

SUMMER REFLECTIONS FROM CHURCH SCHOOL

Hello Church Families,

I hope you have all been enjoying the warm weather and the long days of summer. I'm certain the subject of Church School has not been top of mind for you, but it certainly has been for me. My mind is swimming with ideas for the year ahead, a desire to see the smiling faces of our congregational youth, and a hope that we may make some new friends in the year ahead. Recently I stopped by our storage closet to take inventory for the year ahead. You may not know, but our Church School Team has been incredibly thrifty these past several years. Most of the supplies we have used to create our monthly craft has come from a wide variety of odds and ends. We were delighted to find a large volume of popsicle sticks this year, which were eagerly used to make our wishing well craft as well as our "families" for our lesson on what it means to be a church. We leveraged construction paper, clothes pins, fabric scraps and even ribbon to make our Christmas Nativity scene. The leftover paint and markers were ideal to decorate ornaments for the tree sale.

But where do all of these treasures come from? A very good question. My guess is from years of church school classes, led by wonderful members of our church, leaving behind the bits and pieces to be utilized again. Just recently we received a dozen large glass jars which we cannot wait to turn into a Christmas or Easter centerpiece in the year to come. We have certainly been grateful for the supplies, and proud to leverage these remnants of the past as we introduce a new generation to church school. Which leads me to your mission. Next time you find odds and ends you believe may add a little something to our lessons, please let us know! We would be happy (space willing) to add to our collection. Who knows, maybe you'll see those items highlighted in a future newsletter as part of our newest lesson :)

PS - On behalf of the nursery, any gently used children's toys or books are also welcome!

Happy August,

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& Church School Team Leader



CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAM STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 10

Mark your calendars and plan for your children (4K-7th grade) to join us this coming year for our Church School program! Come around 9:45 on Sunday morning, September 10, for registration before the 10:00 welcome back Church School class! We can't wait to see all of the children gather for another fun year of learning and service to the church and community!

