

Family Time and Prayer

Prepare: Create a worship center in a room in your home. Cover a table with a white tablecloth. Place a standing cross and a wrapped gift box on the table. On gift tags write "To: God and All God's children."

Do: Give each person in your family a gift tag. Help your children write "From (their name)" on the gift tags. Tell each person to think about something they do well or a talent they have that could help or bring joy to others. Have each family member place their tags on the wrapped gift, one at a time.

As each person places a symbol of his or her gifts on the gift-wrapped box, say: God, thank you for (name). Thank you for (his or her) talents. Show (name) how to share (his or her) talents with you and with your children wherever (he or she) goes.

Prayer: Thank you, God, for all our different gifts. Help us to use our gifts to best serve you and to love one another. Amen.

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June Bible Challenge

- * Memorize this verse: "Now I am certain that God treats all people alike." Acts 10:34
- * Create a poster that shows your ideas about how children can live as the body of Christ in the world.
- * Attend The ROCK at least 3 times.

Thank You!

Workshop Leaders:
Cooking: Liz & Kate Blomquist
Science: TBA
Movie: TBA
Games: TBA

Shepherds:
K - Monica Kuhn
1st & 2nd - Cecilia Day
3rd - Leslie Tobakos
4th & 5th - Sandy Lindsay

The Rock

"Reaching out to Central's Kids"

June 2016

Acceptance



"Now I am certain that God treats all people alike."

Acts 10:34

The Main Idea:

- ~ The Bible teaches that God's love is for everyone and that all of us are created in the image of God. As God's people, we should love and appreciate others and be willing to learn from one another and work together.

By the end of June the children will learn that:

- ~ we are all created in the image of God;
- ~ we believe God's love is for all people;
- ~ God's love is also for us - we need to accept ourselves;
- ~ when we recognize our diverse and unique gifts, we can work together to serve God and others;
- ~ it is important not to prejudge others;
- ~ we can work to accept others;
- ~ we can be sensitive to our own behaviors or language that may show prejudice.
- ~ we can learn about and show appreciate for other cultures, countries and peoples.

June Schedule				
Date/Group	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
Kindergarten	Science	Cooking	Video	Games
1st/2nd Gr.	Science	Cooking	Video	Games
3rd Grade	Cooking	Video	Bible Study	Games
4th/5th Gr.	Cooking	Video	Science	Games

What will we be doing in our Workshops?

- ~ Science - Learning that different parts of our body have different jobs, but all are important, just like the church.
- ~ Cooking - Create fruity drinks from around the USA.
- ~ Games - We will watch clips from one or two movies about acceptance.
- ~ Games - We will play a variety of games learning about acceptance.

Key for June:

"Diversity"

- ~ Diversity means lots of different kinds of people. Children who are taught to appreciate diversity from an early age are less likely to bully or be bullied.

Check Your Facts!

- ~ Kids of all ages naturally pick up on the differences between people. How they respond to these differences is shaped by the behaviors modeled for them by significant adults in their lives.
- ~ As early as age four or five, children learn to use name-calling and teasing as a means of self-defense or to gain power or popularity.
- ~ One in every seven children is directly involved in a bullying relationship, either as a victim or as the bully.
- ~ The balance of the entire human body can be thrown off completely by tiny hairs and bones, no bigger than a pinky nail, inside the human ear.
- ~ The world's people speak over 5,000 languages.
- ~ Jesus says that we are to love our neighbors the way he loves us, mercifully and unconditionally.
- ~ Paul wrote letters to the churches he visited, to encourage them or to instruct them on specific topics.
- ~ Many of Paul's letters were written in response to letter he received.

Workshop Locations:

Science - Imagination Station

Cooking - Kitchen

Video - North Star

Games - Fellowship Hall

Bible Study - The Oasis