and interesting behaviors many wild animals have at night.



Night at the Zoo features:

- Costume and jack-o-lantern contests with prizes
- Gift bags available for all guests who come in costume

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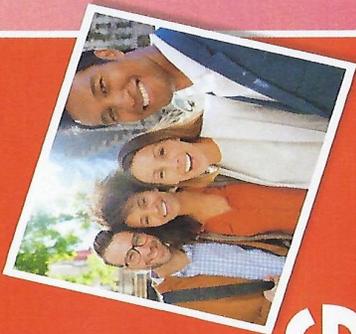
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October
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| 1 | Lee Rumbaugh | 13 | Sally Foust |
| | Doug Harrison | 17 | Tammy Mowry |
| | Rita Matis | 20 | Dutch Grabe |
| 2 | Jim Burtner | | John Fleeger |
| 5 | Sabrina Renfrew | 21 | Richard Douglas |
| 6 | Anna Acquaviva | 22 | William Spohn |
| 7 | Patty Hankey | 24 | Beverly Bachman |
| 10 | Tim Hankey | | Phillip Steinhiser |
| | Helen Hortert | | Jack Carr-DiZinno |
| | Russ Bachman | 25 | Luellen Henderson |
| 11 | Lynn Henkel | 28 | Jim Faust |
| 12 | Madison Harrison | | David Lawson |
| | Lauren Hoffman | | |

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| | Andy & Tara Corace | 10/3/09 |
| | Brandon & Tori Mowry | 10/3/09 |
| | Russ & Beverly Bachman | 10/10/64 |
| | David & Dana Lawson | 10/20 |
| | Ron & Cindy Lemmon | 10/20 |

If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in the Herald, please contact Dianna in the office. Thanks!

NOTES FROM OUR HIS KIDS TEACHERS !

Wow, does it feel good to be back! Third grade is moving in full swing. We started the year with some great team building lessons. The group was able to build a tall cup tower, using over 100 cups, as a whole group. It took many attempts, but they did eventually figure out that it was best to listen to others in the group and try different strategies. They showed a great display of teamwork!

I sure do have a class full of math whizzes! We have already completed our Place value chapter and have moved on to Addition. They are working toward earning a Pizza Party if they can memorize their addition facts. They are off to a great start! We also have got to read some funny stories in reading class like: a fine, fine school that goes to school all year and a clumsy moose put on trial for a missing pie. With these stories we learned some important lessons. Like, learning takes place everywhere, not just in school, and you should always listen to all the facts before judging someone. I am really excited about where this third grade class will go this year.

Mrs. Maxwell - Third Grade Teacher

We are off to a wonderful start this year in Preschool at His Kids Christian School! We spent a great deal of time in September getting to know each other and all about the rules and routines in our Preschool classroom. During our circle time at the beginning of our school day we are learning the words to the American Flag Pledge, as well as the Christian Flag Pledge. The preschoolers all love when it is their turn to hold one of the flags. We are so fortunate here at His Kids to have the opportunity to learn and recite the Christian Flag Pledge along with the American Flag pledge. Here are the words to the Christian Flag pledge:

*I Pledge allegiance to the Christian flag
and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands.
One Savior, crucified, risen and coming again,
With life and liberty to all who believe.*

We are all so happy to be back to school here at His Kids and we want to thank all of you for your prayers and support!

Mrs. Yamnitsky - Preschool Teacher

Happy Fall Everyone:

It is great to physically be back in the HIS Kids building teaching my favorite grade of 4th grade. It was hard to believe that we were almost out of school for almost 6 months. It has been a tough year for everyone, but with faith and strength, we will make it through. At the time of this issue's printing, we will have already been back to school almost 30 days, which in itself is hard to believe!

The 2020/2021 school year is my 5th year at the school. The 4th grade this year is doing great! We have learned a lot even with the restrictions on COVID-19. I can tell that the kids are already running low on energy, but again with faith we will get through anything. I will let you know next time what we are doing in 4th grade. God Bless!

Mr. McKruit - Fourth Grade Teacher

Hello from Second Grade! Well the school year has officially progressed and we are SO glad to be back with our friends! We have been hard at work learning how to represent numbers with base 10 blocks and coins in math. Our first Math test is coming up soon and I know all the students are going to do just wonderful! In science we have been learning how plants grow and creating nature art. We tried to plant lima beans to get them to sprout but I think that the beans may have been a little old... either that or my black thumb spread through the whole class... either way it was a life lesson that sometimes things just don't grow.... We have been doing a really fun memory book that we will take home. I always like to do this at the beginning of the year as a memento for the children to look back on when they are older and remember how far they have come! This memory book will be extra special someday because, whether the children realize it or not, they are living through history. Speaking of that, the children and families, have been so wonderful with wearing personal protective gear! The kiddos have been very respectful of the dividers that we made and they have been preserved for the intended use! We could not be more thrilled to be back, in person, doing what we love! God's blessings until next time!

Mrs. Collins - Second Grade Teacher

Proud Principal's Page – Debora Dawson, M.Ed.

Remember Dictionaries?

My curiosity got the best of me today, so I looked up the meaning of the word “Pastor” in the dictionary. What I found was: “*pastor (noun) a minister in charge of a Christian church or congregation; (verb) be pastor of a church or congregation.*” Wikipedia went on to answer the question, “What are the duties of a pastor?” The list included (among many other things): “*Preparing weekly sermons, overseeing management of all areas of the congregation’s ministry, ensuring church facilities are functioning, etc.*”

Based upon what I have observed Pastor Tom doing at the school during the past few weeks, please allow me to add to that list. Clearing and painting the stairwell to the basement; sweeping and scrubbing floors, assembling shelving and picnic tables, mixing solution for disinfecting surfaces; ordering cleaning supplies, spraying walls and wiping door handles and handrails, cleaning restroom stalls and sinks between classroom usage, organizing the maintenance closet, climbing ladders to hang up whatever anyone requests, repairing doors that have been painted shut for years, moving equipment and furniture in and out of classrooms, etc. And that list goes on and on, too!

Sounds like a boatload of work, doesn’t it? Thank you, Pastor Tom. You have certainly shepherded us to a brighter, cleaner, more sanitized world, in addition to being our spiritual leader! Also – Thanks to Katie Anderson, Michele Wardle, and Carol Novy for all their hard work in making and keeping the school clean and as safe as possible for the start of the 2020-21 school year.



A Welcome Reinforcement

The HIS Kids staff has increased again. Mrs. Tara Cornetti has relieved Pastor Tom of his cleaning duties. Tara spends part of every school day cleaning, and scrubbing, and sanitizing hallways, restrooms, walls, railings, door handles, and seemingly everything that doesn’t jump out of her way first!

Tara has two children who attend classes at HIS Kids, so she is no stranger to us. In her spare time, Tara likes to work out in her yard. Her family enjoys bike riding and camping. She must be an animal lover, because her family is rounded out by two rescued cats and a dog.

Keep cleaning, Tara. We will leave the sermon -prep to Pastor Tom.

Quite a Cover-Up

We all worried about how students would adjust to wearing masks or face shields. A peek into any of the classrooms should convince us about how resilient kids actually are. From the 3-yr. old students in Mrs. Yam’s preschool to the more mature young ladies and gentlemen in 6th grade, HIS Kids students have risen to the challenge of wearing masks each day to school and keeping them on during those times when social distancing is not possible.

Adults around the school have set a good example by wearing masks all day. They have also promoted the expectation that masks are important and will be worn on the buses and in the classrooms. Perhaps an unexpected consequence of these COVID-19 times is that students will learn the importance of not only taking care of themselves, but also taking care of each other!

Why do we wear masks? We do it BECAUSE WE CARE!

REMINDER: The 2020-21 Handbook is now on the HIS Kids website. A copy of the Health and Safety Policy follows the Handbook. A list of Frequently Asked Questions is also included. Parents are asked to check the website for more information.

Proud Principal's Page (continued) – Debora Dawson, M.Ed.

My, How Times Have Changed

I received an interesting phone call one morning. It was from a fellow Grandmother. We joked about how much times have changed since COVID reared its ugly head. It might also be a generational thing in that we might handle things differently with our grandkids than we ever did with our own kids.

Here is my Top Ten List of things that might have changed since my own kids were wee babes. Can you spot the THEN and NOW?

- #10 Oh. Fingerprints on my sliding glass door. How precious!
- #9 Come on, Mom. Let her wear whatever she wants. It's not worth fighting over clothing.
- #8 It's okay. I'll drive you to school. That bus driver has no right telling you where to sit.
- #7 Please don't tell your mom. One Twinkie for snack won't hurt you.
- #6 How can they expect anyone to go to school in 30 degree weather?
- #5 Just wait at school for a few minutes. If I'm not there, just start walking home.
- #4 Here is a cake for your birthday treat. Everyone can help blow out your candles.
- #3 You only threw up twice through the night. You're going to school today. You'll be fine.
- #2 Here is a Tylenol. You will feel better by lunchtime. If not, the office will call me.
- #1 Take that mask off. Who do you think you are? The Lone Ranger?

Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313

Butler County Children & Youth Services: 724-284-5156

October 6 (7 p.m.)	HIS Kids Board Meeting
October 9	Early Dismissal (11:30 a.m. –Elementary) No afternoon preschool HKCS Night at Living Treasures
October 12	No School - Columbus Day
October 14, 15	BOSCOV Fundraiser - Friends Helping Friends
October 18	Spaghetti Fundraiser - Take Out Only
October 27	End of 1st Marking Period
November 2	Report Cards Issued
November 3	Election Day - Don't Forget to Vote!

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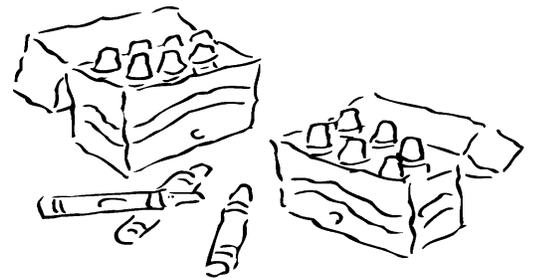
Staff

Preschool—LeAnn Yamnitsky
Preschool Aide—Patty Hankey
Kindergarten—Rachel Moeller
Kindergarten—April Watson
1st Grade—Cayce Johnson
1st Grade Aide—Maria Pugh
2nd Grade—Holly Collins
2nd Grade Aide—Sherry Smith
3rd Grade—Kim Maxwell
4th Grade—Josh McKruit
5th Grade—Julie Barton
6th Grade—Christan Baker
Music—Suzanne Adams
Computer—Perry Dawson
Art—Diana Skurka
Bible (3rd-6th Grade)—Carol Novy
Physical Education (K-6th Grade)—Carol Novy
Cafeteria—Chrissy Filges
Cleaning —Michele Wardle & Tara Cornetti
Principal—Debora Dawson
Secretary—Rachel Trudgen
Financial Administrator—Katie Anderson

Stay Tuned

Listed below are some helpful links and addresses to help you stay connected. Don't forget to check out our calendar on the school website to keep up-to-date on upcoming events.

School E-mail office@hiskidscs.org
School Website <http://www.hiskidscs.org>
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-KIDSylvania Korner-

The partnership of HIS Kids Christian School and Sylvania Conservation Foundation

This summer, there were lots of things going on behind the scenes at the Sylvania Property. The south end of property was cut to provide a nice area for tent camping. Trails are being cleared and cut for hiking. The power project was started and hopefully there will be electric soon. The big, exciting, news is the bee habitat! It is more of a bee sanctuary and was visited by many of our kids on the Work Day a few weeks ago. Families also cleared some of the property for trails and students planted seeds so that we would have a flourishing clover patch for our bees and butterflies. Beekeeper Anita was there to teach the kids about harvesting honey and the care of the bees, too!

About a week before school began, we held our first Astronomy Night, which was a big success! Many families, school staff and Sylvania members met at the property to construct bird houses, share snacks around a campfire, create crafts with our new art teacher, and gaze at the stars with Mr. Caruso, science teacher from Freeport School District. South Butler Community Library and Sylvania Foundation generously donated two awesome telescopes to our school that were used to identify Jupiter and its moons. Even though Jupiter is way out in the outer solar system, you can still see its four largest moons. They're often called the Galilean moons to honor the Italian astronomer Galileo, who discovered them in 1610. We were lucky enough to spot them all and a few bright meteors flash across the night sky! We hope to have another Astronomy Night in the Spring!



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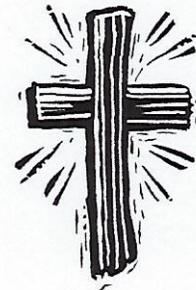
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Always Rely on Jesus

POWERSOURCE

ASK JESUS:

1. To guard your children and their faith during good times as well as challenges.
2. To make Jesus' love real to all your family members.
3. To help you trust God no matter what you're facing.

Family life brings plenty of challenges—and also plenty of opportunities to practice trusting in Jesus. Even positive changes can disrupt our schedules and affect relationships with each other and with God. Although you can't control everything that comes your way, you can minimize the impact of stress, change, and uncertainty.

Whether children are experiencing good times or facing challenges, they have three primary needs:

1. Consistent Relationships

When life gets tough, kids need reassurance and familiarity. Model the positive qualities of Jesus, who's consistently present, unconditionally accepting, attentive, affirming, and reliable.

2. A Safe Place Children need an accepting place where they can talk about what's happening in their lives. Be real with kids and encourage them to open up about their thoughts, fears, and emotions.

3. Boundaries and Structure

When new or different situations arise, maintain the same rules and routines, as much as possible. Let children know ahead of time what to expect. Then provide extra attention during changes.

The good news is that Jesus is *always* trustworthy, no matter what we're facing. Read on for active ways to share that important truth with your children.

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Jesus Won't Let You Down

When life spins out of control, children need reminders of Jesus' complete trustworthiness. They also may need skills to cope with anxiety or uncertainties. Use these tips to offer kids a much-needed B.R.E.A.K.:

Be an example. Minimize any unnecessary stresses and cast all of your own cares on Jesus (see 1 Peter 5:7).

Relate. Spend time together, share interests, listen, and cheer kids on.

Educate yourself. Learn what stressors your kids face each day. What goes on at school, at daycare, or with their friends?

Ask questions. Inquiries show you care—and help you understand.

Keep praying. Talk to Jesus regularly about what your kids are facing.

Trust Fall Have one partner stand behind the other and catch the standing partner as he or she falls back. Ask: "How did it feel to trust someone? How did it feel to be trusted—or not trusted?" Read (or summarize) Genesis 22:1-14. Ask: "Why did Abraham trust God? How did God reward Abraham? When is it easy or difficult for you to trust God? What does this Bible passage reveal about God that will help you trust him?"

Always Found With younger kids, unwind with a fun family game of Hide and Seek. After playing for a while, talk about how God looks out for and watches over us—at all times and in all circumstances.

Create a Smile File Not only is stress exhausting, but it removes our focus from life's many joys. Make a file, box, or journal where family members can put pictures or notes about God's blessings. Look through it together when you feel discouraged or overwhelmed.

Lick Life's Problems When life gets messy, spending one-on-one time with your children is crucial. If possible, take each child on a simple outing (for example, to an ice cream shop). Let your child air what's on his or her mind. Then

share ways you can stick together, trust God, and address any issues.

It's Stickin' Place an index card on each person's shoulder, and see if they can shake it off. Next, clip a clothespin on each person's shoulder, and see if they can shake it off (no hands allowed!). Ask: "Which was easier to lose, the card or clothespin? Why?" Read aloud Hebrews 13:5b-6. Say: "God is always with us. He's like the clothespin, not the card. We can trust God to stay with us wherever we go." Ask: "How does it feel to know that God never leaves you? When is a good time to trust that God is with you?"

Synchronized Skating "Skate" around a room, either with socked feet on a carpet-less floor or by placing paper plates under your feet. Then have pairs skate together, trying to do the same moves without talking. Change partners every two minutes. Afterward ask: "As you skated, how did you get to know your partners?" Read aloud 1 Corinthians 8:3. Ask: "How does it feel to hear that God knows you? How can you stay synchronized with God and always trust him?"

"He is the faithful God who keeps his covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes his unflinching love on those who love him and obey his commands."
—Deuteronomy 7:9



TEACHABLE MOMENTS

Powerful Protection

Say: **God's special people were slaves in Egypt and were tired from working so hard. Moses told the Egyptian king, "Let my people go!" but the king didn't listen. So God sent plagues, or troubles, to the land—but God kept his people safe each time!**

Re-enact the first nine plagues:

Blood to water—Drop red food coloring into water.

Frogs—Hop around the room.

Gnats—Buzz in a high pitch.

Flies—Buzz in a lower pitch and zoom around the room.

Diseased livestock—Moo and moan; lie on the floor with arms and legs sticking up.

Boils—Put dots on your skin with washable red marker.

Hail—Throw paper wads.

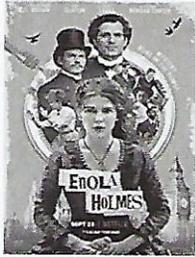
Locusts—Nibble on some snacks.

Darkness—Turn off the lights.

After each plague, shout, "Let my people go!" Take turns sharing times you've seen God's power in action. Close in prayer, asking God to help your family trust in his protection.

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MEDIA MADNESS



MOVIE

Title: *Enola Holmes*

Genre: Action, Adventure

Rating: PG-13

Cast: Millie Bobby Brown, Henry Cavill, Sam Claflin

Synopsis: In this anticipated new Netflix film, Enola (Brown) searches for her missing mother. Enola becomes a feisty and capable sleuth in her own right, outsmarting even her famous brother Sherlock as she unravels a dangerous, high-stakes mystery using her smarts and fighting skills.

Our Take: Fans of Millie Bobby Brown (*Stranger Things*) will love the premise and adventure of this film. Based on the book series by Nancy Springer, the story can inspire conversations about independence, loyalty, and grit.



MUSIC

Title: *folklore*

Artist: Taylor Swift

Synopsis: In the midst of the pandemic, Taylor Swift released her newest album with one day's notice to wide acclaim and enormous sales. The album marks a departure from Swift's typical pop stylings. The songs are simpler with a less-produced sound; heavy on guitar and piano with introspective storytelling. Swift calls it "a collection of songs and stories that flowed like a stream of consciousness."

Our Take: In recent years, Swift shed the innocent, upbeat lyrics and image that endeared her to young listeners (and parents). This new album is a step further into adult themes and language that aren't appropriate for kids.

Games, Podcasts & Apps

Wordington

This new word-puzzle app has kids solving puzzles to earn points and fix up an old house. Kids spell different words by drawing lines through letters arranged onscreen. Kids can buy hints with coins earned through play. The game has no objectionable content and is appropriate for ages 8+.

Funbrainjr.com

This site is a learning hub for preschoolers, offering games, stories, apps, and printables. The site also includes reading and math exercises, plus activities with parents. While education has been short-circuited due to the pandemic, this is a great option for families unable to get young children into preschool.

Highlightskids.com

This site offers elementary-age kids lots of fun diversion, including jokes, polls, reading, math, hidden pictures, educational topics to explore, and even ways to share their artwork. Kids can even tune in and listen to stories on demand or choose a kid-friendly recipe to make at home.



CULTURE & TRENDS

Stress Epidemic Nearly 50% of parents with children under 18 report that their stress levels related to the coronavirus pandemic are high. Many also say managing kids' online learning is a significant source of stress, according to a new survey by the American Psychological Association. (sciencedaily.com)

Impacts of Isolation Though data on how pandemic isolation is affecting kids is still limited, a study of 2,330 children in Hubei province China where the pandemic originated offers some insights. During an average 33.7 days of lockdown, 22.6% of children reported depressive symptoms and 18.9% were experiencing anxiety. (time.com)

QUICK STATS

Roll Up Your Sleeves Since the pandemic began, parents are bearing the brunt of increased activity (and mess) at home. In a recent study, 42% of parents say they now do at least three hours *per day* of household chores or cleaning. ([American Enterprise Institute](http://AmericanEnterpriseInstitute.com))

Special Needs Strain Parents are concerned that children with special needs are more severely impacted by educational inconsistencies throughout the pandemic. Many report decreased virtual class participation, regressing social skills, and the interruption of specialized education and interventions. (washingtonpost.com)

This page is designed to help educate parents and isn't meant to endorse any movie, music, or product. Our prayer is that you'll make informed decisions

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					9:30 Sew-Sew's	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>World Communion Sunday</i>		7:00 HK Board Mtg.			9:30 Sew-Sew's 7:00 HKCS Night at Living Treasures	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		6:30 Deacons Mtg. 7:00 Session Mtg.	<i>Boscon's</i>	<i>Boscon's</i>	9:30 Sew-Sew's	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
3:00 HKCS Spaghetti Fundraiser 	<i>Herald</i> articles due!		HK Friends Helping Friends Fundraiser	HK Friends Helping Friends Fundraiser	9:30 Sew-Sew's	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
					9:30 Sew-Sew's	HALLOWEEN TBD- Food Bank 