

FaithTrek

Children's Ministry for 3 Year Olds through 5th Grade

October 2018



It's All About Stories

This year the focus is on stories. FaithTrek kids will discover the Bible is the story of God's people, that we all have stories to share, listening to others' stories is important and that Jesus calls us to follow him as disciples. We will explore stories with puppets, plays, creative arts projects, snacks, prayer and, oh, so many other ways this year. Get ready to be story tellers!

The first story we explored was the story of Jesus calling the twelve disciples in Luke 5:1-11. Jesus needed helpers and he needs us to be his helpers, too. We are called to be God's hands and feet in the world, sharing

God's love and telling the stories of God at work in our daily lives. That sounds like a grown-up assignment, and it is, but it's not just for grown-ups. We're all disciples!



October Word is "Community"

What does it mean to live in community? What is a community? How does respect, honesty, diversity, accompaniment and advocacy fit together with community?

October Sunday highlights will include:

- Learning about the CROP Walk happening Sunday, October 14. The CROP Walk raises money to feed the hungry in Lincoln and around the world. The 3 mile walk starting at First Lutheran, is family friendly – strollers and wagons welcome. A \$1 gift will give the Food Bank the buying power to purchase \$10 of food. Your \$25 gift will provide a family with seeds and tools for their own garden which adds nutrition and income for the family. Sign up in the Commons. Working together as community we can make a difference.
- The First Lutheran Community Ground Breaking is October 20 and 21 and will be part of worship. Bring your shovel, any size is welcome, and be part of the celebration.
- Lessons will include stories from Mark 2:1-12, Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 and James 5:13-20.



Sundays 9:30-10:30 am

September 2018-May 2019

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Practice Being Storytellers

Don't underestimate the impact of 15 minutes of reading aloud. It is also important to tell stories. Telling a story, your story or a fairy tale you made up, improves children's oral fluency and helps them understand concepts that underpin literacy and literature. (<http://www.scholastic.com>) Add to your storytelling time with a set of storytelling cards. Think flash cards. Use card stock. Glue scenery pictures like forest, mountains or a beach to stage the story. Then expand the options with pictures of kids, parents, wise elders, animals, houses, people in various occupations and perhaps a wolf, monster, a wand and money. Keep in a basket or put magnets on the back so kids can use them on a metal tray or the fridge anytime they want. There is no right or wrong with the story – it unfolds as the story teller shares it.

Bibles & Bible Storybooks

We will be using a variety of age appropriate Bibles in FaithTrek. All classrooms have Bibles or Bible Storybooks for use Sunday mornings.

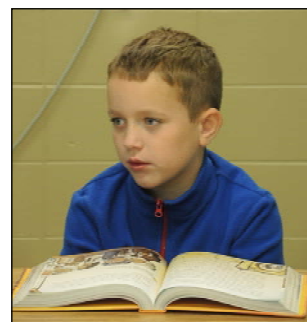
Preschool – The Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones. The wording and illustrations are great.

Kindergarten – 1st grade - The Jesus Storybook Bible is great for this age, but is limited in the number of stories. Our other resource is the Sparks Story Bible.

2nd – 3rd graders – The Sparks Story Bible which is based on the NRSV translation.

4th-5th graders – The NIV Adventure Bible, an 8-12 year old resource, maps and other highlights.

Check out the samples on the table by the Sanctuary through October 14. Sunni can order a copy for you at cost.



Family Serve Project...The Prairie Seed Collection

Every fall the Nature Center, at Pioneer Park, hosts a community serve event, inviting the Lincoln community to come collect prairie seeds. This year it's on Saturday, October 13, 9:00-11:00 am. The seeds are collected by walking through the prairie, so you need to be up for two hours of walking. Seeds will be planted later to maintain the prairie and create new prairies. Wear long pants, closed toed shoes like tennis shoes or boots, gloves, a hat, water and sunscreen.

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.