



December 2011

Dear Parents of Preschool Students,

Preschool is such a wonderful time in the faith development of children. At this age they grow so fast in their understanding of God's love and His presence in their lives. They become increasingly able to participate in worship experiences both in church and at home. The faith expressions of a four year old can be inspirational. Indeed, Jesus encouraged us to have "faith like a little child."

Studies have found that the number one factor that shapes values and attitudes in children is what they learn at home. This year, St. Luke's is launching a new milestone program designed to equip parents as they model and teach faith and having personal/family devotions to their children. This three week class will give you tools, resources, and ideas that will aid you in encouraging your children in the greatest commandment:

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. (Matthew 22:37-38)

At the culmination of this series of classes, there will be a special milestone presentation in church at which time you will present a worship kit to your child to symbolize your commitment to helping them grow in faith.

The Class

There will be two opportunities each week for families to attend this class. Classes will be held on the following dates in school classroom 6B (Sundays) and the school computer lab (Wednesdays):

SUNDAYS at 9:30 AM

January 15 (Lesson 1)
January 22 (Lesson 2)
January 29 (Lesson 3)

WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 PM

January 18 (Lesson 1)
January 15 (Lesson 2)
February 1 (Lesson 3)

During the Sunday classes your children are welcome to attend St. Luke's Sunday school program and on Wednesdays they can participate in Pioneer Clubs at no cost to you.

Worship Kit Presentation Day -- Sunday, February 5

On that weekend, we will take a short amount of time during worship to have a Presentation and Blessing Ceremony during the 11:00 AM worship service. (Students who regularly worship at our Chuluota campus may receive their worship kits there during the 9:00 am service.) Parents will be called up with their children to participate in this special presentation, as a reminder that faith formation and growth begin in the family.

Please return the enclosed registration form to the church office. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours in Christ,

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