



# the Parent LINK



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### WE'RE GOING ONLINE!!!

The Parent Link will be going online via email beginning next month. If you would like to continue to receive a printed copy of the Parent Link, please contact Brenda Crow at [bcrow@kccentral.org](mailto:bcrow@kccentral.org).

The Parent Link will also be available at the Early Childhood and Elementary Information Centers located near the Check-in Centers.

### BAPTISM

On Sunday, May 19, we will be having a Baptism Service. If your child would like to be baptized, please contact Pastor Trey by Friday, May 3 at [tbrooks@kccentral.org](mailto:tbrooks@kccentral.org).

There will be a Baptism Class this Sunday, May 5 at 9 AM in Room 233 for both the child and parents.

Wow, is parenting fun...and challenging! I wanted to share with you something I recently read that encouraged me as dad to Sophia and Levi!

#### ***A Fresh Perspective On Discipleship***

*Ever think that if you hear yourself say, "No!" or "Don't!" one more time, your nerves might truly fry? The truth is, every parent, grandparent, guardian, teacher, and coach faces that same frustration at some point. If you sense your attempts at positive discipline aren't working or you just need to ramp up your discipline approach, try this perspective makeover.*

*Rather than focusing on the verbal "do's" and "don'ts" inherent in discipline, focus on the greater impact you'll have in modeling the kind of behavior you'd like to see from your kids. Think of how Jesus instructed His disciples. Sometimes He gave verbal direction, but most importantly, He lived the way He wanted the disciples to live. He gave them compelling examples to follow, and He willingly talked them through why He was doing what He was. Examine the non-verbal messages you send your kids about their behavior choices, and ask yourself whether those messages line up with your words. Aligning the two will make a big difference.*

How are we modeling for our kids? I was always told as a kid, "actions speak louder than words." What are our actions, our non-verbal messages, sending to our kids? Lord, help us as we parent and disciple the children you gave us!

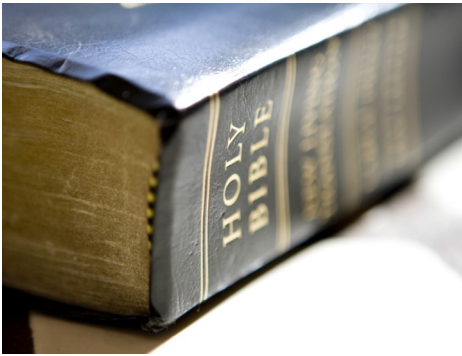
Serving together,

*Pastor Trey*

#### ***The Disciple in Discipline***

*"The words discipline and discipleship both come from the Latin word **discere** meaning 'to learn.' When you provide calm, intentional discipline you create a space where kids can dive into learning. But even better, you model God's patient love and disciple children to know, love, and follow Jesus."*

(Children's Ministry Pocket Guide to Discipline, Group Publishing)



“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.” Deuteronomy 6:4-9

## DETAILS



### Kids' Worship (1st—6th Grade)

In Kids' Worship, we will continue to follow along the sermon series from Adult Worship. The current series is entitled, One Another. It started April 7 and will be complete May 12. We'll be looking at these topics: May 5 - Do not Grumble Against One Another and May 12 - Spur One Another On. On May 19, we'll celebrate Pentecost and on May 26 the Wichita Church of the Nazarene Children's Ministry will be ministering to us. There will one combined Worship service on May 26 at 10:30 AM—No Sunday School.

Kids' Worship is at 10:30 AM.

### Family Worship

Family Worship will be Sunday, May 5. Family Worship is for 1st-6th grade students during both morning services.

Just a reminder: If you are in Sunday School during the 9:00 AM Service: bring your children to Sunday School at 9:00 AM and pick them up following your Sunday School to worship together at 10:30 AM.

If you are in Sunday School during the 10:30 AM Service: Worship together as a family at 9:00 AM and then bring your children to Sunday School at 10:30 AM.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Trey at [tbrooks@kccentral.org](mailto:tbrooks@kccentral.org).

### Rooted Wednesday (1st-4th Grades)

1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students will continue the series *Center Stage* through May 22.

Join us Wednesdays from 7:00-8:15 PM in the Kids' Center and bring your friends!

### Rooted Wednesday (5th & 6th Grades)

*Mimic* – New series beginning May 1! Who does your life mimic? The Bible gives us just one peek at what Jesus was like when He was just about the age of these students. Luke 2 tells us Jesus grew in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man. But what does that mean to us? Find out how you can copy Christ in this month's series, *Mimic*.

Join us Wednesdays from 7:00-8:15 PM in Room 106 and bring your friends!

### 5th & 6th Grade Preview Night

The new Middle School students and their families are invited to “Preview Night 2013” on Wednesday, May 15. This will be a night for parents/guardians and students to get a flavor of what Middle School Ministry will be like. Students (and parents are welcome) will meet in Room 106 and then they will be escorted into the Middle School gathering. For more information, contact Pastor Malorri at [mseamon@kccentral.org](mailto:mseamon@kccentral.org).

### LEAD Team

If your child is on Lead Team, mark your calendar for the upcoming Lead Team meeting. Our last meeting is from 4:00-5:45 PM on May 5. Lead Team will have a party at Sky Zone on Tuesday, May 28 from 6:30–8:30 PM. Please RSVP to Pastor Trey at [tbrooks@kccentral.org](mailto:tbrooks@kccentral.org) by Sunday, May 26. Parents when dropping your child off at Sky Zone, please come in and sign the Sky Zone Waiver to allow your child to participate. The address is 6495 Quivira Rd in Shawnee.

### Sprouts Playtime (Early Childhood)

We will meet on Friday, May 10 from 10:00—11:30 AM at Electric Park (93rd & Loiret Blvd. in Lenexa). If you have any questions, contact Alisa Whitacre at 913.220.6388.

### New Special Needs Ministry!

REMINDER: Are you a teen or adult interested in the education of children with special needs? We are looking for people who could be a friend, a role model, a partner, and an advocate for a child with special needs. This is a new ministry with a mission to welcome families with special needs to a place of love and compassion while providing support to families in an authentic Christ-centered community. Training will be provided for peer buddies. Please contact Audra Classen at [mrsclassen@gmail.com](mailto:mrsclassen@gmail.com) or Pam Magnant at [jpm51791@everestkc.net](mailto:jpm51791@everestkc.net) if you are interested in this ministry!

## Church Camp

Church camp season is upon us! I LOVE church camp. I believe kids' lives are forever changed at church camp. I know mine was. I encourage you to have your kids attend church camp this year!

Register online at [www.kcnazkids.org](http://www.kcnazkids.org).

If your child needs a scholarship, we will have full and partial scholarships available to help. If you need a scholarship, please let Pastor Trey know! Also, if you are interested in helping a child attend camp, please let Pastor Trey know. Every year, individuals have provided full or partial camp scholarships. That's awesome! So, if you would like to help, see Pastor Trey!

### *1st & 2nd Grade Camp: Miracle Hills Ranch, Bethany, MO*

Cost is \$180. We will meet at the church on Thursday, June 13 at 8:45 AM. We will return around 2:30 PM on Saturday, June 15.

### *3rd & 4th Grade Camp: Wheat State Camp, Augusta, KS*

Cost is \$175 by June 5 or \$220 after June 5. We will meet at the church on Monday, July 29 at 8:45 AM to leave for camp. Bring a sack lunch and drink or \$5 for McDonalds on the road. We will return from camp around 3:30 PM on Thursday, August 1.

### *5th & 6th Grade Camp: Wheat State Camp, Augusta, KS*

Cost is \$185 by June 5 or \$230 after June 5. We will meet at the church on Monday, July 22 at 8:45 AM to leave for camp. Bring a sack lunch and drink or \$5 for McDonalds on the road. We will return from camp around 3:30 PM on Friday, July 26.

If you are interested in going as a counselor, please see Pastor Trey or applications are available at [www.kcnazkids.org](http://www.kcnazkids.org). We are responsible for one counselor for every seven or eight students that attend.

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## Middle School Ministry

Thank you all for the great turn out at our information meeting regarding the new Middle School Ministry. You should begin to receive the Parent Link from Youth Ministry with lots of great stuff for you to use with your Middle Schooler. Also, Pastor Malorri is having Parent-Pastor Conferences if you'd like to meet with her. You can contact her at [mseamon@kccentral.org](mailto:mseamon@kccentral.org) to set up an appointment.

Here are a couple dates to remember:

May 15...Middle School Ministry Preview Night 2013  
June 2...Current 6th Grade Move to Middle School Ministry  
June 9-11...7th Grade Escape (Current 6th Grade)  
July 16-18...6th Grade Escape (Current 5th Grade)  
July 21...Current 5th Grade Move to Middle School Ministry

## FAMILY FAITH TALK

### Now I See:

In your house, backyard, or at a local park, set up an obstacle course with objects of various sizes without your kids seeing it. After the course is ready, explain to your kids that the goal is to get through the obstacle course without running into any of the objects—while blindfolded. You'll guide them with these directions:

- Tap on the left shoulder = a left turn
- Tap on the right shoulder = a right turn
- Tap on the knees = crawl on hands and knees
- Tap on both shoulders = a BIG step over an object

After blindfolding your kids, take them one at a time through the course. Once they're through, ask:

- Why was paying attention to what I told you important to get through the course?
- How was this experience like or unlike when I ask you to behave or follow rules?

Discuss how your rules in their lives are meant to keep them safe.