



Children's Ministry Sandy Sooter

Merry Christmas!

Our kids are all very excited about the Christmas season. This is a great time of year to talk about what a gift Jesus is to us and to the world. God's great gift inspires so many to give at this time of year. In the children's department, we are helping the children to focus on the joy of giving. Tonight in TeamKID, the kids made special ornaments to give to their families. The Sunday School class will be working together to donate a Christmas Dinner to a family in need, and the Children's Church kids will be picking a World Vision project to fund with the tithes we've collected in Kidz Church this year. It is times like this that we can really learn from the kids. They are so excited to participate in the season of giving -all they need is an opportunity.

Here is the schedule for the month of December:

- ◆ Sunday School 8:45 – 9:45 will be rehearsal for the Project Hope Children's Choir
- ◆ Children's Church will be meeting 10:30 – 11:30. **Kids will stay in service with their families on Sunday, Dec 16th.**
- ◆ Team KID will meet on Dec 5th and Dec 19th. **No TeamKID on Dec 12, 26, or Jan 2.**



I am including some pictures of the Children's Sunday School class from last month. In November, we took advantage of the beautiful weather and did "prayer walks" around our church. The kids would walk two by two and pray for anything that they saw. Occasionally, the kids would ask if we could stop and pray for something that they felt God wanted us to pray about. At that point we would stand in a circle on the side of the road and pray. The kids prayed for animals, homes, people, churches, cars driving by, birds, you name it! I was interested to observe how much the kids prayed for the earth and the environment. They are sad to see God's creation getting hurt. Audrey Kirk had the fantastic idea that we should pick up trash on the prayer walks! What a great idea! We outfitted ourselves with gloves and trash bags and brought back an average of four trash bags every Sunday throughout November! What a great ministry!



On the prayer walk, the kids took note of the bizarre structure on the side of our parking lot by the basketball hoop. We asked Pastor Jack and he said it was there before he came and that he thought it was intended to be a picnic area but no one used it. Well....we made it A BIBLE STUDY FORT! We read the entire book of Titus in the fort. It was a great day!

This month we will be reading full books of the bible in Sunday School 8:45 – 9:45. Last week we read James and Philemon.

The kids are so proud to say that they have read an entire book. The goal is to build up their confidence in reading the bible so that they have a thirst to continue to read on their own. If you have not read the bible and lack confidence – come to Sunday School and read with the kids. You are always welcome!

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas!

Blessings,

Sandy Sooter

