

FAMILY WORSHIP



Activity: The Character of God Part 1-God is always present.

- We are beginning a multi-part series regarding the character of God. We will need a notebook or 3-ring binder that will become our "God is..." book. This week we will focus on the fact that **God is always present**. This means that at any moment, no matter where we are, God is with us. This means that we can pray to God anytime and anywhere. Take some time to draw a picture or pictures with your child that will remind him/her that God is everywhere (the top of a mountain, the bottom of the ocean, on a jet plane, on the space shuttle, on the moon, etc.). Pray and thank God that He is always with us wherever we are.

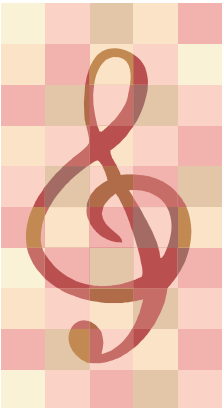
Practice monthly memory verse. Spend time practicing and reviewing memory verses from Cubbies and Sparks (AWANA). Talk about the meaning of special words in the verses (e.g. serve, forgive, love, covenant) to help deepen their understanding. Be intentional about using these words in day to day situations.



March Memory Verse:

Romans 3:23 – *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

Worship through singing:



The Old Rugged Cross

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary.

Refrain

For music and lyrics visit: <http://www.hymnsite.com/lyrics/umh504.sht>

3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me.

Refrain

4. To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share.

Refrain

Parent Resource Review:

MAGAZINE: *Pray! Encouraging a Passion for Christ through Prayer*

Pray! magazine is an amazing bi-monthly resource that will inform and develop a believer's prayer life. This magazine also contains eight pages of *PrayKids!*, an added bonus for parents and caregivers to help equip them for training their children to pray. For more information, visit www.praymag.com. If you are interested in starting a subscription, contact Mike Warren (815-444-0754) for a special reduced rate.

Review: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Last week we saw God's people continue to grow as God fulfilled His promise to Abraham. The time was about 70-100 years after Joseph had died and a new Pharaoh who did not know Joseph began to rule Egypt. He did not like God's people. He made them slaves and was very mean to them. He even tried to kill their boy babies to keep the people from growing in number.

- **Pharaoh is very mean to God's people. Does this stop God from blessing His people?** *No.*
- **What can stop God from doing His will?** *Nothing. God is always in control.*
- **What is a midwife?** *A woman who helps a mommy when her baby is being born.*
- **How did the midwives please God?** *They obeyed God instead of doing what the king commanded (1:13).*
- **How does God respond when we are obedient to Him?** *God is pleased with our obedience and blesses us (1:20-21).*

This Week: Exodus 2:11-25

This week we see Moses, now an adult, attempt to lead God's people his (Moses') way. When this does not work, Moses is forced to flee Egypt. He goes to a place called Midian and serves a priest there named Jethro Reuel. While Moses is in Midian, he marries Jethro Reuel's Daughter, Zipporah, and has a son named Gershom. Meanwhile, God's people continue to be oppressed.

- **Why did Moses strike the Egyptian?** *The Egyptian was beating a Hebrew.*
- **Was what Moses did right or wrong?** *Wrong.*
- **Do two wrongs ever make something right?** *No.*
- **What caused God to remember His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob?** *God heard His people groaning (earnest prayer) while they were unjustly oppressed.*
- **How does God respond to our prayers?** *God hears us, He sees us, and He is concerned for us (vv. 24, 25).*
- **What is a covenant?** *It is an agreement that has witnesses. It is like a promise.*
- **God had made a covenant promise to Abraham almost 400 years before this time. Do you think God will keep His promise?** *Yes, God always remembers and keeps his promises.*