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Leaders Teach Short Sessions In Preschool Or Elementary:

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| Like cool crafts? | Be an Imagination station or craft leader. |
| Like to cook or host dinner parties? | Help prepare snacks in the kitchen. |
| Rather Play? | Lead games in the Stampede Sports. |
| Enjoy telling Bible Stories or acting? | Join us in Wild Bible Adventures. |
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YOUTH SUNDAY/GRADUATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, **May 19** we will be celebrating both Youth Sunday, as our students lead all three of our worship services, and we will be recognizing our High School and College Graduates!



For our ALL those who are graduating, please turn in the following to Pastor Dave at dave@epworth.com by **April 28**:

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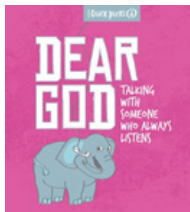
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Preschool & Toddler: God created us to be in a relationship with him and in relationships with people here on Earth. He wants us to have friends – and He wants to be a good friend. In fact He wants it so much, He sent his one and only son, Jesus, to show us how to be a good friend and to make a way for us to be friends with him forever. Because friends are such a big deal, we have packed this month with fun activities and engaging stories that we hope will help little ones learn that Jesus is their friend – the BEST friend they will ever have. This month's Bible Memory Verse: "In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world." (John 16:33b, NIrV) Our prayer is that the preschoolers in your life grow up knowing that Jesus wants to be their friend forever. What a wonderful thing to learn during the Easter season!



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Children's Choir Musical

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