

KIDS FIRST

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Word on the street



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Back To School. These can be dreaded words for some kids who will miss the freedom of summer, while other students rejoice at the opportunity to reconnect with friends. These words can also be celebrated by parents who have long run out of ideas to keep kids focused and occupied. Back to school can bring a reprieve of sorts to some parents, while other parents lament over missing the opportunity for extra quality time that summer vacation provides. It all comes down to perspective. What you look for is what you will see. We want to encourage you to look for the godly young man and godly young woman the Lord has given you the opportunity to help shape, not just a little boy or a little girl. Catch them doing something good, and let them know you caught them. Look past the challenging behaviors to gain understanding into what the cause may be. Stress, fatigue, hunger, and an empty love tank can all be reasons why kids' attitudes and actions may seem out of sorts and drive you a little crazy. Back to school can cause one or a combination of these things to take place. So look under the surface, look for what God has given you in this unique package and what He could do and accomplish through your kids. The right perspective will help you reinforce the right actions for the right results. When it comes to kids, the glass is always half-full!

Parenting with Love & Logic Helpful Hints...

THE TWO RULES of LOVE and LOGIC

Rule #1: Adults set limits without anger, lectures, threats or repeated warnings.

When we describe what we will do or allow, that's setting a limit. When we tell a child what he/she should or shouldn't do, that's a possible fight.

Rule #2: When children cause problems, adults hand these problems back in loving ways.

We hand the problem back by replacing anger and lectures with a strong dose of empathy followed by the logical consequence.

The Core of Love and Logic: Empathy

In all of our packages, you'll see how providing genuine empathy before delivering a consequence can make the difference between a child learning responsibility or learning resentment.

People who are successful with this skill make it easier by using just one empathetic statement that fits their personality, their culture, etc.

- This is so sad.
- Oh man. That's too bad.
- Wow. That's awful
- What a bummer.
- That's never good.
- This stinks.

Look for more Love and Logic helpful hints by going on line at www.loveandlogic.com



BGMC Penny Wars



For September and October the class that brings in the most money for BGMC will win go to Post Family Farm!!

The rules for the Penny Wars are:

1. Bring in LOTS of pennies & silver!!
2. Paper (dollars) buy pennies & silver!

Example: 4th grade has the most pennies & silver and your class needs more. You can buy pennies & silver with dollars from a class and put them in your class.



Let's support kids in other countries!!



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 Bringing Kids to Christ and
 training them up to be like
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Virtue

KNOWLEDGE

Discovering something new so you
 can be better at whatever you do.

Bible Stories

9/04 – Jesus in the Temple
 Luke 2:41-52

9/11 – Jesus is Baptized by John
 Luke 3:21-23

9/18 – Jesus is Tempted in the Desert
 Luke 4:1-13

9/25 – Jesus Teaches in the Synagogue
 Luke 4:14-30

Do your children know the books
 of the Bible? If not, we have CD's
 available that will help them
 memorize the Bible books in a fun
 song.

Please call Sharon at 988-5535 for
 a copy!

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Child Dedication	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 District	24 Fall
25 Trace Missions	26	27	28	29	30	

Sundays Kids First
Wednesday Kids Classes 6:00-7:00 and 7:15-8:15

Memory verse

“And Jesus grew in wisdom and
 stature, and in favor with God
 and man.”

Luke 2:52, NIV



Rush Hour is a Sunday morning
 ministry for Kindergarten through 6th
 grade. The program includes drama
 sketches, games, Bible teaching,
 music and more. You are welcome to
 stop in to check it out.

Times

Drop off 8:40 am - 9:00 am

10:30 am - 11:00 am

K through 2nd - Upper Room
3rd through 6th- Lighthouse

Bottom Lines

9/04 – Since God knows everything, I
 should discover what God says.

9/11 – When I discover what God
 says, it helps me trust Him
 more.

9/18 – When I discover what God
 says, I can make wiser choices.

9/25 – When I discover what God
 says, I know how I should treat
 others.

Parents of children ages newborn to 6th grade

Please be aware that there is a number display in the Worship Center and
 in the Lighthouse Auditorium. Each family and guest is assigned a number
 when you register your child at a Children's Ministry sign-in station. If you
 see your family number on the display, go directly to the Nursery or Sunday
 School office.