



NEW LIFE KIDZ—Preschool Ministries

February 2012

Mini-Lights

Timothy Learned About God's Love

Timothy was a little child, just like you.

Timothy liked good things to eat,
And he liked to play, just like you.

Timothy's mommy and daddy loved God.

They taught him about God.

Timothy learned that God
loves boys and girls

And grown-ups, too.

Timothy learned to love God, just like you.

(See 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:15.)

Little Lights

This month, we are learning why we should do what God says.

Our monthly verse is:

"My God will meet all your needs."

Philippians 4:19

The songs we will be singing this month are:

~"Jesus Loves Me"

~"My God is so Great"

Story Hour

Our stories for this month are:

Feb 7—"Jesus is a Friend to a Leader"

Feb. 14—"Friend Day"

Feb. 21—"Jesus Taught us to Pray"

Feb. 28—"Jesus Taught us to Share"



UPCOMING EVENTS TO NOTE:

~ 'Take it Home' Events:

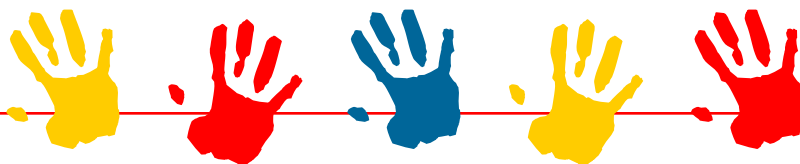
'Take it Home' events are Parent / Child workshops where families come together to work on a particular faith skill. Please plan to attend!

4 year olds—February 5 ~ "THE CHURCH"

3 year olds—March 4 ~ "FAMILY DEVOTIONS"

2 year olds—March 25 ~ "FAMILY BLESSINGS"

Sharing Jesus' love with little ones



MORE STUFF...

How do I surround my child with people who will help me nurture faith?

When it comes to nurturing the faith of your child, it really does “take a village.” Helping your child form an identity as a member of God's family means surrounding him with people who will share faith stories, offer encouragement, and show that he is a valued to help you make those important connections:

- Attend weekly worship with your child at a church where kids are welcomed and valued.
- Participate in church potlucks, picnics, and other intergenerational events.
- Invite to your home your child's nursery caregivers, Sunday school teachers, and other church members whom your child connects with.
- Spend time with believing family members who can model and share their faith with your child. If you live far from family or if family members don't share your faith, you could 'adopt' grandparents, uncles or aunts who share your spiritual values.
- Join or start an intergenerational small group in which believers of all ages can gather to learn about God while sharing their faith and encouraging each other.

{Taken from “*Home Grown: Handbook for Christian Parenting*”}

Communicate Love {*Children's Ministry Magazine*}

Parenthood can become so busy that it's easy to neglect communicating to your children how much they're loved. So use these quick tips to express your love to your children daily.

~ Words say it. Before they go to preschool, while they're playing a video game, or while playing, say those three powerful little words: “I love you.”

~ Shower them with affection. A gentle touch or a big hug can silently express love to your child. Let your child sit on your lap, gently rub his or her back while watching TV, or grab your child's hand in the car.

~ See them. Watch your child often—as they play, work, or go to sleep. Your admiring eyes express love.

~ Give them limits. Sometimes love is best expressed by giving your children guidelines and limits. Boundaries tell your children you care, even if they argue against the rules.

~ Cheer them on. Notice the great things your children do and accomplish. Show interest in their activities and support them as you pursue their talents.

**COMMENTS, QUESTIONS?? Contact Karen Meinders at 743-8006 or kmeinders@newlifecrc.ca
Feedback is desired to help make your preschool ministries the best place it can be
for you and your children.**

