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HOW CAN YOU HELP AT ROAR BIBLE CAMP?

There are so many ways you can help, and don’t worry, all training and materials will be provided. We just need you! Help teach short sessions in Preschool or Elementary. **We need 34 more crew leaders and 10 room leaders.**

- Be an Imagination station or craft leader.
- Help prepare snacks in the kitchen.
- Lead games in the Stampede Sports.
- Join us in Wild Bible Adventures.
- Be a crew leader for 5 children.

*\*6th graders can be assistant crew leaders*



EXPLORER CAMP



Epworth Kids age 6 through those completing 5th grade are invited to attend “Explorer Camp” at camp Widewater, **June 5-7**. Due to a generous gift from the Legacy Endowment Fund, Epworth’s Kids are able to attend Explorer Camp at ½ the regular \$170 rate. Come for three days (2 nights) of fun on the pond, at the archery range, on a wagon ride, in a mud pit, around the campfire, and so much more. Campers will stay in air-conditioned lodges.

The Legacy Endowment Fund and the Children’s Team don’t want cost to prohibit any child from attending, so if your family is in need of scholarship money, please see Mary Roesti. All requests will be strictly confidential. Pick up your forms at the Children’s Lobby counter and register your children by **May 12**.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 12168

As part of Melanoma Awareness month, our Troop is sponsoring a Sunscreen Dispenser along with Anders Dermatology and Wildwood Preserve Metropark. The sunscreen dispenser will be installed near the playground at Wildwood in May. The dedication is scheduled for Saturday, **May 11** at 12 pm at Wildwood’s playground off of the Central Avenue entrance. The troop is using funds raised through the sale of Girl Scout cookies to give back to the community!

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The Elementary Kids will be collecting coins in their very own rice bowls! We are partnering with the not-for-profit rice bowls to help purchase food for children in 55 faith-based children’s homes in eight different countries. The rice bowls will be distributed during Sunday School and we are asking children to return their filled bowls at the end of May.

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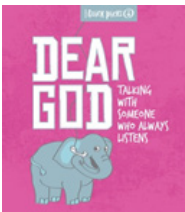
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**Preschool & Toddler:** Our Early Childhood friends will complete their unit on being friends with Jesus. Friendships are a BIG part of preschoolers' lives. Through these first relationships they are learning how to be a friend, have fun with friends, get along with friends, problem solve with friends, and, above all, love friends. 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. Through fun activities and engaging stories little ones will learn that Jesus is their friend – the BEST friend they will ever have. This hands-on, action packed large group and small group time is packed in a “pack a picnic” theme that will help your early childhood children memorize 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, NIV) 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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