

FROM THE **CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY** OF DAVIDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

• APRIL 2017 •

Follow up at home!

The April theme for **children in the graded Deep Blue curriculum** is Hosanna!

Anchor Point: We celebrate Jesus.

Children will learn about five stories where we celebrate Jesus. During this month, read about:

- Peter's Denial: Matthew 26:69—75
- Palm Sunday: Matthew 21:1—11
- Easter: Matthew 28:1—10
- Jesus appearing to the Disciples: John 21:1—14
- Peter and what Jesus asks of him and us: John 21:15—19

See the free resource for parents, All Hands on Deck, for more information and ideas:

<http://www.deepbluekids.com/resources/3/free-stuff-for-parents>

Children in Godly Play will be hearing about The Arrest of Jesus and Peter's Denial (Mark 14; Matthew 26:31—75); Jesus' Trial (Mark 15:1—15); Easter (Mark 15); The Empty Tomb (Mark 16:1—7); The Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13—35); and The disciples gathering and Thomas' doubt (Luke 20:19—29).

Ask your children, "I wonder..."

- why Jesus' friends run away when Jesus is in trouble?
- why Peter says he is not a follower of Jesus?
- how Jesus is feeling while he is on trial?
- how the people feel when darkness covers the whole earth?
- how the people feel when they hear the guard say, "This really is the Christ?"
- how both Marys felt when they found the tomb empty?
- how the disciples on the way to Emmaus felt when they recognized Jesus?
- how Thomas felt when he realized the other disciples had told him the truth about seeing Jesus?

Holy Week Skits

On April 2, during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday School hour, each graded elementary Sunday School class will present an event that happened during Holy Week to the rest of the classes. These skits are intended to teach the children about the events of Jesus' final week, from Palm Sunday through Easter. Ask your children about these events. Scenes acted out will be Palm Sunday, Jesus washing the feet of the disciples, The Last Supper, In the Garden & Arrest, Good Friday, and Easter.



Palm Sunday: April 9

All graded K—5 children's Sunday School classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall in designated locations. Children will join the children's choirs in a processional of palms into the Sanctuary. They will then sit as classes in reserved pews during worship. There will be children's bulletins available and Pastor Sally will offer a time for children during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Easter Sunday: April 16

Children are invited to bring cut flowers. Each class will go to one of our outdoor crosses (weather permitting) to place flowers on the cross. Class photos will be taken at that time. Also on Easter morning (weather permitting), butterflies that our classes have watched from larva to butterfly will be released in celebration of Easter!

Vacation Bible School

Maker Fun Factory: Created by God—Built for a Purpose
Monday—Thursday, June 26—29 • 8:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

Online registration will begin Monday, March 27 at 9:00 a.m.... and more volunteers = more spaces for children! Once spaces are filled, a wait list will be formed and parents notified.

Go to www.davidsonumc.org/event-registrations to volunteer and/or register your child(ren).



VBS Wish List

If you have any of the following items to donate or lend, contact Menita Mercuri (mmercuri@davidsonumc.org) or drop them off in the Children & Family Ministry office.

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| • Duplo/LEGO blocks (75) | • Empty water jug from water dispenser (will have hole drilled through) | • Pool noodles |
| • Carpet squares (80) | • White Christmas lights (2 strands) | • A set of wrenches |
| • Clean coffee cans | • Carpet tubes | • Slinkys |
| • Clean soup cans | • Dryer vent tubing | • Hubcaps |
| • Clean butter tubs (4) | • PVC pipe | • Loops for child's weaving loom |
| • Yarn (thick red or purple) & (brown or gray) | • Fog machine | • Great Stuff (4 cans) |
| • Puzzles for children age 3 and under; must have all pieces (10) | • Black light | • Adhesive spray (2 cans) |