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Teach Children About Stewardship

For many people, the word *stewardship* brings to mind church offerings and financial obligations. But it really just means managing someone else's resources. As Christians, we're stewards of God's creation and the talents and gifts he has given us, including money.

From a young age, children can learn not only how to manage their money well but also how to give generously. As you discuss decisions about giving, saving, and spending, children will learn to be caretakers of all our blessings from God. Use these ideas to instill in children a heart for stewardship.

Set an example. When parents worship the Lord in their giving, children can develop a sense of generosity themselves. The most important thing parents can do is practice giving so children can see. Feelings about money are contagious, so also model appropriate attitudes about paying bills, shopping, and delayed gratification.

Give allowances. Give children a weekly allowance that can be divided easily. Then make or use a three-compartment container to help kids divide their money into the categories of saving, spending, and giving.



Have a heart for people in need. Discuss tangible needs in your community, church, and the world. Together, come up with ways your family can chip in to offer assistance. Then help children see the results of how giving their money, time, and talents impacts others.

A Wealth of Statistics

- About 60% of parents give their children an allowance. According to kidsmoney.org, the average weekly allowance is \$3.85 for 6-year-olds, \$5.52 for 9-year-olds, and \$9.58 for 12-year-olds.
- In a poll conducted by *Children's Ministry Magazine*, 91% of people said tithing is an important value for children.
- Children have enormous spending power. According to estimates, consumers younger than 12 directly and indirectly influence almost \$600 billion of household spending each year.

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Ask God:

1. To help your children be faithful stewards of all he has given to them.
2. To help your children put their trust in him, not in money or material things.
3. To transform your family members into cheerful and generous givers.

Parenting Insights

The late Christian financial expert Larry Burkett emphasized the importance of giving our "first fruits" to God. Here are a few of his insights about money management for children:

1. **Why we give**—Because God is the provider, we aren't really giving for his sake. "We give our money for our sakes, to remind ourselves we're God's stewards and everything is his."
2. **How much to give**—Burkett recommended the following budgeting guidelines for children: give 10%, save 50%, and spend 40%.
3. **How we give**—Returning resources to God should be a celebration. Burkett suggested making the act of giving seem like a "thanks party."

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"You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. 'For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.'"
2 Corinthians 9:7

Church stances on "tithing," or giving 10% of one's income, vary. But no matter our offering amount, God wants us to give willingly and with a smile.

Teachable Moments

- 1. "Change" the World—** Decorate a glass jar with a ribbon and a permanent marker, and then set the jar in your kitchen. As a family, choose a charity to help financially. Each day, family members can empty their spare change into the jar. When the jar is full, take your children to convert the change into a money order made out to the charity. Deliver it in person, if the charity is local.



- 2. Sponsor a child—**As a family, sponsor a child through a Christian outreach group such as World Vision or Compassion International. Every month, forgo one restaurant meal or other outing to provide for the physical, spiritual, and educational needs of a boy or girl. Encourage your children to write letters and send photos to the child.



"So commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these words of mine. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are ON THE ROAD, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up." Deuteronomy 11:18-19, NLT

Many parents avoid discussions about money because the topic makes them uncomfortable. But such conversations will instill in children proper attitudes about finances and stewardship.

1. Why do we need money? Explain whether money is a bad or good thing.
2. How do you decide what to buy or do with your own money?
3. Why does God put us in charge of his creation? What does God want us to do with our money and talents?
4. Share what it feels like to give away some of your money. When are you most cheerful about giving?

Family Experience: Thankful Giving

Giving some money back to God is just the beginning. God wants all of us! Try these experiences from Group's Hands-On Bible.

- **Give Yourself to God—**Read aloud Luke 21:1-4, about the poor widow who donated two small coins to the temple. Say: "Giving ourselves to God means trusting and obeying him with our whole lives." Then make some reminders to be like the widow. Have each family member tape two pennies to an index card. Then rub a crayon or pencil on the other side of the card, over the coins. Remove the pennies and write "Give Yourself to God" on the card. Then decorate it. Tape your cards to a mirror or a place where you'll see them every day. Encourage family members to give themselves to God daily.
- **Give God Your Best—**Read aloud 1 Corinthians 10:31: "So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." Have each family member share what he or she thinks this verse means. Then ask: "How can we give God glory with our family's income? with our personal earnings? What does it mean to honor God with our whole lives?" Then have a "Give God Your Best" dinner with your family. Use your best tablecloth, wear nice clothes, make favorite foods, and serve a fancy dessert. Ask each person to name one way to honor God this week with their words or actions.





What's Playing at the Movies

Movie: *Where the Wild Things Are* (Oct. 16)

Genre: Family Adventure, Drama, Fantasy

Rating: PG (for mild thematic elements, some adventure action, and brief language)

Cast: Max Records, Catherine Keener, Mark Ruffalo

Synopsis: In this adaptation of Maurice Sendak's beloved children's book, mischievous, misunderstood Max is sent to bed without supper. His imagination runs "wild" as he travels to an island and meets strange creatures. After Max is crowned king, he realizes that ruling these beasts is more complicated than he expected.

Discussion Questions: What are some constructive ways to deal with anger? How active is your imagination? Read Psalm 27:1. What are your biggest fears? How do your fears affect your faith, and vice versa? How can you conquer your fears and worries?



What Music Is Releasing

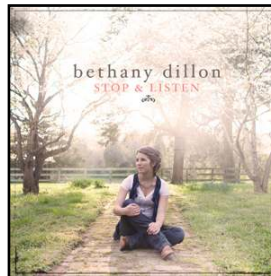
Artist: Bethany Dillon

Album: *Stop & Listen*

Artist Info: Dillon, 21, started playing guitar at age 10. Three years later, she recorded an album that led to several hit singles and award nods. Dillon, known for her deep songs and a life lived for Christ, is married to Christian musician Shane Barnard.

Summary: Dillon describes *Stop & Listen*, her fourth project with Sparrow Records, as her most confessional album yet. She encourages listeners to pause and find peace during life's chaos. "Most of the songs are about the not-so-simple ideas of stopping, listening, and waiting," Dillon says.

Discussion Questions: What makes you "stop and listen" to God? When you're busy, do you pray more or less, and why? How patient are you? Read Isaiah 40:30-31. What are some ways to "wait" on the Lord?



What Games Are Out

Title	Content	Rating & Platform
<i>Shorts</i>	In this game, based on a late-summer movie, players' wishes magically come true. Features gross humor, name-calling, and enemies such as "booger monsters."	Nintendo DS; E
<i>Mini Ninjas</i>	Cool and cute warriors engage in combat with a variety of weapons. Contains cartoon violence but no blood.	Wii, Xbox 360, PSP3; E10+
<i>The Beatles: Rock Band</i>	This much-hyped game has only a few mildly suggestive lyrics. Families can discuss how music has changed across generations.	Wii, Xbox 360, PSP3; T

GAME RATINGS KEY: EC=Early Childhood, E=Everyone (ages 6+), E10+ (ages 10+), T=Teen (ages 13+)



Culture & Trends

What's happening right now that may affect your children and family:

- Contrary to popular belief, research shows that children with busy schedules thrive emotionally. Instead, it's their parents who are stressed by all the activities and driving. (msnbc.com)
- Kids of all ages enjoy "KenKen," which has been called the new Sudoku. Players add, subtract, multiply, and divide numbers to fill "cages." (kenken.com)

Quick Stats

- Most school districts now recommend 10 minutes of homework a night per grade level (10 minutes for first-graders, 20 minutes for second-graders, and so on).



- While 57% of parents say they spend the right amount of time helping their children with homework, almost nine in 10 teachers say parents don't set aside enough time to help. (AP/AOL poll)

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SS 10:00 am			Children's Auction Meeting 9:00 am Portable # 3 KM2 5:00-5:45 pm Portable #2 MPKids 6:00-7:30 pm Portable#3 Zone 56 6:30-8:00 pm Portable #6			
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SS= Sunday School

CC= Children's Church: Children's Ministry after the children's sermon for children 4 years to 2nd grade

KM2: Music ministry for 1st thru 4th graders

Zone 56: Ministry for 5th and 6th graders

MPK: Mission Possible Kids (Grades 1-4)

UPCOMING EVENTS AT AUMC

September 13, 2009 – November 8, 2009 Sundays 4:00-5:00 pm 4th Grade Bible Class in Zone 56 Portable #6

October 7, 2009 9:00 am Children's Auction Meeting in portable #3

October 7, 2009 6:00 – 7:30 pm MPKids Monthly Meeting in portable #3

October 27, 2009 3:45 pm Reverse Trick or Treat

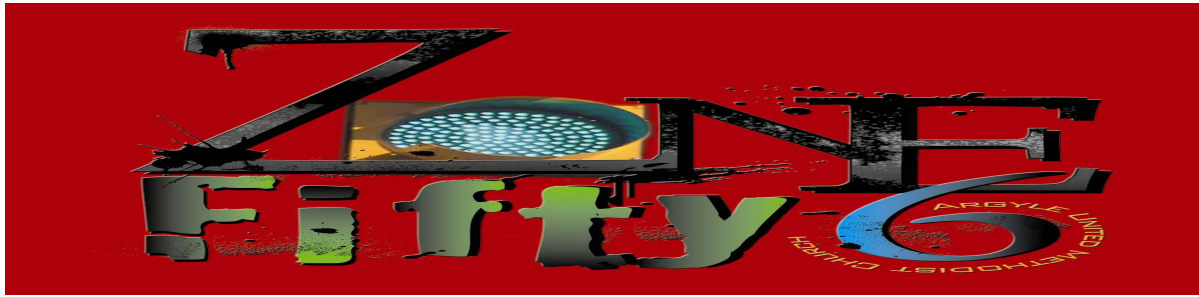
October 28, 2009 6:30-8:00 pm Zone 56 Pre-K Carnival

November 14, 2009 Pure in Heart Conference

November 22, 2009 Children's Ministries Auction 2009

December 13, 2009 at all 3 services Watoto Children's Choir

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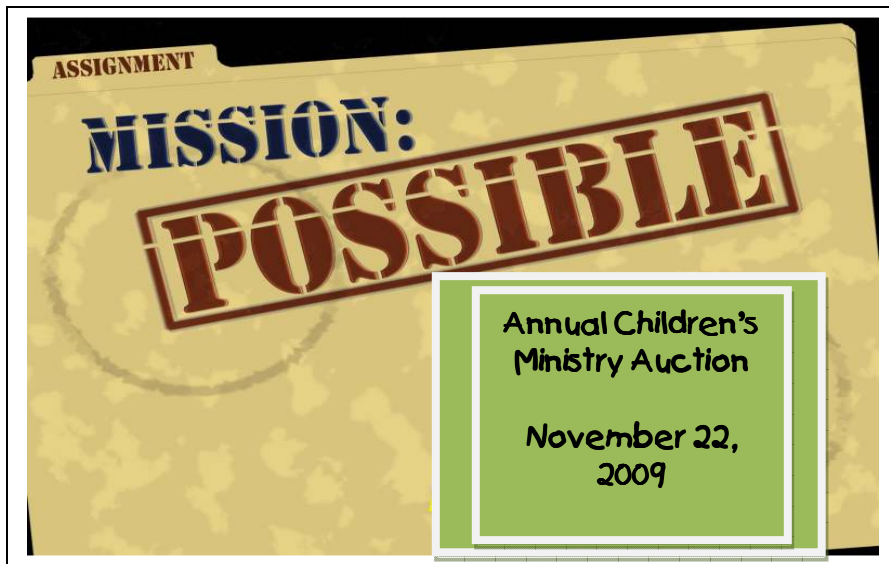


This ministry for 5th & 6th graders includes Sunday school and weekday praise, missions, Bible study, snack supper, & fun. We meet Sunday mornings at 10 am & Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8pm in portable # 6. If you have a 5th or 6th grader be sure they come get in the ZONE! Parents, please contact Liz Edwards to sign up as a Zone 56 helper. 940-464-1333 or liz@argyleumc.org

ZONE 56 FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE 2009						
Date	Event	Lead	Helpers		Snack Supper	
10/7	GOD night	Tressa McCabe/	Kelly Little		Suzanne Pilawski	
10/14	Missions	Elaine White			Adrienne Austin	
10/21	WOW night	Kelli Stoops	Kelly Little	Lisa Lyles	April Pulliam	Brenda Mooney
10/28	Pre-K Carnival	Elaine White	Kelly Little		Shari Skaggs	

CHILDREN'S CHURCH OCTOBER SCHEDULE

Date	8:30 Service CC	11:15 Service CC	11:15 Service CC
October 4	COMMUNION		
October 11	Amy & Mace Tawney 940-725-3182	Jolie & Matt Friess 940-725- 3218	Russell & Tonya Newell 972-410-0205
October 18	April & Tanner Hays 817-716-9138	Jennifer & Tommy DiVecchia 940-64-4030	Cheryl & John Lavelle 940-898-8540
October 25	Tina Gladys 940-464-7175	Beth & Carey Ward 940-725-0291	Michele Brown 940-382-1065



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AUCTION 2009.

Be sure and mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 22nd** for this year's annual Children's Ministry Auction. We are able to provide quality Children's Christian Education to our community (free Vacation Bible School, Bible presentations, etc.) thanks to our annual auction and the many volunteers who make it possible. Please join our 2009 auction team as we prepare for our "Mission Possible"

auction. Please contact Elaine White at 940-728-2278 or esmwhite@verizon.net, Kristy Johnston at 940-390-4842 or crazyrazy@verizon.net, or Kim Hand at 464-1333 or kim@argyleumc.org to find out how you can help to continue to make Children's Ministries a Mission Possible! We will have our first auction meeting **Wednesday, October 7th at 9:00 am in portable #3**. Everyone please join us! We need your help!!



We are off to a great start with our exciting new ministry for kids in grades 1-4 who want to make a difference in the world. Our next meeting is October 7th from 6:00-7:30 pm in Portable #3, aka Mission Headquarters. We will be working on our gifts that will be distributed during our Reverse Trick or Treat mission set for October 27th, 2009. For more information contact Beth Ward at 940-725-0291 or cbem@verizon.net



As much as we would like to think otherwise, our children are continually receiving mixed messages of what is culturally appropriate behavior. As parents, it is our responsibility to help our children to understand what GOD says is appropriate behavior. To assist parents in this important task, Compass Christian Church in Colleyville is hosting a Pure in Heart Conference **Saturday, November 14th**. The Pure in Heart Conference is for girls ages 7-12 and their mothers, grandmothers, or female mentors. This is not a sex education class, but a time of worship and reaffirmation of what it means to be a beloved child of God. Early registration prices (by **October 23**) are \$35 for adult women and \$20 for girls. Lunch and conference materials are provided. Early registration is strongly encouraged as space is limited. For more information and to register online: www.reviveourhearts.com

Last but not Least

The Anointing of David

September 27 - October 25, 2009

Rotation Sunday School for grades K-4

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Our Memory Verse: "The Lord said, People judge others by what they look like, but I judge people by what is in their hearts." I Samuel 16:7 CEV

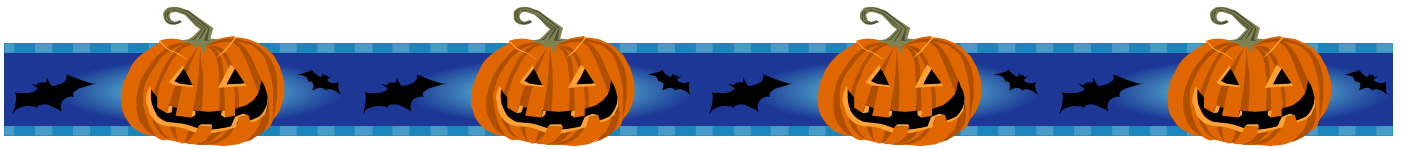


What we will learn:

God has a plan and is in control.

- God sees and understands things we do not.
- God sees our hearts and not our outward appearance.
- God chooses unlikely people to do God's work.
- The Holy Spirit goes with people who do God's work

	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Sept. 27	Movie-108	Cooking-105	Games107	Computer-100	Drama-106
Oct. 4	Drama-106	Movie-108	Cooking-105	Games107	Computer-100
Oct. 11	Computer-100	Games107	Movie-108	Drama-106	Cooking-105
Oct. 28	Cooking-105	Computer-100	Drama-106	Movie-108	Games107
Oct. 25	Games-107	Drama-106	Computer-100	Cooking-105	Movie-108



REVERSE TRICK OR TREAT

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.
Hebrews 13:16

For our 9th year, the children of AUMC will be reverse trick-or-treating for senior citizens in area homes, assisted living, and nursing homes. Our Mission Possible Kids are making a craft to take to the seniors which we will hand deliver on **Tuesday, October 27th**. The children dress up in costumes (non-scary, please), but they do the GIVING – not the receiving. It is such a joy to watch the children interact with the older folks- the kids get to try out the chairs that help lift people up, the walkers that have a seat built into them, see where trash is dumped in a three story apartment building, and other experiences which are not part of their normal everyday life.

We will meet at the church at **3:45 pm Tuesday October 27th**. Ask anyone who has participated in years past - Reverse Trick or Treat is truly a blessed experience for all generations involved. Children are never too young to learn how to give to others and to see the joy that giving can bring. For more information, contact Cassandra Krumme at 940-380-8264 or mkrumme@verizon.net. All families and children of all ages are invited to join us.

