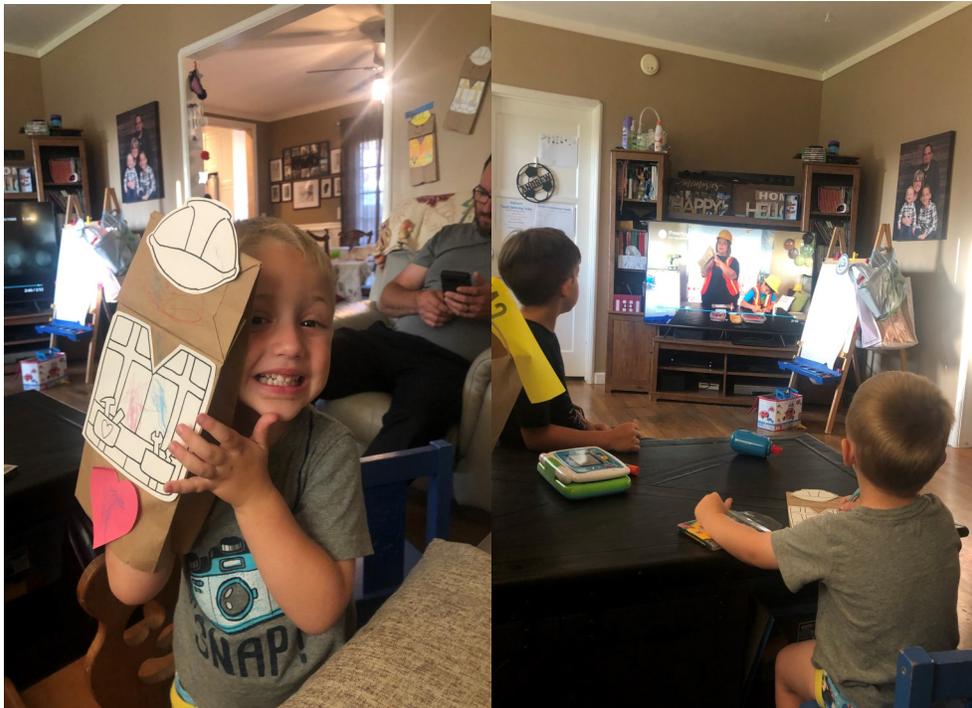


August 2020



PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES

Growing Authentic Kid Disciples

Sundays

Bible Lesson on Facebook Live

10:30 am

www.facebook.com/MagnoliaChurchKids

Wednesdays

Facebook Fun

3:00 pm

Thursdays

Story Time on Zoom

10:30 am or 6:00 pm

Talk with Children About Race

POWERSOURCE

ASK JESUS:

1. To guide your conversations about tough topics such as racism and discrimination.
2. To remove any stereotypes from your heart and mind.
3. To work through you to build a family and community filled with loving acceptance.

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In addition to all the “normal” parenting challenges, 2020 has been filled with tough news and difficult situations to explain to kids. During a deadly and disruptive pandemic, protests erupted against racial injustice.

Even if racial conflict isn’t a hot topic in your particular community, church, or schools, all parents are faced with addressing race in age-appropriate ways. We may assume that kids are “color-blind” and need to be shielded from talk of prejudice; however, experts warn such assumptions can unintentionally perpetuate stereotypes.

Author Dallas Willard said people can unknowingly pick up beliefs like a wool jacket picks up lint, and it takes intentional effort to deal with all that

“cultural lint.” Kids watch parents, listen to us chat, and absorb the news, so while it’s a good start, it’s not enough to only say, “God loves everyone, and so should we.”

It’s true that God loves everyone, but he also created people differently. And as a God of justice, he wants his followers to stand up against all types of discrimination and prejudice.

Conversations about race can feel awkward, and societal problems can seem overwhelming. But as recent events in America have shown, *beginning* the conversation is an important first step. Read on for ideas about how you can address race and equality with your children.



TEACHABLE MOMENTS

Unique!

Gather: paper plate, white glue, shaving cream, dark colored construction paper, glitter, and cotton swabs.

The definition of unique is being the only one of its kind, unlike anything else. Search for pictures of individual snowflakes on the Internet (Pixabay has some great ones). Look at the pictures with your child and notice how each one is special, one of a kind. Talk with your preschooler about the word "unique" and what it means.

Make puff paint by mixing 1/4 cup of shaving cream and 1 tablespoon of white glue on a paper plate (*optional: add glitter*). Encourage your preschooler to use cotton swabs to paint snowflakes on the dark colored construction paper.

Say, "Just like each snowflake is unique, each person in the world is unique, one of a kind, created by God."

Stop Racism Before It Starts

Parents have many opportunities to take action against racism:

- Begin young, modeling how to embrace and celebrate all skin colors.
- Don't ignore racial differences. Answer children's questions honestly.
- Surround yourself with people who don't look like you, and listen to their stories and experiences.
- Forbid name-calling and racial slurs, and treat all people equally.
- Seek out multicultural activities, books, toys, TV shows, and films.
- Become secure in God's love for you, and affirm the dignity of all races.

Same and Different As a family, take a walk around the neighborhood. Ask your preschooler to notice different kinds of flowers. If possible, gather some flowers to take home with you. Choose picture books, magazines or websites that have pictures of fish or birds as well as some that have photos of people. Choose resources that show a variety of different fish, birds and people.

Together, examine the flowers you collected. Ask your preschooler which is their favorite and why. Look at the animal pictures, and again ask him or her to identify their favorite. Ask, "Who made the flowers, fish and birds?" Summarize the creation account from Genesis 1:1-31. Point out that Genesis 1:31 says, "God saw all that He had made and it was very good." Remind your preschooler that God created all the different types of animals, birds, flowers and fish.

Next, show pictures of people of different ethnicities. Talk about how they are the same and how they are different. For example, all people have eyes, ears, hands and legs.

All people have feelings, they feel happy, angry, joyful and sad. Then talk about how people are different. Ask your child things he/she notices about the pictures (different hair color, different sizes, different skin color). Remind your preschooler that God made every person unique and special. Read Genesis 1:31 again. Pray together, thanking God for making everyone special and unique.

Self Portrait Get paper, markers or crayons and a mirror. Sit together at a table and read Psalm 139:14, "I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Talk about how God created your child. Ask your child to look in the mirror and then draw a picture of themselves on the paper. Ask, "What color are your eyes? What does your hair look like?" Draw your own portrait.

As you work together, talk about how you look different from each other. After each member of your family completes their self portrait, hang them somewhere in your home. Say, "Just like God created you and me, He created each person in the world." Together, thank God that He created each person.

***"God saw everything He had made and it was very good."
-Genesis 1:31a***

MEDIA MADNESS



MOVIE

Title: *Mulan*

Genre: Action, Adventure, Family

Rating: PG-13

Cast: Liu Yifei, Donnie Yen, Jet Li

Synopsis: This film, based on Chinese folklore, is a live-action version of the 1998 animated hit—minus the hit songs. It's the first Disney live-action remake to receive a PG-13 rating (for violence). The main character, a Chinese maiden, conceals her identity so she can serve in the Imperial Army as a "male" warrior.

Our Take: As an epic tale of heroism, *Mulan* shows that young people—girls, too—can display strength and courage. The movie can serve as a springboard into researching Chinese history, traditions, and culture. Scenes of peril and battles may get intense.



BOOK

Title: *Just Ask!*

Author: Sonia Sotomayor

Synopsis: Subtitled "Be Different, Be Brave, Be You," this book from the first Latina U.S. Supreme Court justice features 12 kids who face various challenges and abilities. Through a community gardening project, Sotomayor's picture book conveys the message that people's differences make the world more vibrant.

Our Take: Readers will learn that it's okay to be curious about other people's differences, to ask questions politely, and to become friends with them. Sotomayor, diagnosed with diabetes as a child, encourages a direct approach and an "honoring" attitude. Questions help families discuss and relate to each child's experiences.

Games, Podcasts & Apps

Kubb

If you want to try a new outdoor family-friendly game, check out Kubb. In this Nordic activity, nicknamed "Viking Chess," team members throw wooden batons to knock down blocks. Kubb is becoming popular in the U.S. because it's a bit physical, a bit strategic, and fun for all ages.

Julie's Library

Acting legend Julie Andrews, along with her adult daughter, bumped up this podcast launch when the pandemic hit. The pair read children's books aloud, discuss the themes, and suggest enrichment activities. The book choices and lively chats help spark a love of reading. Geared toward ages 4 to 10.

Stay Play Grow

This new free app is designed to support parents of children from birth to age 5, especially during the pandemic. It offers learning activities, information about how to get basic needs met, self-care strategies, and advice about safety and health—including how to talk to kids about the pandemic and racism.



CULTURE & TRENDS

Easing Re-Entry Students

returning to classrooms this fall could face a newfound "universal stress" as well as separation anxiety. Experts are reminding parents that kids are resilient and often mirror the responses of adults in their lives. Schools, despite tight budgets, are trying to boost social-emotional supports—especially for families of color, who typically don't use mental health resources as often as white families do. (*various sources*)

Getting in Step

Resolving conflicts is easier when the two parties walk side by side, a study shows. Walking together builds rapport and empathy while reducing stress and improving mood. (*psycnet.apa.org*)

QUICK STATS

Perceptions Vary In a survey conducted last year, 78% of Black practicing Christians said the U.S. has a race problem, compared to 38% of White practicing Christians. (*Barna.com*)

Under Suspicion Only 25% of White adults say they've been in a situation where people act suspicious of them, while 65% of Black adults say that has happened to them.

This page is designed to help educate parents and isn't meant to endorse any movie, music, or product. Our prayer is that you'll make informed decisions about what your children watch, read, listen to, and play.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Facebook Bible Study 10:30 am	3	4 Make pancakes for breakfast	5 Facebook Fun 3:00 pm	6	7 Preschool Story Time 10:00 am or 6:30 pm	8
9 Facebook Bible Study 10:30 am	10 Go outside and find 5 different kinds of flowers	11	12 Facebook Fun 3:00 pm	13	14 Preschool Story Time 10:00 am or 6:30 pm	15
16 Facebook Bible Study 10:30 am	17	18	19 Facebook Fun 3:00 pm	20	21 Preschool Story Time 10:00 am or 6:30 pm	22 Go swimming in the bathtub
23 Facebook Bible Study 10:30 am	24	25 Go for a drive and count red cars	26 Facebook Fun 3:00 pm	27	28 Preschool Story Time 10:00 am or 6:30 pm	29
30 Facebook Bible Study 10:30 am	31 Fill the sink and use cups and funnels to scoop and pour					

MOVE UP
Sunday

August 9 | 10-10:30 am
Corner Parking Lot

Preschool Story Time

ZOOM | THURSDAYS
10 AM OR 6:30 PM

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