

Little Bridges News



April 2018

Calendar of Events

School Age Spring Break

All Day Camp 4/2 – 4/6

Spring Show

Thursday 4/19 7:00 pm

Trike-A-Thon

Week of 4/23

Teacher Appreciation Week

5/7 – 5/11

Muffins For Mom

Friday 5/11

Zoo Field Trips

Jaguars/Giraffes 5/11

Ducks 5/16

Koalas/Pandas 5/16

PreK Grad Pictures

Tuesday 5/15

Memorial Day- CLOSED

Monday 5/28

Canyon Creek Church

Good Friday Service

Friday 3/30 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Services

8:45 am and 10:15 am

MOPS

Friday 4/13 & 4/27 9:30am

The Spring Show is Coming!

Our annual spring show is coming! Our show this year celebrates God's Creation and is titled, *Out of This World!* The show starts promptly at 7:00 pm and will last about an hour. Watch for news from your teachers about drop off times. Don't forget your cameras!

Thanks for a Great Book Fair

Thank you to all who stopped by and supported our book fair. We sold over \$4000.00 in books, which means we will be adding over \$2000.00 worth of books and materials to our classroom libraries.

School Age Summer Camp

Little Bridges Summer Camp is filling up fast! We have a very special program during the summer months for our school aged children ages 6 to 11 years. Campers explore a new park and sport every Monday, swim every Tuesday and Thursday, travel by chartered bus every Wednesday for a weekly field trip and spend Fridays on site participating in specially planned activities.

St. Jude's Hospital Trike-A-Thon

We will be hosting a St. Jude Children's Hospital Trike-A-Thon the week of April 23rd. Your child will have the opportunity to ride a trike around our playground to help raise money for others in need. St. Jude's is the only National Cancer Institute devoted solely to children. Your contributions will help make it possible for patients to receive treatment regardless of a family's ability to pay.

Celebrate Teachers

Little Bridges is a great school because of the loving teachers who make up our LB team! To honor those that go over and beyond, we have started a "Teacher of the Month" recognition. Please help me celebrate the past 2 recipients: Ms. Jessica and Ms. Vanessa!

Teacher Appreciation Week is celebrated here the week of May 7th – 11th. Please take this opportunity to get involved in thanking our staff who give so much into our kids every day!



Faith Like A Child

13And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. 14But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 15Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." 16And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them. ~ Mark 10:13-16

Maybe it is because I love kids so much, but this idea of faith like a child is significant to me. Kids have a lot of wisdom in their faith, loving God without question and knowing he is there no matter what. Recently one of the preschoolers said this to me " I'll tell you what God's love feels like. It feels like God is hugging you with his fur coat on." Another time I had a sick child in my office with a fever, "Ms. Jacque, can you pray that God makes my head feel better?" Children are constantly reminding me what it is like to have that simple and trusting faith like a child.

When I think of children, I think of these things: teachable hearts, innocence, dependence and worry-free. A child believes in anything, trusts easily, and anticipates with excitement - and that's the very faith Jesus wants from us! Jesus is telling us that we must live with such dependence and receptiveness - not in childishness, but in childlike faith, fully dependent on the love and mercy of God.

In this passage, parents are bringing their children to Jesus. The disciples, who are caught up in their agenda rather than the Lord's, don't think that Jesus has time for these little kids. When Jesus sees this he is indignant, furious! He points out to his disciples that in the Kingdom he is building, the citizens are more like these children than like them. The citizens of Jesus' kingdom receive his gift of salvation through faith and their ultimate desire is not their own agenda. Their desire is to love on and be in relationship with Jesus.

Children teach us many things: how to love others regardless of skin color, personality, and abilities; how to be real and sincere in our emotions-not being afraid to laugh or to cry when we need to; how status and significance means nothing compared to kindness and tenderness; how to enjoy life and not worry so much. But perhaps the most important thing our children teach us is how to receive. They teach us how to receive the kingdom of God. Jesus tells us that the way of entering into his kingdom is by receiving, and children are able to believe and receive Christ without a mind stuffed with self-righteousness, nor intellectual, and emotional baggage.

"Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it" (Luke 18:17). Childlike faith is required for us to enter God's kingdom. We are called to obey God, but he desires us to humble our heart, be vulnerable, and have a simple but profound level of faith. Notice, we do not enter the kingdom of God by working hard to be good enough for God's approval. We enter it by receiving - humbly and simply.