

# SPRING ADVENTUREKIDS NEWSLETTER 2024



## ADVENTUREKIDS UPDATES

Hello Adventure Families! If you've wondered what the AdventureKids have been up to in the last few months, here's a quick update:

We wrapped up 2023 in a series on Advent, where we looked at stories from Jesus' first years. Together we discovered the ways in which God protected, loved, and blessed Jesus while he was just a child on earth, and we learned that he protects, loves, and blesses us just the same!

Between January and February we studied in more of Jesus' story: some of the "Wild" stories that revealed his character and heart. We learned our memory verse (John 14:1) together, and used our memory verse games to uncover different core truths about Jesus!

Looking forward now, we have just begun our Easter Series! Though it is not yet Easter, there are stories that follow Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem that preempt his death on the cross. As we learn about the week before Jesus dies, we are learning about some of his final, and most important teachings.

Following this series, we will dive further into Jesus' teaching & the Sermon on the Mount.

### EASTER MEMORY VERSE

"HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID!  
BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE  
NAME OF THE LORD.  
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST HEAVEN!"

MATTHEW 21:9

**GIVING** | Our weekly Offering is currently going towards **Impact Ministries**, an international organization we partner with.

**BAPTISM** | Our kids have celebrated some baptisms, and there are more on the horizon. If your child expresses interest in being baptized, talk to Pastor Amanda for next steps!

**FAMILY WORSHIP** | On **April 7** kids will join in the auditorium for singing and head to their classroom after that.

**PLAN TO PROTECT** | Our next volunteer training date is **May 5th**.

**VBS** | Mark your calendars for **July 23-25th!**

## MINISTRY NEEDS

AdventureKids Ministries would not be possible without the dedication of our wonderful servant leaders!

As our ministry grows, so too does our need for people to partner with us in serving. If you've ever thought about serving in AdventureKids, please prayerfully consider if now is the time for you to do so! For more info visit [spaconline.com/kids](http://spaconline.com/kids).



## LEADERS

Room leaders, helpers, Small Group leaders, people to hold babies in the Nursery... And Summer/VBS volunteers! We need your talents to help teach & equip our children!

## CLEANING



If you love to clean, organize, and sanitize... We would love to have you serve in our classrooms to help our space be the best it can be!



## ADMIN HELP

Calling all crafters! If you're gifted in preparing crafts, organizing supplies, and managing the finer details in life... You could serve here!

## SUPPORT



Not sure you can commit to a regular schedule? We would love to have you on our Sub List, or as a support person in our classrooms or programs!



I am so deeply thankful for all of the parents, guardians, servant leaders, and other volunteers that we have who gather every Sunday and make AdventureKids come to life.

This role is so full of beauty and wonder, and as I have reflected on the past season I have been struck by all of the ways that our AdventureKids have shone the light of the Kingdom in this place.

As such, I wanted to share some of my observations, and some of the stories I have heard from leaders. Tales of *your* children, encountering, embodying, and exemplifying Christ in the world.

**Jesus was one to approach, love, and bear with the 'outsiders' in his time with grace. Our AdventureKids model this on Sunday's so well. We continue to have guest families arriving every week, and not once have I seen students left to themselves. Our children are welcoming, friendly, enthusiastic, and so loving!**

**We practice prayer and responsiveness to the Spirit weekly when we gather in AdventureKids. Leaders have witnessed incredible engagement as students have learned to practice (and lead!) breath prayers, imaginative prayers, and reflective, worshipful responses via art.**

**Our youth leaders continue to show up early with delight in their souls! They often lead the way for our adult leaders to find joy and enthusiasm in serving well!**

Ever wondered the heart behind our ministry? Why do we do what we do? Well, our AdventureKids ministry embraces same vision as the rest of SPAC.

Fullness of life for **everyone**  
by practicing the way of Jesus **together**.

Here in AdventureKids it is our heart to equip children to be with Jesus, be like him, and do the things that he does!

AdventureKids is a community where children-- all children-- belong, are loved, and can grow in their faith!

We cannot do this alone, though. Parents and guardians have an essential role in the spiritual development of their children. Our AdventureKids ministries and team are here to help support and encourage our Adventure Families.

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