



First Baptist Church Collinsville

Teaching and Training Kids
That Rock for Jesus

Christ the King (John 18:37)

In one scene from the movie "Lion King" Simba sings, "I Just Can't Wait to Be King." If you have seen the movie, you will remember that one reason Simba was so anxious to become king was that he didn't want anyone telling him what to do. He didn't want to hear anyone saying, "do this" or "stop that." He wanted to be free to run around all day long doing anything he wanted to do. However, it wasn't just that Simba didn't want anyone to tell him what to do, he was also looking forward to telling everyone else what to do. Just listen to what he sings!

"I'm gonna be a mighty king so enemies beware! I'm gonna be the main event like no king was before. I'm brushing up on looking down. I'm working on my ROAR! Oh, I just can't wait to be king!"

I think Simba had a very poor idea of what it means to be a king. You see, the real role of a king is to look after the needs of his people. The king is responsible to provide for and protect those people who live in his kingdom. A good king is more concerned with caring for his people than he is in being served by them.

During his last days on earth, Jesus was arrested and put on trial. When asked if he was a king, Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world." Yes, Jesus was a king, but he wasn't interested in running around free and doing things His way. He was only interested in doing the will of his Father. He was born to be king, but his kingdom is not on this earth -- it is in heaven. He came to earth to make the way for us to live with him forever.

People who live in a specific kingdom are called the king's "subjects." They do not get to choose if he is their king—he is king by right of his power and authority over them. However, in the kingdom of heaven, we get to choose whether or not Jesus is our king. When we believe Jesus is the Son of God and ask Him to forgive our sin, He will save us. As his subjects, we should follow Jesus wherever He leads. That way we can forever be with Him in heaven.

Jesus can't wait to be your king. He has invited you to enjoy eternal life in his heavenly kingdom. If you haven't already accepted his invitation, I hope you will crown him as your King today.

Mark Your Calendars:

We don't know when, we don't know how, but MAN OH MAN are we going to party hard when all this is over!

April Sunday School Schedule:

Key Verse: John 1:1-2

- 4/5: Jesus' Baptism
- 4/12: Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection
- 4/19: Jesus' Temptation
- 4/26: John Pointed to Jesus
- **Ms. Rebecca will be posting the videos that are normally viewed during Sunday School on the Facebook page so keep a lookout for them.**

April Worship Schedule:

April 5: Children's Church
Palm Sunday "The Passover"

April 12: Children's Church
The Resurrection "Sunday Morning Miracle"

April 19: Children's Church
"Jesus follower's belong to God"

April 26: Children's Church
"Jesus followers bring glory to"

A NOTE FROM Mrs. Charlotte:

Hey Children,

First, I want you to know how much we miss you, but to also let you know we Love you and God does too! It is an unusual time in our lives for both you and your parents and friends. It is a time that we have never seen before requiring us to make changes in how we do things, how we do school and even how we stay connected and do church. There is uncertainty, sadness and limitations on what we can do. In a lot of your lives, school is out for the year, sports are cancelled, other events and fun activities are not allowed. Even churches are closed. I think the one thing I have seen and heard the most is teachers missing their students and students missing their classmates.

Here's a thought for your classmates. Send each one a note from you telling them how much you miss them and hoping they are doing well. If you don't have notecards, make your own. Have you parent's mail for you or even take a picture and send to them. Don't forget your principal and teachers. Who knows what a note will do for your friends? In my day we use to call it writing to pen pals.

Don't worry we are going to get through this. We have tried to be creative in how we are keeping in touch with you and continue to grow and learn in Jesus together. I will be posting your Children's church lessons and activities each Sunday on FBCC Facebook. Your Sunday school teachers will be doing the same with their lessons. GA and RA will have a weekly live lesson at 2:00 p.m. On Girls in Action and R/A Facebook. Mission friends also has a live lesson for children. Make sure parents that you check FBCC page for the information. Pastor Larry's sermons for Sunday and his Wednesday nighttime will be posted on YouTube. Kids if you have ever wondered what the adults do on Wednesday nights, now you will know.

Here's some thoughts about ways you and your family can share God together:

- Read the Bible together- kids get a turn to read aloud too!
- Parents can lead a family devotion time
- Have a worship dance party-put on some praise music or kid's worship songs
- Do a bible craft together- lots of ideas on the web
- Plan a Christian movie night-there is some great movies and clips on Right now Media- don't forget the popcorn and soda
- Learn a memory verse together
- Go for a prayer walk in your neighborhood

You know Satan would love for us to do nothing, but God expects us to have joy hope and peace and to continue to work with him and for him.

Here are two verses that I want to share with you and give you peace that only God can give. Remember that God is always with you and loves you more than the birds of the air.

"I am the Lord your God. I am holding your right hand and I tell you "Don't be afraid. I will help you". Isaiah 41:13

"This is my command - be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go". Joshua 1:9

Be strong, courageous and faithful. God loves you! We do too!

RIGHT NOW MEDIA FOR CHILDREN:

Parents, make sure you check out Right Now Media for great movies and lessons for children. It is free! Go to the website for the church and look under Resources. There is great bible studies for adults too!



Mission Friends:

Ages 2-5 (Pre-K)

Mission Friends are in North Africa and the Middle East learning about Don and Mary Alan.

GIRLS IN ACTION and RA's:

We will be doing things a little different for April. On Wednesday's at 2:00 p.m. Live on Facebook your lesson for that week will be shared with you. Your parents will be able to get you your worksheets at wmu.com/children. In April we will be studying about Don and Mary Allan* who are serving in the Middle East. We will be learning about God's unshakeable pursuit of us and how Jesus showed His love through His death and resurrection.

Week 1: You will be challenged to "Go for It" as you share your faith with others.

Week 2: You will be introduced to the Allan's and their ministry in the Middle East. You will learn how their teams Go for It as they share God's love.

Week 3: You will hear stories of Christian believers in the Middle East who are unshakeable in their pursuit of God, even though they face obstacles.

Week 4: You will choose a project to participate in, such as a prayer box. You will need a shoebox without lid, index cards, some sort of wrapping paper. You will say a prayer for someone. A prayer is like giving a gift. For each prayer that is said, write a reminder word on your index card. Place it in the box. As you pray daily notice how your box grows in the gift of prayer.

AWANA

Of course Awana meetings are on hold for the time being but we encourage you to watch your teachers on our Awana FB page and continue memorizing your scripture. You can send a voice or video recording of you saying your verses to Stacy or any of your teachers.

Children's Church

- You probably noticed we still have Children's Church scheduled although we are not currently able to meet in person. This is because we are still staying connected to you through the church's Facebook Page.
- We have sent out Easter Devotions for families on FB. The devotions are for 10 days leading up to Easter. You can begin those on April 1.
- Each Sunday we will post your Children's Church lesson and activities on the FBCC Facebook page. Please take the time to do the activities and let me know how you are doing with them. We will also be mailing a packet of activities to your home for you to work on. Also since we can't be together an Easter packet will be delivered to you.

Unfortunately we have decided to postpone our originally scheduled VBS due to it being so close to the day that they stay home order will be lifted. We are considering lots of other fun options to make up for it though and we will let you know as soon as we make a decision!



"I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone that believes."
Romans 1:16