

Merry Christmas!

I hope you all are experiencing the joy of this season that only comes from God!

With all the turmoil in our world lately, we can always be assured that God is present in the hills AND The valleys!

If you are struggling with the conflicts that continuously surround us please invite the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with God's peace, love and joy. We all have so very much to be thankful for and in amid the chaos, our faithful loving Father is unchanging! He is still here, there are still pieces to be found, and dad will not let us down!

Our children have been busy practicing for their Christmas concert coming up on Sunday, December 13. In preparation for the wonderful songs they've been working on. We have been discussing what it means to truly worship God, why we call him our savior, and what the true meaning of Christmas is. Ask your child to tell you the story of Christmas. We hope you will hear a beautiful, simple explanation from their heart!

We are entering our winter season and have just begun our new quarter of curriculum. Each week's lesson includes:

- 1) The memory scripture verse,
- 2) The "Big Idea" (HOW the specific lesson will make a difference in our life), and
- 3) The "action plan" (what we can DO to apply the big idea to our life).

These three valuable components are so impactful to help children understand the good news of God's love.

One of the many awesome "big ideas" included in these next three months is in lesson three:

"I can give my best to worship and honor Jesus".

This incredible statement is a great reminder for us all because God ALWAYS Gives us His best! *Some great questions to ask:*

** Is my attitude how it should be when I praise/honor/and worship God?*

** Do I fully forget about myself and ignore all distractions?*

** Do I set aside my troubles, busyness, daily obligations and not let them interfere?*

** Am I really giving him my best?*

I most definitely need a lot of improvement, but I can always rely on God and the Holy Spirit to help me grow to love and honor him with the devotion that he truly deserves.

Please take some time to come alongside your child and discuss the take-home papers they receive each week. You will both be blessed

Just two quick reminders:

Dec. 13 Christmas concert

Jan. 31 bible bucks store (donations welcome!)

May God's perfect love surround you and your family!

Sandy Harvey and the children's ministry team