



COVID-19 Children's Ministry Update Week 3

Hi Parents/Guardians -

I have been feeling pretty discouraged these past few days. The weather being so dreary makes me feel like I am climbing up hill all day. When the sun is shining, my complete attitude changes. The reality is that my heart is prone to wonder, especially in seasons of hardship. It reminds me of a song I used to listen to all of the time. I'm sharing this with you because it's been a source of encouragement to me this week. I'm reminded to rest in the grace of Christ each day. Each morning is a new morning full of grace and mercy! [Shifting Sand by Caedmon's Call](#)

Two Featured Family Resources:

[Indescribable by Louie Giglio](#) is a family devotion book that would work well with children ages 6-10. Each devotion features a "Be Amazed" section with fascinating facts, hands-on activities, and a closing prayer. This book focuses on God as our Creator and connecting science with God. There are a few families using this devotion book right now and love it!

[The Radical Book for Kids by Champ Thornton](#) is a book ideal for older elementary children, ages 8-14. This is a book that can be used as individual reading for kids or for parents to read with their children before bed. Some of the chapters include "Can you prove that God exists?" and "How we know the Bible is true". Each chapter is connected to scripture and intended to make readers fall more in love with Jesus and his Word. We have used this book with our two older kids and plan to encourage Nolan to start it!

Book Reading:

Meg Mancke recorded a book reading for the children. You can check it out [here](#). She recorded, "[The Garden, the Curtain, and the Cross](#)" by Carl Laferton.

Weekly Challenge:

This week we would love to challenge the kids to make their own Palms in preparation for Palm Sunday. I made a little video to explain the details which can be found in this [google file](#). Please use this same google file to upload your pictures or videos of the finished products. We would love to include the pictures and videos in the worship service on Sunday so please submit them by Friday. Meg and I will randomly choose a winner again for this week!

Lifeway's Children's Worship Materials:

We have a [google file](#) available with all the information needed to access and utilize Lifeway's Free Resources. This will be updated weekly.

Facebook Group: We created a private FB group for New Life families. If you have joined, please do!

We are praying for you and your children. Please reach out with any specific prayers or concern. We look forward to seeing you again soon but hope to continue to connect virtually.

By Grace,

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