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IMPORTANT DATES

December 22 and 29

NO 9 am Sunday School classes for kids or adults

January 5

BIG D.O.G.s Kick Off

January 11

Sunday School field trip to the Kids Klub (for those who completed their reading).

February 1

BIG DOG's to the Big Store field trip to Vancouver Mall.

June 23-26

'More than G.O.L.D.' Soccer Camp



BIG D.O.G.s Kick Off! The Big 'Disciples Of God' is a new program for 4th and 5th grade students. We will have Sunday mornings at 10:15 together for learning (We will get FLIPTed for Jesus, look at Spiritual Gifts and Spiritual Disciplines, do a study of the book of James, and many other age targeted subjects over a 2 year period). Additionally, we will try to have a monthly special activity or field trip for this age group to promote relationships with one another, and to have fun in the name of Jesus. Ask John for further details.



The BIG DOGS are going to the Big Store on February 1. We will head to Vancouver Mall and share lunch together, make Mini-Figs for our Solomon's Temple Lego model, check out the Christian Bookstore, and play some Black Light Mini-Golf. Meet at the church at 10:57 a.m., and be back by 3:03 p.m. We would more than welcome parent drivers/chaperones for this event! Contact John if interested, and pick up a field trip permission slip for your child.

On January 5, not only do the BIG Dogs begin, but the Kindergarten through 3rd graders will be in a class unto themselves. This will help us offer more age appropriate teaching for this special group! The ideal and future goal will be to offer classes for K-1, 2-3, and 4-5..... and that can happen if we have the resources. The MAIN resource is adult leaders, both Lead Teachers and Small Group Leaders. Please speak with John if you want to join the team that has the best job in the church!



Sunday School kids, don't forget to complete your reading in the book, "Case for a Creator for Kids" by Lee Strobel. If you do, you're headed for a fun field trip to the Kids Klub up in Salmon Creek. You will have a blast in the huge play structure, especially shooting plastic balls at your teacher Scott DeViney! More details available in class.

Advice Corner

Recently I had the opportunity to share in John and Carley Weeks Parenting class. I thought it might be prudent to share some answers to questions they asked me, one newsletter at a time. So the first question was, "What Would You Like Parents of Children Attending Your Children's Classes to Know?" Following are 5 answers I gave to that question:

1. Our Mission: The Children's Ministry exists to point kids to Christ with the eternal truth of God's Word through fun, fellowship, worship, and life changing Bible lessons.
2. My previous mission statement in 15 years of kids ministry (I still adhere to this): We wish to supplement parental training of children to 'Love the Lord' by providing helpful programs and relationships. Luke 10:27

3. My values in accomplishing my mission:
 - Love
 - Invitation
 - Fun
 - Teaching
 - Safety (Luke 21:28)
4. That children's ministry is just that... ministry. It is not babysitting.
5. That some changes are on the way. It's too early to share them all, but a glaring one that I have observed so far is that we need to split the K-5 grades to better meet the needs of the children.