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LENTEN MISSION PROJECT

Heifer Project for Preschool 3-1st Grades

Each year the church school joins together to do a mission project for Lent. This year the children in Preschool 3-1st grades will be raising money for Heifer Project International. Heifer goes into countries where families are poor or have been hit by natural disasters and helps them to rebuild their way of living by providing tree seedlings, bees, animals, fish, etc. They teach the families to raise these crops, fish or animals and to use the products that they produce to help to better their families. The family who receives this gift gives the first off spring to another family trained and ready to receive it. We hope many children and families will participate in this Lenten Mission Project.



Heifer uses our money to buy animals to help people in poor areas of the world.

Sunday, have been asked to tally the amount of money from what is listed on the envelopes and announce to the class if they have met their goal. We will serve animal snacks in the younger grades and celebrate the animals that we have raised money to purchase through Heifer Project International.

Lenten Mission Project for Grades 2-8

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Heifer Project International is the organization we will help this Lent. Heifer International works with the poor throughout the world. They help grass-roots groups set goals that are inclusive, achievable and in harmony with the culture and environment. Heifer provides training, support and evaluation, which includes “passing on the gift” of livestock and learning so that

more and more families benefit from your gift.

On February 22 youth in grades 2-8 will gather in the chapel to read together the undergirding scripture for our “Passing on the Gift” Lenten Mission Project.

Parable of the Ten Servants – Luke 19:11-21

How will this be Kicked Off?

With the help of their teachers, children in Preschool 3-1st grades will be choosing an animal to purchase through Heifer Project. Families will receive a family pak of information.

Family Paks:

- Resurrection Ark for raising their money.
- A family Calendar of activities to do to raise money for their class animal
- Information sheet on the animal that the class has chosen
- Resurrection Envelope

Resurrection Arks:

Families are invited to break open the arks on Easter Sunday like Jesus broke open the tomb and count the money. Please send the money to class on the week after Easter in their Resurrection Envelope. Teachers on April 19th, Heifer Celebration

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Children have received their “passing on the gift” Lenten Mission Project kits. Children will multiply the seed money they receive from a Board of Outreach Salt and Light Grant to help buy farm animals for families in the poorest areas of the world.

Parents are encouraged to help the youth find ways to take the seed money, ask God to bless the money and their plans to enable them to be good stewards, caretakers, of the gift. We encourage them to journal about their fundraiser and pass in their journal with the money raised on Sunday, April 19.

Youth are welcome to join together on this project to by pooling their seed money and creating a project they can do together to raise money.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO CHURCH SCHOOL AT THE 10:00 SINGLE SERVICE ON MEMORIAL MUSIC

SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2009

PRESCHOOL 3-2ND GRADES

Special presentation of a Veggie Tales movie in Room 10.

Popcorn will be served. Teachers and helpers scheduled for that day are asked to help with the special event. Please bring your attendance folders.

SILVER LAKE ASSEMBLY

Sunday, March 29, 2009

During the 10:00 service

Grades 3-8 at both church schools will have a presentation on summer programs at Silver Lake Camp and Conference Center in the Whiting House.

Parents Doing their Part

Samuel did not yet know the Lord because he had never had a message from the Lord before.

1Samuel 3:7

Blessings to you all who bring their children to church: I was reading my devotions one

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morning and was struck with thoughts of all of you. I share this devotion with you as an encouragement.

Samuel had grown up in the Tabernacle, but that did not guarantee a relationship with God. Even when we raise children who know of God in the end the Lord has to call, and each child had to respond. So just how can parents set the stage for this divine confrontation?

First, we can pray. Hannah, Samuel’s mother, prayed for her little boy before he even existed. She prayed that her boy would “belong to the Lord his whole life” (1Samuel 1:28). Second, we can provide an environment where our children can meet God. Hannah placed Samuel into Eli’s care to teach him the ways of God. Eli gave him tasks to do in the Tabernacle and began to train him to listen for the Lord’s voice.

Can we have any assurance that God will call our children to himself? I believe we can. We can do our part with confidence. We can keep our children “near the Ark” by making sure they know God’s rules and boundaries. We can take our children to church, much as Hannah dedicated Samuel to the Tabernacle. Our children can be taught to serve and help as a part of Christ’s body (1 Samuel 2:18). And we can keep them in our prayers. We can use teachable moments that happen in our everyday lives to share with our children about God and his ways. Doing our part is doing everything we can to make sure, as Hannah did, that our children grow up in the “presence of the Lord” (1 Samuel 2:21). Then we let them go. After that, it’s up to God and them!

Taken from “The One Year Devotions for Women” by Jill Briscoe.

A note: There are One Year Devotions for Families as well.