

# Salt and Light

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## A new season...

Friends,

The school year has ended and four of our kids have graduated! How exciting for them and how scary at the same time. Change can be scary sometimes. They are moving on to another season in their lives. Some will go away to college, some will stay at home for school, and some will go into the work force. Whatever they do there will definitely be a change.

I met these kids when they had just finished their freshmen year. That seems so long ago and at the same time like a blink of an eye. I have so many great memories with them and I look forward to hearing about the new memories they will be making in the future.

We all go through periods of change...seasons. Sometimes those changes are scary but our God walks with us through each season. We must have faith in that Truth. Our God wants to give us joy, He wants to give us Shalom (all encompassing peace)...let Him!

What new season does God have in store for you? May God give you peace as you approach new seasons in your lives.

Shalom,  
Erin



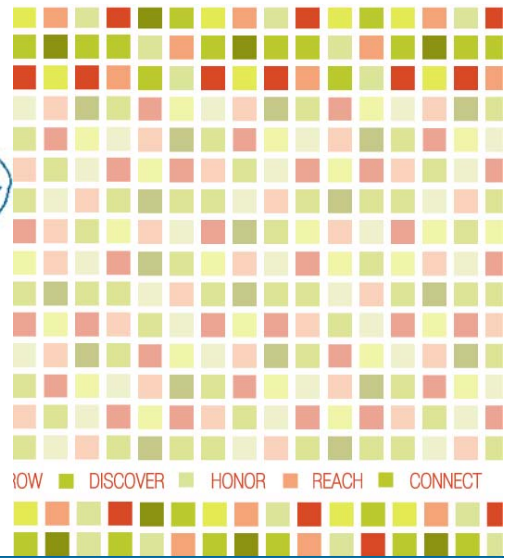
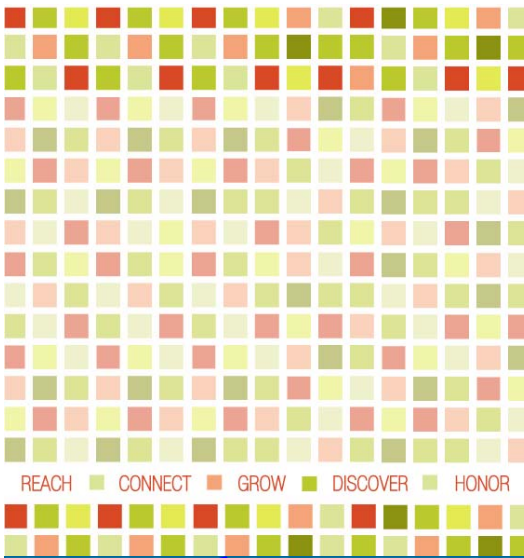
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# JUNE 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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## Christ's Kids

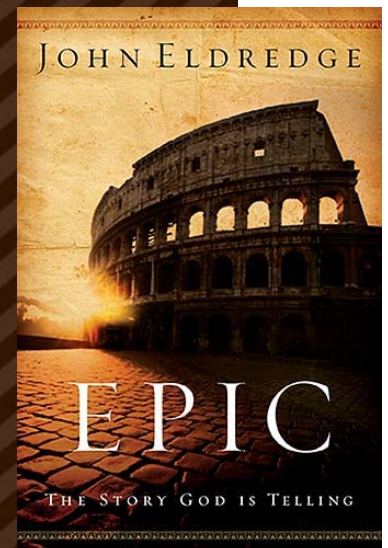
Christ's Kids is a program for elementary aged children (K-5). It will be every first Saturday of the month from 10am-12:30pm. The events will usually include play time (free play and organized), a craft, chapel time, lunch, and a short video. Some dates will be set aside for family events and outings. We will let you know when these events are going to happen as we will need help with transportation. If you would like to be involved in this ministry please speak with Erin Rustan, Eileen Busbice, or Vanessa Wilson.



**The next event will be:  
Saturday, June 5th!**

IF YOU ARE IN 6-12TH GRADE JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY FROM 9:15-10:15 AM IN THE YOUTH ROOM STARTING JUNE 13TH. WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT THE DRAMA OF LIFE, VIEWING GOD NOT ONLY AS THE AUTHOR BUT ALSO AS THE LEAD ACTOR, EXPLORING HIS MOTIVES AND HIS HEART.

Grow in Him



# Summer Vacation



## Teens-N-Thursdays:

T-N-T is a weekly event during the summer for 6-12th graders. Each week we will be involved in a service project and fellowship. Look out for dates and times!



Mark it on your calendar, bring your kids, and tell your neighbors and friends!

You can find volunteer and participant information and online registration at:  
<http://www.vbspro.com/vbs/ez/concordiabedford>

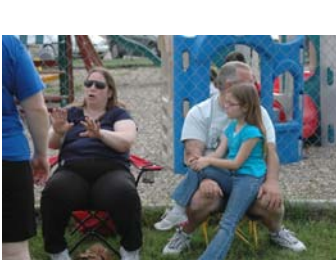
Paper registration will also be available. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Erin Rustan (214) 502-9825

This summer, come aboard our High Seas Expedition. Be a part of the Vacation Bible School! We're praying this awesome VBS program will touch children's hearts and lives with God's love. Help kids in our community discover that:

- God's Word is true,
- God's Word is comforting,
- God's Word is surprising,
- God's Word is life-changing, and
- God's Word is for everyone.

Who: Children ages 4-10 years old  
When: June 28-July 2, 2010  
Time: 9am-12pm each day



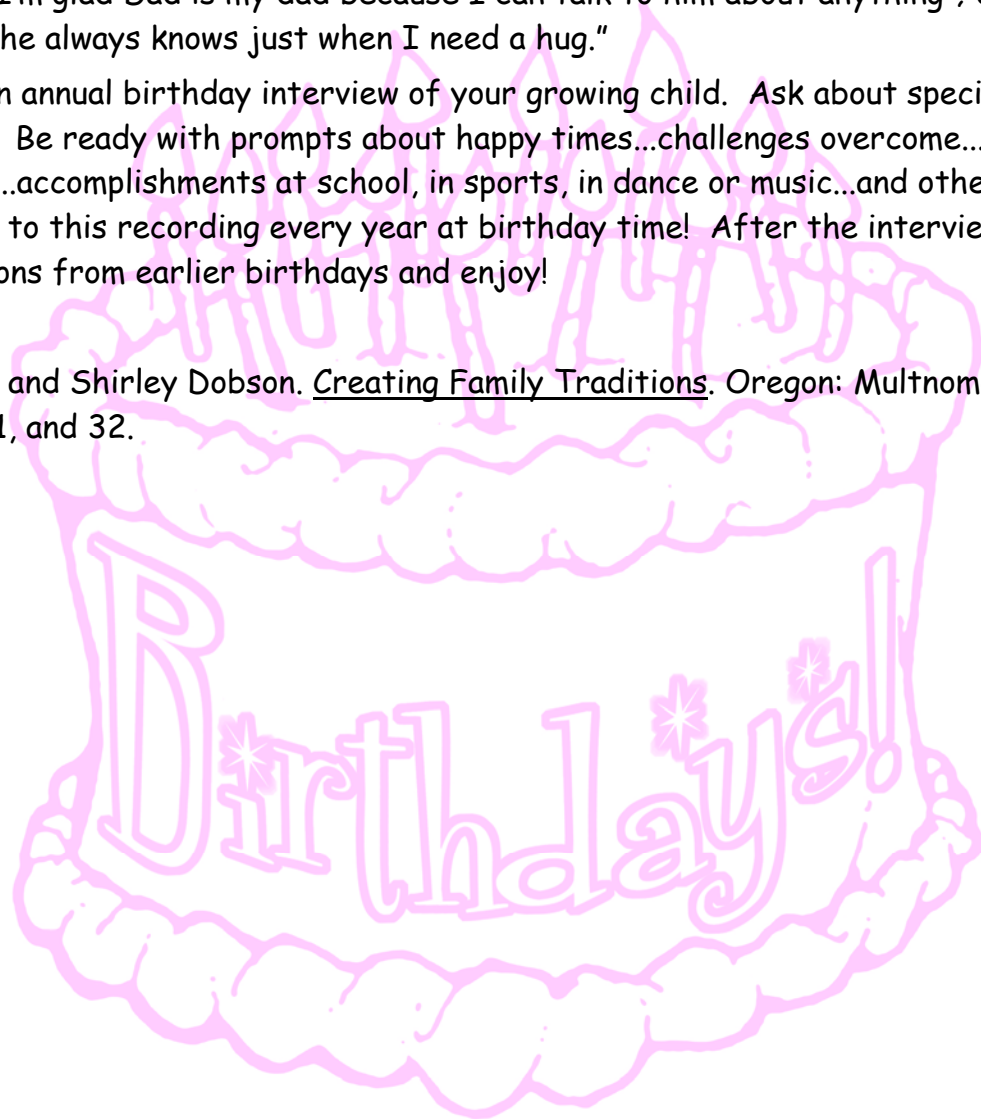


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## "Special" from Sunrise to Sunset

- What would be a special "Good morning!" for the birthday person? Pancakes? Sugary cereal -just this once? Breakfast in bed? Not having to cook breakfast? If you're not sure, ask in advance!
- Choose one present to put at the birthday person's place at the breakfast table to be opened as soon as the special day begins!
- Mark the height of the birthday boy or girl on the garage wall or bathroom door jam- wherever you started that tradition. And if you haven't started that tradition, do so now!
- What does the birthday person want for dinner? Make his or her favorites!
- Before dessert or while you're eating the birthday cake, ask everyone at the table to offer an encouraging word about the person being honored: "Jon has sure become a much more confident reader"; "Sherry has worked hard all year at her free throws, and it's really paying off"; "I'm glad that Katie is making more time to read her Bible"; "Collin is being a lot kinder to his little sister"; "I'm glad Dad is my dad because I can talk to him about anything"; or "Mom's the best because she always knows just when I need a hug."
- Videotape an annual birthday interview of your growing child. Ask about special memories from the year. Be ready with prompts about happy times...challenges overcome...fun things that happened...accomplishments at school, in sports, in dance or music...and other meaningful moments. Add to this recording every year at birthday time! After the interview, play back the conversations from earlier birthdays and enjoy!

Gaither, Gloria and Shirley Dobson. Creating Family Traditions. Oregon: Multnomah Gifts, 2004. pg. 28,31, and 32.



## Family Devotion:

### In Heaven

Luke 24:50; Acts 1:9-10

After Jesus talked to the disciples, He took them out of the city to a place by themselves. While He was speaking to them, all of a sudden He began to go up into the sky. He went up higher and higher, until they saw Him go into a cloud. Soon they could not see Him anymore.

Two angels appeared and told the disciples, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back the same way you have seen him go to heaven."

Jesus is in heaven now. But He sees all of us as if He were here with us-and He is!

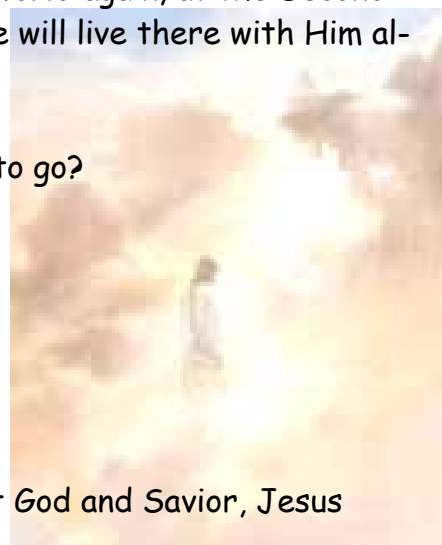
We don't ever need to be afraid, for Jesus does not forget us. He hears us when we pray to Him, and He helps us to be good. When He comes to this world again, at the Second Coming, He will call us all to Him. He will take us to heaven, and we will live there with Him always.

- ☞ While Jesus was speaking to the disciples, where did He begin to go?
- ☞ Who came and spoke to the disciples?
- ☞ Where did the angels say that Jesus had gone?
- ☞ Where is He now?
- ☞ Does He see everyone?
- ☞ How long will His followers stay with Jesus in heaven?

Memory Verse:

"We wait for the blessed hope-the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ." -Titus 2:13

Graham, Ruth. Step into the Bible. Michigan: Zondervan, 2007. pg. 210.



### Other Resources:

- ☑ [www.soulthirst4youth.net](http://www.soulthirst4youth.net)
- ☑ [dailydevos.org](http://dailydevos.org) (free devotions for youth)
- ☑ [www.happymeal.com](http://www.happymeal.com)
- ☑ [www.lifekids.tv](http://www.lifekids.tv)
- ☑ [tuitionfundingsources.com](http://tuitionfundingsources.com)



## Ways You Can Serve:

### Activity:

How about planting a family vegetable garden?

A lot of times we think of planting a vegetable garden for our own needs. But what about planting a vegetable garden so that all the produce would be given to needy families, or soup kitchens, or maybe even to families within your congregation who are in need?

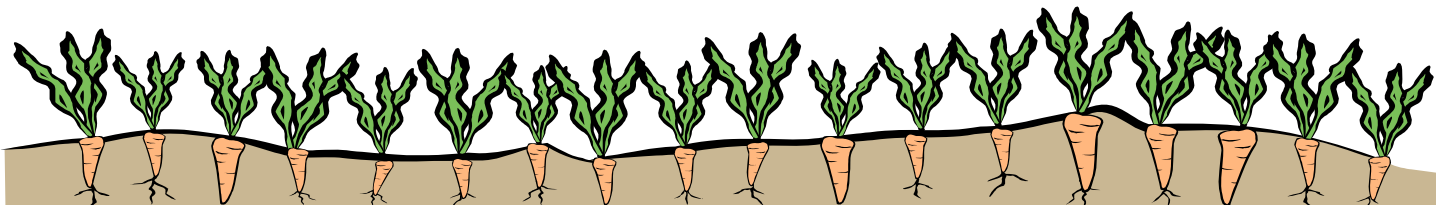
Add another level to this job by purchasing canned vegetables and donating them for food shelves or to needy families within your community.

You may wish to add some flowers to your garden. When packaging your vegetables or canned goods, put the cut flowers in a nice basket full of fruits and veggies.

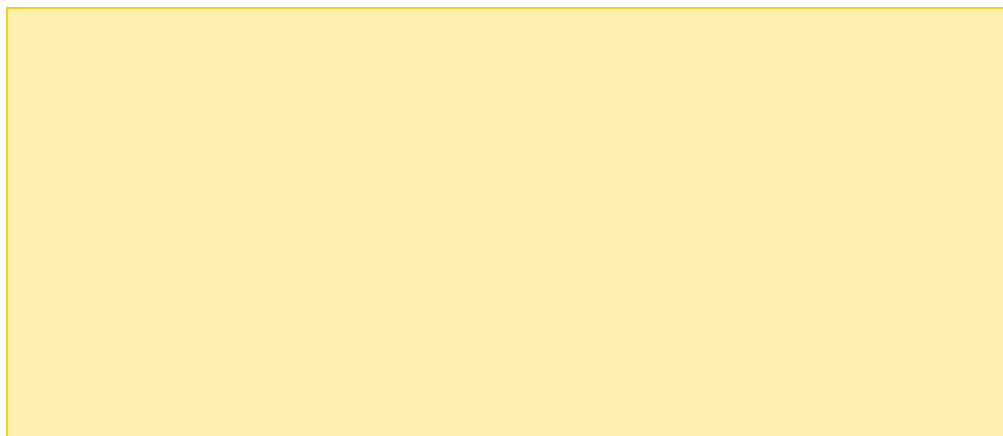
**Read:** Ecclesiastes 1:1-2.

- ▶ Have you ever planted a garden before? Where do you usually get vegetables?
- ▶ Many families buy their vegetables from a grocery store, but years ago families had to plant their own gardens and raise their own beef and pork to eat.
- ▶ What kinds of things did you plant in your garden? What is your favorite vegetable to eat?
- ▶ Do you suppose the Garden of Eden looked like your family garden? What do you think the Garden of Eden looked like?
- ▶ Do you think that God had a lot of fun creating the first flowers and vegetables? Think how silly some of our fruits and vegetables look-the shapes of cucumbers and carrots and broccoli and artichokes. How perfectly creative God is!
- ▶ Take time to thank God for all the vegetables, fruit and flowers that you eat and enjoy.

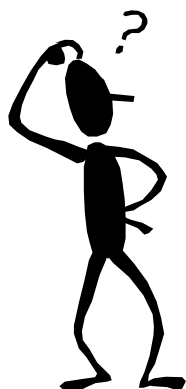
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What's this?



I'm glad you asked!

This is your way of knowing what in the world is going on with the Youth and Children's Ministry at Concordia Lutheran Church.

If you have any of your own announcements or comments that you would like to see in this newsletter please let me know!