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# parenting CHRISTIAN kids

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## Help Your Kids Develop a Heart for Service

### POWERSOURCE

#### ASK JESUS:

1. To help you incorporate service into your family's "culture."
2. To broaden your ideas about what constitutes service—and how your kids can serve.
3. To help your family members find joy in serving others.

Despite being the One True God and the King of kings, Jesus humbled himself to become our Savior. By serving us here on earth, Jesus modeled how we are to lovingly serve others.

Serving is a privilege—one people of all ages can engage in daily. Major projects and trips aren't required!

When we teach children to serve, we're also teaching them to become servants for life. That's because kids who serve become adults who serve.

Consider these findings from the Independent Sector.

- Two-thirds of adult volunteers began serving as children.
- Adults who volunteered as

children give more money and volunteer more time than adults who began serving later in life.

- Across incomes and age groups, people who volunteered as children give and volunteer more than those who didn't.
- Those who volunteered as youth and whose parents volunteered became the most generous adults when it comes to giving their time.

This month, as your family focuses on thankfulness and blessings, put your faith and gratitude into action by serving each other—and Jesus.

Read on for fun, practical ways to build serving into everyday life.

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## Make Serving a Way of Life



### TEACHABLE MOMENTS

#### Color Me Happy

You'll need new coloring books, crayons to use, and new boxes of crayons to give away.

Read aloud Acts 9:36-39 and discuss how Tabitha was always doing kind things for others and helping poor people. Say: **We can do something kind and colorful for children in need.** Talk about why kids might be in the hospital, as well as any experiences your family members and friends have had with illness or surgery.

Give each family member a coloring book. Say: **Serving other people adds color and joy to their lives, especially when they're going through a tough time. Let's make special gifts for kids in the hospital.**

Have family members each color the first page of their book and write a short message to the child who will receive it. (Younger kids may need help.) Together, pray for the recipients and then deliver the coloring books—along with new boxes of crayons—to a local hospital.

Fitting big service events into busy family schedules isn't always possible. The good news is that not every service project must be "XXL." The truth is, Jesus loves and honors service of every size. As we model giving aid and encouragement in our homes and beyond, children learn that service is a way of life, not necessarily just a single event. Use this list of ideas to jump-start your thoughts about how your family can serve. Just be warned: Coming face to face with human needs—and helping to meet them—is truly transformational! Hearts and lives are bound to change as you step out as a family and make a difference in Jesus' name.

- Help a charitable organization prepare bulk mailings.
- Promote fund-raisers on behalf of a service agency.
- Paint furniture, walls, or items that don't need to be "perfect."
- Organize the canned and boxed goods at a food pantry.
- Gather and deliver items for people in need (examples include inmates' families and teenage or single moms).
- Paint over graffiti.
- Clean and organize give-away clothing closets.
- Sort through and organize donations given to agencies.
- Help prepare and serve food at a soup kitchen or hospice.
- Set up, serve, or clean up at any church or community event.
- Perform puppet shows, musicals, or concerts at shelters or nursing homes.
- Do yard work or general cleanup—from weed pulling to vacuuming—at any facility.
- Play with homeless children on day visits or sponsor a trip for kids in shelters.
- Visit the elderly and assist them with indoor or outdoor chores.
- Work at the Special Olympics.
- Prepare a picnic for your pastors and their families.
- Volunteer to clean the toys in your church nursery.
- Make care packages or sandwiches for people on street corners asking for help.
- Plant trees and shrubs at places that need some environmental care.
- Donate gently used toys to a group that gives them to children at Christmas.
- Help neighbors (without pay) by raking leaves, shoveling snow, putting away trash cans, washing cars, or walking dogs.
- Challenge kids to complete one act of kindness for each family member during the week.
- Read to young children or to people in nursing homes.
- Tutor or mentor children through an after-school program.
- Pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.
- Deliver cookies and thank-you notes to police officers, firefighters, and paramedics.
- Give family members a back rub (or foot rub!) after a long day of work or school.
- Pitch in together at a church work day and then grab pizza.
- After a natural disaster, donate money or needed items to the American Red Cross.
- Stock up on clearance-priced school supplies and paper goods you can donate.

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." —Mark 10:45

## MEDIA MADNESS



### MOVIE

**Title:** *Ralph Breaks the Internet*

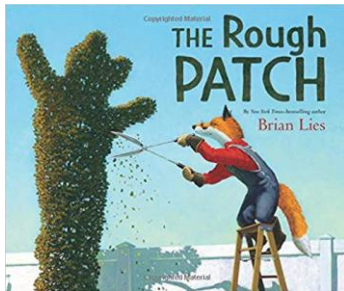
**Genre:** Animation, Adventure, Comedy

**Rating:** PG

**Cast:** John C. Reilly, Sarah Silverman, Gal Gadot, Kristen Bell, Mandy Moore

**Synopsis:** In this sequel to the 2012 Disney hit *Wreck-It Ralph*, Vanellope and Ralph embark on new virtual adventures, encountering a wide range of popular animated characters along the way. After Vanellope learns that she's royalty, she helps the iconic Disney princesses adapt to the modern, feminist-friendly era.

**Our Take:** With a variety of characters, this film will appeal to both boys and girls. It's sure to spark discussions about identity and friendship. Because the movie opens at the start of the holiday season, merchandising tie-ins will abound.



### BOOK

**Title:** *The Rough Patch*

**Author:** Brian Lies

**Synopsis:** This touching, beautifully illustrated book tells the tender story of Evan the fox, whose beloved dog companion dies. Due to grief, Evan loses interest in his gardening hobby. But then a giant pumpkin grows amid the weeds, winning Evan a county-fair prize—of a new puppy.

**Our Take:** In a powerful yet sensitive way, this book tackles the joys of friendship as well as the challenges of loss, grief, and recovery. The dog's death is handled with restraint, using just six words and a touching image. The book, geared toward children ages 4 to 8, will help families explore tough topics because it shows in kid-friendly ways how happiness and hope can spring from sad situations.

## Games, Websites & Apps

### The King's Bird

Combining parkour, precision, and aerial movement, this physics-based "platform jumper" is filled with obstacles. When players "die," the screen simply fades to black. The artsy game is voiceless, with simple music. It's available for download on Windows PC and is best for kids ages 10+.

### JAM.com

At this video-based learning site, kids take online courses and complete fun projects. Topics range from drawing and cooking to inventing machines. Families must subscribe, but then the videos are ad-free. Moderators give positive feedback and monitor comments. Best for ages 7 to 16.

### Khan Academy Kids

The popular website for school-age kids now has a free app geared toward early learners. Children ages 2 to 5 can jumpstart their beginning math and reading skills through sing-alongs, counting, drawing, and reading. Friendly characters help make learning even more enjoyable.



## CULTURE & TRENDS

**Forward Fashion** Personal style services such as Stitch Fix Kids, Kidbox, and Rockets of Awesome will send customized outfits to your children on a regular basis—for a fee. And Target's popular Cat & Jack clothing line now offers adaptive apparel for kids with special needs. (*various websites*)

**Bad "Breath"** Consuming foods prepared with liquid nitrogen can be hazardous, according to the FDA. For example, frozen treats (now common at mall kiosks) that give the eater "dragon's breath" can cause breathing difficulty in kids who have asthma. (*fda.gov*)

## QUICK STATS

**ADHD Diagnoses** A new study reveals that 10% of U.S. children are diagnosed with ADHD. That represents a significant increase from 20 years ago. Some experts say the Affordable Care Act has led more families to seek treatment, which has led to more diagnoses. (*JAMA Pediatrics*)

**Snack Facts** Two-thirds of moms admit they hide a secret stash of treats from the rest of the family. Almost half of parents (48%) say their child brings home an uneaten healthy snack from the lunch box at least once a week. (*crispygreen.com; kindsnacks.com*)

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# November

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY               | FRIDAY | SATURDAY  |
|--|--------|---------|--|------------------------|--------|---|
|  |        |         |  | 1                      | 2      | 3<br><b>3/4/5 grades on Retreat</b><br>6 p.m.FROLIC |
| 4<br>9:30 a.m.<br>Children's Church<br>Preschool -5 <sup>th</sup> grades<br><b>Noon 3/4/5 grades return from Retreat</b> | 5      | 6       | 7<br>6 pm<br>7 Realities<br>Experiencing God Bible Study<br>6:00 p.m.<br>HISKids | 8                      | 9      | 10<br>6 p.m.FROLIC                                  |
| 11<br>Veteran's Day<br>9:30 a.m.<br>Children's Church<br>Preschool -5 <sup>th</sup> grades                               | 12     | 13      | 14<br>6 pm<br>7 Realities<br>Experiencing God Bible Study<br>AND<br>HISKids      | 15                     | 16     | 17<br>6 p.m.FROLIC                                  |
| 18<br>9:30 a.m.<br>Children's Church<br>Preschool -5 <sup>th</sup> grades  | 19     | 20      | 21<br>NO<br>7 Realities -<br>NO HISKids  | 22<br>Thanksgiving Day | 23     | 24<br>6 p.m.FROLIC                                  |
| 25<br>9:30 a.m.<br>Children's Church<br>Preschool -5 <sup>th</sup> grades  | 26     | 27      | 28<br>6 pm<br>7 Realities<br>Experiencing God Bible Study &<br>HISKids           | 29                     | 30     |   |



HBJ 2016, "Christmas Is..."

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS! 2018

Happy Birthday, Jesus 2018 is rapidly approaching and YOUR child is invited to be a participant in this worship service this year! This year's presentation is called "Just a Little Christmas" and Debby Shaw will be serving as our HBJ coordinator. If you have further questions regarding this event, please contact Debby Shaw at [debbyhawk@gmail.com](mailto:debbyhawk@gmail.com) or Judi Irwin at [judi.irwin@ccpc.us](mailto:judi.irwin@ccpc.us). **Please contact us to advise of your child's interest in participating no later than Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**It is important that participants, be available and present at our 3 rehearsals.** Please mark these dates on your calendar now:

**Sunday, December 2 @ 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Please pick up Kidz Church In Kirk Hall**

**Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – DRESS REHEARSAL in SANCTUARY**

**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Pick up for Kidz Church in Kirk Hall**

**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. – HBJ in the Sanctuary (children arrive at 5:30 p.m.)**

## Kidz Church (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders)

| <u>Date</u>  | <u>Topic</u>   | <u>Scripture</u> | <u>Leader</u> |
|--|--|------------------|---------------|
| <b>MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 121:3-4 (1/2); vs. 5-8 (3/4/5 grades)</b> |  |                  |               |
| Nov. 4   | Grasshoppers, Giants, and Grapes   | Numbers 13-14    | Kaya Pierce   |
| Nov. 11  | Red Rope Rescues   | Joshua 2         | Judi Irwin    |
| Nov. 18  | Walls Came Tumblin' Down   | Joshua 5:13—6    | Kaya Pierce   |
| <b>MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 145:8-9(1/2); vs. 8-11 (3/4/5 grades)</b> |  |                  |               |
| Nov. 25  | I'm With You!  | Ruth 1           | Judi Irwin    |
| Dec. 2 & 9   | HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS! Rehearsals in KIRK HALL<br>Please pick up your elementary student in Kirk Hall following 9:30am worship. Thank you! |                  |               |

### Kids Day In

#### Parents Day Out

Our Youth and Children's Ministries are planning a "Kids Day In" (Parents' Day Out) on Dec. 8th from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. **Parents MUST PREREGISTER their child** for this event in order for us to plan for appropriate adult/child ratios!

Students who are preregistered will be guided to the appropriate area for their age grouping and will engage with fun and fellowship lead by our Youth Ministry adults and students.

Infant and Toddler care is available beginning at 11:30 a.m. when your child is preregistered. Judi Irwin, our Director of Children's Ministries and Sarah Ables, our Nursery Coordinator will be caring for your infant and toddler children (age 3 years and under) in our Nursery.

Sorry, NO DROPOFFS can be taken on the day of the event. All children must be preregistered by contacting Matt Kerns at [mattkerns@ccpc.us](mailto:mattkerns@ccpc.us).

### KIOSK CHECK IN FOR CHILDREN... IT'S IMPORTANT!

THANK YOU to those who use our Kiosk Check-In system to check your child into Kidz Church, Children's Worship, Nursery, Sanctuary worship, etc. IF you are not using our system, we are asking you to PLEASE use it on Sunday mornings! At 9:30 a.m. we print out attendance reports that are handed off to your child's leader for them to be sure that they have all of the children that are known to be in present on that day. These reports are also needed in budget planning, weekly attendance reporting to our Session (CCPC governing body), and to our denomination (PCUSA) for the annual report they require from us. **ADDITIONALLY, they are needed by us, if we would need to evacuate the main church building due to an emergency and to regroup with the children at the appointed destination.**

This would aid our assurance that NO CHILD was left behind during the evacuation process. Thank you for your cooperation. It's important!

### Children's Worship (Preschool 3 ½ years-Kindergarten)

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Title</u>              | <u>Scripture</u>              | <u>Leaders</u>         |
|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Nov. 4      | Exodus                    | <u>Exodus 1:1—15:21</u>       | Heidi S./MaryJane McD. |
| Nov. 11     | Ten Best Ways to Live     | <u>Ex. 19-20; Deut. 6:4-6</u> | Sherri B/Linda A.      |
| Nov. 18     | How the Church Tells Time | <u>Lev.23:1-3</u>             | Mary Jane McD/Heidi S. |
| Nov. 25     | ADVENT #1                 | <u>Isaiah 9:2; John.1:5</u>   | Sherri B/Amanda T      |

## Leader Schedules



### CALL TO WORSHIP LEADERS:

Nov. 4 Christian Crotte  
 Nov. 11 Matthew Reinoehl  
 Nov. 18 Grady Smith  
 Nov. 25 Lillian Pierce  
 Dec. 2 YOUTH MINISTRY  
 Dec. 9 Carson Purlee



### 9:30 a.m. Nursery (room 19)

Nov. 4 Nancy Dawn Clark  
 Nov. 11 Holli Fowler & Kyle/Jodie Sayre  
 Nov. 18 Kathy Martin/Lisa Allamon  
 Nov. 25 Laura Smith/Jenna Purlee



### 11:00 a.m. Nursery (room 19)

Nov. 4 **Help Needed**  
 Nov. 11 Janice Peters  
 Nov. 18 Colleen Bruinsma  
 Nov. 25 Dianne Blackburn

### Weekly Nursery Lessons:

Nov. 4 David & Goliath 1  
 Nov. 11 David & Goliath 2  
 Nov. 18 Daniel 1  
 Nov. 25 Daniel 2

## Saturday Frolic @ 6 p.m.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Topic</u>                      | <u>Scripture</u> | <u>Leaders</u>          |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Nov. 3      | Queen Esther 2                    | Esther           | Karen Lackey/Ann        |
| Nov. 10     | The Firey Furnace 1               |                  | Melodie Bogantz/Ann     |
| Nov. 17     | The Firey Furnace 2               |                  | Melodie Bogantz/Ann     |
| Nov. 25     | Daniel 1                          |                  | Bethany Bogantz/Melodie |
| Dec. 1      | Daniel 2                          |                  |                         |
| Dec. 8      | Jonah 1                           |                  |                         |
| Dec. 15     | Jonah 2                           |                  |                         |
| Dec. 22     | An Angel Visits & Jesus is Born 1 |                  |                         |



## FAMILY ADVENT WREATH MAKING

COMING SOON...

On Sunday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> our Children's Worship (preschool and kindergarten) students will be making "Advent Wreaths" for their Creative Response. When they are completed they may take home and celebrate the Advent Season with an accompanying book/Advent devotional "The Way to the Manger". Special thanks to Mary Jane McDonough who is heading this project!

**On Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>,** Following our Happy Birthday, Jesus! rehearsal, ALL of our families with ELEMENTARY STUDENTS are invited to come into **Kirk Hall from 10:30-11:00 a.m.** to make together a family Advent Wreath! Each family making a wreath will also go home with a copy of the Advent devotional "The Way to the Manger". Donations will be accepted to help defray the costs of this lovely hardbound book and the Advent wreaths. Special thanks to Debby Shaw who is coordinating this project!

Families, please plan now to stay and make this memory together!