

# What's happening in Sunday School this month...

The theme for February is "Stories Jesus Told". These stories teach us how to live our OWN lives.

The Bible stories the kids will be hearing are:

- ♦ **THE TALENTS** (Matthew 25:14-29) - This story often times gets misconstrued as a story about money. It is a story about using the talents that God gave us to do His work. God wants us to use our gifts and is disappointed when we don't.
- ♦ **THE GOOD SAMARITAN** (Luke 10:25-37) - We think of neighbors as those that live next to us or on our cul-de-sac. This is a great time to begin to have your child realize that a neighbor is anyone who is in need in order to get their life "back to normal". For example, helping those affected by natural disasters, loss of house by fire, etc. If you participated in "THE LINUS PROJECT" help your child see that they were a "Good Samaritan". That is the 😊 PERFECT example !!
- ♦ **LOST AND FOUND** (Luke 15:8-10) - As is true with most of Jesus' stories, this is not really a story about a coin. Women in Bible times were given a dowry of 10 coins. Without a dowry, she could not marry. If unmarried, she was considered unworthy which means no hope in the future. This depicts how God feels about us. He will look for us when we are lost and not give up on us! Talk to your child about ways to stay connected to God so we are not lost.
- ♦ **THE RICH FOOL** (Luke 15:8-10) - The more we have, the less we share, the farther we get from God. God doesn't want us to feel badly if we have been blessed with beautiful and abundant material items. It is when those "things" become more important than God. *Just a parent side note... we talk a lot in our household about "false idols" mentioned in the 10 Commandments. For example: it's not bad to have the cell phone but when you begin to "worship" the cell phone or spend more time with it than with God, that's where the problem begins. This analogy can be used with many things. Does it change the behavior in my house? Can't tell you it does on a permanent level, but I do believe that it plants some seeds for God to use in His spiritual workings of kids.*

## IMPORTANT *"SOUPER" BOWL OF CARING!* DATES TO REMEMBER:

\*\* FEBRUARY 5th... Have kids bring loose change to put in the pots being held by teens after each service. Need a way to have it be more meaningful? Give your child "cash" for their Christ Cash so that they are choosing to help someone else **FAMILY MINISTRIES SNOW TUBING AT PERFECT NORTH SLOPES** instead of buy for themselves.

\*\*FEBRUARY 12... **LINUS BLANKETS DUE.** Bring them to the Children's Message at the 10:45am service or place on the Children's Ministries' table beforehand. They are being delivered **that day** so "late" blankets will not be accepted until March 31 when Linus will be holding their "Make a Blanket Day" here at church.

## JOURNEYS THEMES:

February 1— "Sleepover" (wear your P.J.'s and slippers!)

February 8— "Love is in the Air"

February 15— "Luau"

February 22— **NO JOURNEYS... come worship with us at the Ash Wednesday service at 7:30pm**

*If you have not experienced the placing of the ashes on the forehead this is an awesome family experience.*

*Great way to witness your faith! Go out for ice cream after but leave the cross on your forehead.*

February 29— "Leap Frog"

Sign up at the Journeys table the Sunday before the Wednesday you would like to attend. Dinner and Bible Study... the perfect mid-week!

*Just want your child to come to Bible Study? Email me and let me know which dates. All kids 1st—8th grade are welcome!*

## FEBRUARY TRAIT: LOVE (of course!!!)

Your child should come home with a "LOVE" magnet that will help you remember what we are stressing this month. Children will have a chance to earn Christ Cash when they demonstrate the monthly trait in their classrooms here at church. They can choose to spend their money on items that will be in the store set up by Children's Ministries in Harper Hall from 11:45—noon each Sunday that there is Sunday School.