

A Note from CMT

Hello friends! We hope you are well! We are so thankful to touch base with you through The Children's Message. Our hope is that parents and children will engage together with this interactive tool to help increase your time and connection with not only Jesus, but each other.

When we seek God as a family, we are guiding our children in how we approach the Lord, how we speak to the Lord, and how we find the Lord.

We are in this with you. In situations that are new, challenging, and uncertain, our skills in all areas are tested: scheduling, communications, patience, and on and on. Remember parents: God **CHOSE YOU** to raise HIS child. He knows *you can* do this, and He will help you in every single detail if you invite Him.

Kiddos – we know this is a crazy world right now. We also know that God is not. He is the same steady, sturdy, loving God that He has been and always will be. Be sure to talk to God each day. He loves you very much.

We are here if you need us! New Hope Church and her Staff are actively engaging in the ministries of the church. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any one of us.

You are in our prayers.

God bless you and Keep you,
The Children's Ministry Team



Tips from the Table

Each night at the dinner table, the Warren Family plays "High/Low/Funny". We go around the table and each person has a turn to explain their high or best moment of the day, their lowest or worst moment of the day and their funniest moment of the day! It's a great way to hear stories from the day that might not have been shared!

March Bible Verse of the Month



Easter Egg Hunt

We will miss being able to celebrate with you all at our annual Easter Egg Hunt this year but encourage you to make one for your children to do at home! You can use candy or one of the non-traditional hunt ideas below! Send us pictures of your hunt!

New Life Hunt

Hunt outdoors for signs of spring. For example, you might find new green grass, a robin's eggshell, or a flower. To minimize environmental interference, shout "New Life!" when you find something, then run to see what's been found without removing or disturbing it. Talking point: remind your children how each item is a sign of the new life we have in Jesus.



Bible Verse Hunt

Write parts of a Bible verse on squares of brightly colored paper or Post-It notes. Hide the squares around your home or in an outdoor area. When all the squares are found, put the verse together in correct order!

FaithKids@Home

Check out this awesome online family worship experience! These videos are around 20-25 minutes long and include a great message, fun worship songs and reflection/prayer time! We hope your family will join us in this awesome opportunity to worship at home!

Click here for Lesson 2:

<https://youtu.be/L552j0k6OIA>

Did you miss Lesson 1? Check it out:

https://youtu.be/WA_wS8OeiUs



Music challenge!

We're keeping the challenge open another week! Please take a video or short clip of the kids/family doing the hand motions and singing along to the songs below! We can't wait to see yours! Please send videos to Mrs. Takas: takas@newhopeworship.com

- My Hope Is In The Lord

<https://youtu.be/tJePCzTaQo4>

- Whole Lotta Change

<https://youtu.be/pbTIBN0jUMc>

World Vision

New Hope Church is blessed to love and support two children through World Vision. Pinki is from Mymensingh, Bangladesh. She is 13 years old. Denisa is 8 years old and from Ialomita, Romania. Each year through Vacation Bible School week, we raise finances that fund long-term community development programs that benefit not only Pinki and Denisa, but also their communities and the children within them.

World Vision's chief aim is to share God's love with children while helping their communities overcome poverty. One of our previously sponsored children, Juan, and his community, actually "graduated" out of the World Vision program because his community overcame poverty through our help! What we do makes a huge difference.



Denisa



Pinki

You can stay in touch with Pinki and Denisa through letters! We would love for you to write to them about your life, and ask them questions about theirs. You can mail letters to New Hope Church at 4739 West Powell Road, Powell, OH 43065 (marked Attention Children's Ministry). We will get them to Pinki and Denisa.

Because these girls are in certain areas where Christianity is not 100% accepted, please do not include words of faith (God, Jesus, Lord, Christian) in those letters. This is to protect Pinki and Denisa. It's also a great challenge: How do we share God's love without using those words? We can't wait to see what you come up with! (Pictures are always welcome.)



Sunday School Lessons

Preschool through 3rd grade:

You'll find Sunday School Session 6 in the attachments. The entire lesson is included but there are many sections that you likely won't be able to do at home. Hopefully you can pick out a couple of things that you can do. Even if you just read the Bible Story (click link below!) and discuss it with your child. If you have access to a printer, you can print the activity/coloring page at the end of the lesson.

Pre-Reader: Purple, Red and Blue Fish.
Reader: Orange, Yellow, and Green Fish.

Session 6: Hosanna!, [Matthew 21:1-11; 27:32-66](#)

4th & 5th grade:

The Parable of the Sower

In the Sunday School lesson for this week, Jesus tells the Parable of the Sower. You can read about it in Matthew 13: 1-9 and 18:23.

In this story a farmer sows seed

- on a path where birds eat it up
- in rocky places with little soil, where it springs up quickly but gets scorched by the sun
- among thorns that crowd out the new plants
- and in good soil where it grows and produces bountiful crops.

Normally in Sunday School we would plant seeds in various pots to experience the sower's story. After a few weeks, you would see how much better the seeds in good soil flourished. This year you can visualize the planting with this [short video](#).

As Jesus explains (Matthew 18-23), the story shows the seed represents those who

- hear God's message, but let it get snatched away by the evil one
- quickly get excited about God's message but don't last without enough soil to grow roots
- are told God's message but let worries crowd it out
- receive God's message, nurture it and let it grow and produce a bountiful crop of faith. Indeed, "the one who received the seed that fell on good ground is the man who hears the word and understands it." Matthew 13:23a --> ***a good Bible memory verse!***

A good gardener carefully sows his seed in good soil, waters his plants and pulls weeds. Likewise make sure your "soil-soul " provides a fertile garden for God to grow something special, particularly in these challenging times.

Blessings from us both,
 Mr. and Mrs. Whittington