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EVERY CHILD



every age

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How to Delight in God's Loving Laws

POWERSOURCE

ASK JESUS:

1. To give you hearts willing to obey God and his commands.
2. To show your family that obedience brings blessings, not burdens.
3. To help you lovingly obey other authority figures.

The words “love” and “law” are rarely used in the same sentence these days. Yet the Old Testament psalmists express great delight in God’s commands: “Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long” (Psalm 119:97) and “See how I love your commandments, Lord. Give back my life because of your unfailing love” (verse 159).

In the New Testament, Jesus also connects the concepts of love and obedience to the law. In John 14:15, he tells his followers, “If you love me, obey my commands.”

Love is at the “heart” of all God’s laws, from the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20 to the two great commandments Jesus gives: “Love

the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind” and “Love your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27). The golden rule—“Do to others as you would like them to do to you.” (Luke 6:31)—also is based on love.

As with any rule or law, we humans repeatedly fall short when it comes to obedience. That’s why it’s important to emphasize the forgiveness that Jesus freely offers to us—and that we are to freely offer to other people.

Throughout the Bible, it’s clear that disobedience is serious and has big consequences. Yet our loving God longs to forgive us, restore us, and reconcile us to himself. Continue reading for high-impact ways to share these messages with your kids.

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Happy Valentine's
Day from
HCKids Admin!

JESUS L♥VES YOU



TEACHABLE MOMENTS

#1 in Our Hearts

Tape a red heart shape onto a pitcher. Gather cups of water, small rocks, and markers.

Say: **This pitcher is like a heart. Let's fill it with God.** Take turns pouring in water and saying why God deserves first place in your heart; for example, "God deserves first place in my heart because he made me."

When the pitcher is full, say: **Our hearts are full of God's goodness, but sometimes other things try to crowd into our hearts.** Have family members each draw on a rock one thing that takes up their time and attention. One at a time, add rocks to the pitcher until water starts to overflow.

Ask: **How is this like what happens in our hearts? How can we keep our hearts full of God so he has first place?** Read Exodus 20:3. Say: **God tells us not to have any idols. An idol is anything that crowds God out. God wants and deserves first place in our heart!**

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Commandments for Kids

The Ten Commandments can seem intimidating—not just because they set a high standard but because they include some archaic language. Bring the law to children's level with these age-appropriate adaptations: #1: God is the one true God. #2: Worship only God. #3: Be careful with God's name. #4: Set aside a day for God and for rest. #5: Respect your mom and dad. #6: Don't kill or hurt anyone. #7: Keep your marriage promises. #8: Don't steal or take what isn't yours. #9: Don't tell lies. #10: Don't feel jealous of other people and what they have.

In Synch Give each person two paper plates. Practice "skating" around a room on them. Then form pairs and have partners try to do the same moves. Switch partners for more synchronized fun. Then ask: "As you skated, how did you get to know your partner?" Read aloud 1 Corinthians 8:3. Ask: "How does knowing and following God's laws and rules help us stay in sync with him?"

No More Hard Hearts Hand out hardboiled eggs. Decorate them with markers as you discuss how the outside of the eggs feel. Read aloud Psalm 95:6-9. Say: "God wants our hearts to be soft toward him so we obey out of love, but sometimes our hearts get hard and are closed to God." Ask: "What might make people's hearts hard?" Crack the eggs, peel the shells, and discuss how the inside of the eggs feel. Say: "When our hearts are hard, God can crack away the outer shell to reveal something soft on the inside." Ask: "What helps make your heart soft toward God?" End with prayer—and eat the eggs.

Focused Followers Have family members form pairs. Whisper a strange instruction to one person in each pair; for example, put socks on your hands or sit on your head. Each instruction recipient must then silently get his or her partner

to do the task. Switch roles so everyone gets a turn. Ask: "How did you know what your partner wanted you to do? How do you know what God wants you to do?" Read aloud 1 Thessalonians 4:11. Ask: "How does living a quiet life help us focus on following God?"

Transformed Hearts Say: "Because of sin, no one can perfectly obey God's law. Sin makes holes in our hearts, but God's Holy Spirit fills our hearts and covers sin." Cut brown craft foam into a large person shape and write "sin" across the chest. Cut a red foam heart and staple a heart to the chest. Punch out a large hole in the heart so "sin" shows through. Bunch together strips of orange and yellow tissue paper, pinch the tip, and push it through the hole so the "flame" bursts through the heart. Display your creation where your family can see it as a reminder.

Stay on Track Hide a Bible and give family members an easy map to find it. Then say: "The Bible contains God's laws and shows us how to stay on track and follow them." Read some "directions" and have family members tell you if they're from the Bible or not. For example, "Love your enemies" (yes!); "Lie only if you have to" (no!).

Love means doing what God has commanded us,
and he has commanded us to love another, just as
you heard from the beginning.

—2 John 1:6



December Community Service Project

HCKids made Christmas ornaments for the children and families that were in the hospital over the holidays. Iverson Memorial Hospital was very grateful and sends their thanks to our kids.



February Community Service Project

On February 10, HCKids will learn about, "A Heart for Caring," and during the lesson will be making Valentine's for those at Spring Wind Assistant Living. For those that would like to help deliver the Valentine's we will have a mini field trip right after church. We will group together at Check-In and drive over together if anyone is interested.



**Family Bowling
Night**

**March 15, 2019
6-8 pm**

Laramie Lanes



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HCKids' Rules and New Consequences!

HCKids is growing and we are so excited! However, with the additional kids we have additional excitement and energy, and with that we get a "little" added chaos. This month we are going to re-address our rules and introduce some basic consequences to benefit "every child at every age."

Please take a minute to look over these rules and consequences with your child to complete our team effort and you will know what to expect each step of the way for those in HCKids [definitely not your little angel though...]. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk with Sandra or Natasha.

HCKids Classroom Rules

RESPECT GOD & HIS WORD

SHOW RESPECT FOR CHURCH AND
PERSONAL PROPERTY.
FOLLOW THE 10 COMMANDMENTS.

RESPECT TEACHERS & LEADERS

USE LISTENING EARS.
INSIDE VOICES.
HAVE A GOOD ATTITUDE.

RESPECT EACH OTHER

LISTEN WHEN OTHERS ARE TALKING.
WORK AND PLAY IN A SAFE MANNER.
LOVE EACH OTHER.
HANDS ARE FOR HELPING
NOT FOR HURTING.

**HAVE FUN!
DO YOUR BEST**

HCKids Classroom Consequences

STRIKE #1

VERBAL WARNING

STRIKE #2

VERBAL WARNING

STRIKE #3

TIME AWAY FROM THE GROUP

STRIKE #4

CALL PARENT

KEEP YOURSELF & FRIENDS SAFE!



Meet the HCKids Teachers & Staff!

HEAD TEACHERS

Allison - Club 307, returning
Laurie - Club 307, returning
Holly - Club 307, returning
Jon - BELAY, returning
Sam - Seedlings, new

ASSISTANT TEACHERS

Erica - returning
Kyra - returning
Kylee - returning
Lacie - returning
Rachael - returning
Becca - new
Faithe - new
Sena - new

JR. ASSISTANTS

Elise Jaidan
Ano Malinah
Ane Jyllian

HCKids Staff

Natasha
Sandra

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MEDIA MADNESS



MOVIE

Title: *The Lego Movie 2*
Genre: Animation, Action, Adventure
Rating: Not yet rated (likely PG)
Cast: Margot Robbie, Chris Pratt, Elizabeth Banks, Channing Tatum
Synopsis: Five years after the original blockbuster hit theaters, everything is *not* awesome. Bricksburg has become a post-apocalyptic wasteland because of destructive space invaders (i.e., Lego Duplo characters). Emmet's building skills are put to the test when Lucy is kidnapped by a villain (who, interestingly, is female).
Our Take: Like the original, expect this movie to offer nonstop action and fun. The violence and peril are cartoonish, with lots of humor to entertain viewers of all ages. Of course, the movie also contains a built-in marketing plug.



MUSIC

Title: *Head Above Water*
Singer: Avril Lavigne
Synopsis: After a five-year break during which she feared she was dying from Lyme disease, Lavigne is back with a powerful song and a video filled with Christian symbolism. Now 34, the singer who once embodied the "skate punk" sound says the lyrics to "Head Above Water" came to her after she prayed for God's help when she felt as if she were drowning.
Our Take: Lavigne, once known for her edgy persona, says she's going back to her roots because she got her start singing in church. The songs on her new album aren't all worship songs, though. And beware that on the album cover, Lavigne sits nude behind her guitar.



CULTURE & TRENDS

Flip Phones Make a Comeback For their children's first phones, more parents are choosing flip phones. Not only are the devices much cheaper than "smart" phones, but they don't come with internet access or social media. Parents say it's an ideal way to keep in touch with kids without exposing them to dangers. (abc13.com)

"Humanizing" Homelessness To impact people's perceptions of the issue, *Sesame Street* added a homelessness storyline for pink puppet Lily. Previously, she was described as having food-security issues. About one in 20 kids under age 6 experiences homelessness each year. (cnn.com)

Games, Podcasts & Apps

Kingdom Hearts 3

Set in a variety of Pixar and Disney worlds, this game features Sora, who doesn't know he's inherited great power. Cartoon characters such as Donald Duck and Goofy help Sora battle against the dark, evil force known as Heartless. The game, rated E10+, also involves magical spells.

Ear Snacks

This free musical podcast features Andrew & Polly, winners of two Parents' Choice Awards. With young helpers, they explore science, art, and culture. Topics range from getting glasses and caring for teeth to silly subjects such as talking like pirates. Kids of all ages—and parents—will enjoy listening.

GooseChase

Send family members on virtual (or actual) scavenger hunts with this app. During setup, you decide if participants need to check in at certain locations or submit photos, videos, or text responses. Use the missions to encourage self-directed learning. Best for ages 8+. Free for recreational use only.

QUICK STATS

Pricy Preschools American parents spend an average of \$5,008 on preschool tuition for their children. In Washington, D.C., the average is almost \$17,000. (nieer.org)

Fluency Deadline By age 10, research shows, a child's chances of becoming fluent in a second language plummet. (*Cognition*)

Young Love? Among surveyed parents, 23% admit to having a favorite child. Among those, 56% say it's their youngest. (inews.co.uk)

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Defining Hours 9:00 am
Returning February 3, 2019

Defining Hour with Pastor Bobby

EMPOWERED BY GOD

*Being led by the power of
the Holy Spirit*

SUNDAY PRE-SERVICE 9-9:45AM

Defining Hour with Natasha

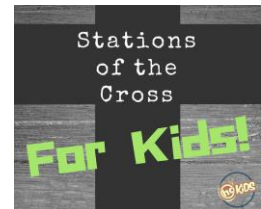
NEXT STEPS

Key Elements for a Christian Life

SUNDAY PRE-SERVICE 9-9:45AM

EMOJI 10 Commandments

- 🙏 No other gods besides God
- ❤️ No idols, worship only God
- 😊 Always treat God's name with respect
- 😴 Have a day to rest and thank God every week
- 😡 Obey your parents
- 😬 Do not hurt others with words or actions
- 😊 Keep your promises to others and God
- 😬 Do not steal from others
- 😬 Always tell the truth
- 😬 Do not be jealous or envious of others

















Kids Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday, April 19 at the same time as the Adult Stations of the cross from 4:30 – 7:30 pm.

Do you want to be a part of the Stations of the Cross? Have you wanted to help in HCKids? Do you not want a long-term commitment? Then we have a perfect opportunity for you! We are looking for volunteers to help us with the Kids Stations of the Cross. We can use help in many different areas: set- up, registration, direction, lead rooms, runners, helpers, clean-up etc. If you would like to volunteer for as little as 30 minutes or the whole time, we can use your talent! If you or anyone you know might be interested, please let either Sandra or Natasha know!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 	4	5	6 	7	8	9
10 	11	12 Staff Planning Day Council Meeting	13 	14 	15  ACSD#1	16
	18 	19	20 	21	22	23 THE  FOURSQUARE CHURCH Regional Training
	25	26	27 	28		

COMING SOON!

March 15: Family Bowling Night
March 18 - 22: Spring Break
April 19: Stations of the Cross; - adults and kids
April 21: Easter