



October 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	Who's Your ONE?		Elevate: MagKIDS Family Worship night 6:30			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Life Groups 9:30 Kids Worship 11 AHG/TL 3	Find Your ONE!		Nehemiah Kids Leaders in Training 6:30			
13	15	15	16	17	18	19
Life Groups 9:30 Kids Worship 11 AHG/TL 3	Pray for your ONE!		Nehemiah Kids Leaders in Training 6:30			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Life Groups 9:30 Kids Worship 11 AHG/TL 3	Invite your ONE!		Nehemiah Kids Leaders in Training 6:30	Tender Hearts 6:30		
27	28	29	30	31		
Life Groups 9:30 Kids Worship 11 AHG/TL 3	Share your Story with your ONE!		No meetings, see you at the Block Party!	Block Party 5pm-8pm		



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ELEMENTARY & PRETEEN



Growing Authentic Kid Disciples

Sundays

Life Groups 9:30 am
Kids Worship 11:00 am

Wednesdays

Nehemiah Kids & Leaders in Training 6:30 pm

Connect Grow Serve Go

Who's Your ONE?

POWERSOURCE

ASK JESUS:

- To help your family grow in listening to form strong relationships.
- To show you how to listen to and engage with God.
- To burden your heart, and the hearts of your family, with their ONE and to invite them to our Block Party, Oct 31.

Jesus tells the story of a shepherd who left his flock of 99 to search for the one he was missing. This account shows just how much each individual is valued in God's eyes. The welfare of the many paled in comparison to the need to find and rescue the ONE who was lost.

Who in your circles of relationship does not know Jesus?

This month at MagKIDS, we're focusing on reaching the ONE. Some of us have family or neighbors, others need to find someone. No matter which you are, I invite you to pray this month to find and invite your ONE.

Our kids and preteens are encouraged to reach their ONE, someone in their life that they could bring to church. Our upcoming Block Party will be fun and exciting, with opportunities to hear the gospel.

If we want to bring someone to Jesus, we have to know people to invite. This newsletter contains ideas to build relationships by being good listeners.

In this world of social media, texting and email, we need to intentionally help our kids learn face-to-face social skills. Being a good listener is an acquired skill.

Faith becomes "sticky," according to researcher Kara Powell, through give-and-take conversations among parents and children. That means it's important to listen as much as you talk. Kids' questions and observations provide a window into their faith development and into how we can encourage continued growth.

This is going to be a great month! Praying for you as we GO! ~Joni

So, put on your "listening ears" to discover even more auditory insights.

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TEACHABLE MOMENTS

The Master's Voice

Set up an obstacle course and blindfold someone to be led through it. Also choose a leader. Say: **Our blindfolded person must follow this leader's voice to make it through the course. The leader will always give the correct directions, but the rest of us will loudly call out wrong directions to try to drown those out.**

Give everyone a turn to be led. Then ask: **How did it feel to be blindfolded and not know which voice to trust? How is this like or unlike trying to hear God's voice in a chaotic world? What things can prevent us from hearing the quiet voice of God?**

Read aloud John 10:2-5. Ask: **How can we know which voice to follow? How can we become more careful listeners of God's voice? What are some ways God helps us learn to hear his voice and speaks to us?**

Say: **Let's ask God to help us listen carefully to his voice.** Close in prayer.



Listening and Learning

Listening has a powerful effect on the person who's listening as well as on the person who's being listened to. It helps us make connections with one another, shows respect, and incites our curiosity. Listening well also makes us better speakers. We can communicate more effectively when we've taken the time—and remained silent long enough—to hear out someone else. Listening is just the first step, however. We also need to *act* on what we're hearing and put our learning into practice. As James 1:22 (ESV) says, "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only!"

Look & Listen Hide a small object and tell family members you'll give them clues to find it. Play loud music and start saying clues without shouting. Afterward, discuss how the noise affected the ability to hear and how people overcame that. Read aloud (or summarize) 1 Samuel 3:1-21 and ask: "How did Samuel know when God was speaking to him? How can we learn to hear God's voice?" Say: "Let's remind each other to tune out earthly noises so we can hear God!"

Be Still For this exercise, allow adequate time between steps. Hand out paper and pencils. Read aloud Psalm 46:10 and say: "Think about what this verse means." (Pause.) Say: "Close your eyes and listen for sounds nearby." (Pause.) Say: "Now listen for God's voice." (Pause.) Say: "Write or draw what you feel and hear." When everyone's finished, discuss your experiences and how being still helps us hear God better.

Stop, Drop & Follow Read aloud (or summarize) Acts 9:1-20. Have family members act out being Saul. Shine a flashlight and say: "Drop to the ground! Saul couldn't see, so close your eyes." (Pause.) Say: "Now stand up and listen up!" Give a simple instruction, such as clapping hands,

stomping feet, or repeating a phrase. Then have everyone open their eyes and stand up. Repeat, issuing a new command each time. Afterward, ask: "What was it like to listen to and follow directions when you couldn't see? What did Jesus want Saul to do?" Say: "Jesus wants us to listen to him and follow him. Then we can tell others about Jesus so they can follow him, too!"

"I" Am Listening Give each person 10 marbles. Say: "Mingle and talk about your day—but without saying the word *I*. If you do, anyone who hears it gets a marble from you." After five minutes, count marbles. Ask: "What was it like to avoid saying *I*?" Read aloud Philippians 2:3-4. Ask: "Why does God tell us to focus on others, not on ourselves? How does listening closely show that we care about other people?"

Actions Speak Volumes On index cards, write the names of famous Bible people (one per card). Take turns silently acting out what each is known for. Read aloud Ecclesiastes 3:7. Ask: "How did you know who those people were? Why do we often remember actions more than words? How can we combine our actions and words to tell about Jesus?"

"Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life. I will make an everlasting covenant with you." —Isaiah 55:3

MEDIA MADNESS



MOVIE

Title: *Maleficent: Mistress of Evil*
Genre: Adventure, Family, Fantasy
Rating: not yet rated
Cast: Angelina Jolie, Elle Fanning, Michelle Pfeiffer, Chiwetel Ejiofor
Synopsis: This live-action movie is Disney's sequel to *Maleficent* (2014). When Aurora accepts Prince Philip's proposal, her wicked fairy godmother forbids the marriage, saying, "Love doesn't always end well." Jolie said her title character goes "full wings, full horns, full crazy" in this film.
Our Take: Based on the trailer and plot, this movie promises to be dark and intense. Like most "family friendly" fare released in October, it has a supernatural focus that may make parents uneasy. Keep younger children away and use caution with older kids.



MUSIC

Title: *Growing Up*
Artist: Josh Lovelace
Synopsis: This is the second "family album" from Lovelace, a father and member of the pop-rock band NEEDTOBREATHE. As a longtime fan of children's music, Lovelace wanted to create positive, reflective songs that spark conversations among people of all ages. His first family album was 2017's *Young Folk*.
Our Take: The concepts and lyrics on this album are full of love and wonder. Lovelace encourages listeners to be kind and accepting, to cherish their time together as a family, and to remember that they aren't alone. Although the album isn't billed as Christian, Lovelace and his band have roots in the faith community.

Games, Sites & Apps

Luigi's Mansion 3

In this Nintendo Switch game, Gooigi, a green doppelganger, helps the timid hero navigate obstacles in a haunted hotel. Upgraded ghost-hunting equipment includes the Poltergust G-00 vacuum cleaner. ScareScraper mode is for multiplayer action. The game, released on Halloween, is rated E.

Official Average Boy

Focus on the Family produces this podcast, which explores topics ranging from Christian stewardship and service to manners, friendship, and technology. Children and parents can listen to the entertaining episodes together and use them as springboards for valuable discussions. Best for ages 8 to 12.

Picture Dots

Designed by the New York Hall of Science as part of its Noticing Tools suite, this free app for ages 3+ builds curiosity and STEAM skills. After parents upload photos, young "content creators" can personalize them to tell stories, make and record sounds, find patterns, and more. Also available in Spanish.

This page is designed to help educate parents and is not meant to endorse any movie, music, or product. Our goal is to help you make informed decisions about what your children watch, read, listen to, and play.



Ministering to those with special needs

Tender Hearts is our ministry to parents with special needs kids. Reserve Thursday, October 24 at 6:30 pm for our next gathering. Come for refreshments and encouragement.

See you at our Tender Hearts Movie Night on Friday, November 8 at 6:30 in the Loft. For more information, contact Janette Taylor at 951-733-1972.

We are better together.



TRAIL LIFE USA

Adventure > Character > Leadership

Trail Life will celebrate "Rocketober" with a rocket launch at CBU. New families are invited to join at 3pm on October 27. For more info, contact Steve at Spennington15@yahoo.com



American Heritage Girls is off to an exciting new year. It's never too late to join, come and see how young ladies can serve God, their families, our country, and our community. Contact Kimberly at AHGtroop0034@gmail.com