

The WEEKDAY Times

Newsletter of Weekday Ministries Child Care Center

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WEEKDAY MINISTRIES CHILD CARE CENTER

MONDAY - FRIDAY

Open 6:30am to 6:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY thru FRIDAY

9:00am-4:30PM

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*Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord!*

Happy Birthday!

Children:

Devlin S. 3/14

Eli O. 3/21

Maja D. 3/21

Sam K. 3/25

Teachers:

Eve Genday 3/7

Amanda Carmona 3/10

Jackie Perry 3/18

Mollie Kunsä 3/25

Important Dates:

March 14 Daylight Savings Time: Set clock ahead one hour!

March 16 **We close at 4:00PM** for staff in-service training

March 19 Sarris Candies Delivery

March 20 Spring begins

March 28 Palm Sunday

April 2 & 5 Closed Good Friday & Easter Monday



Thank you for participating in the Sarris Candies fund raiser. We made about \$680. Expect delivery on Friday morning, March 19.

You may have noticed we were able to add some new things to our facility. We purchased two changing tables, two cubbies, a new wagon, double stroller, four tricycles, balls, CD's for music and movement, and books. Thanks to Miss Nancy and Miss Jeanne for volunteering their husbands to assemble the trikes and stroller! I am certain their husbands will feel blessed. ☺



INFANTS

We are still waiting for Miss Jackie to come back to us. We are also missing Miss Eve, who just had successful surgery on her shoulder. Victoria will be transitioning to the Supertot room this month. We welcome Katherine Morales and Lily Zetts to our room! The Infant Room Staff

SUPERTOTS

During the month, the children will be learning about colors and St. Patrick's Day. Our theme words are rainbow, leprechaun, gold, shamrock and coins. Our color is green. The theme shape is the shamrock. We also learn that Jesus is our friend. We welcome Victoria Baker to our room this month! Alissa Matson

YOUNG TODDLERS

We are happy to have Leah join our room. And we are happy to learn that Jesus loves and accepts all kinds of people. Zacchaeus climbed a big tree just to get a look at Jesus! Look out for our little shamrocks. Erin Piatt

OLDER TODDLERS

In our room this month, we will be learning about St. Patrick's Day and all the colorful and exciting things that go with it like shamrocks, pots of gold and leprechauns. We will be reviewing numbers 1 – 10, shapes and opposites. We are learning Jesus' parents' names and the town he was born in. We are also exploring the world of dinosaurs. Finally, we welcome Emily as our new friend. Janice Zaborowski

PRESCHOOL PALS

This month, we will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. We will read his books and do some rhyming of our own. We will also talk about St. Patrick's Day, the weather and Easter. We will talk about what Easter really means and how much God loves us. Cathy Helbig

PREK CLASSES

Our PreK classes will be learning about different community helpers this month. Children are asked to wear selected colors on specific days. Of course, we observe St. Patrick's Day and emphasize Easter. Registration is going on now for fall 2010! Tell your neighbors.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Zacchaeus was a wee little man
And a wee little man was he
He climbed up in a sycamore tree
For the Lord he wanted to see
And as the Savior passed that way
He looked up in that tree
And He said, "Zacchaeus, you come down!
For I'm going to your house today
For I'm going to your house to stay"

(Children's song adapted from Luke 19)



Learning lessons from the Bible often starts when we are very young in the form of songs like this familiar one about Zacchaeus.

When we were small, we learned that Zacchaeus was a little guy who wanted to see Jesus. Because the collected crowd formed a wall he could not see over, Zacchaeus climbed up in a tree to get a good look. Jesus looked up, saw Zacchaeus, and invited himself over for dinner.

Of course, Jesus knew everything about Zacchaeus. He knew that he was dealing with an unscrupulous tax collector who cheated his own people to make an extra buck. Jesus also knew that sin was the reason for this corruption, leaving Zacchaeus damaged, sick in spirit and destined for eternal death. When Zacchaeus spent some time with Jesus, he became a changed man, ready to make restitution and live a new life of good deeds. He was motivated by gratitude for the forgiveness he experienced in the presence of Jesus.

We are Zacchaeus. The story of Zacchaeus is the message of the Gospel. It is the emphasis of Lent. We let Jesus into our hearts and our homes. We let Him replace our damaged, sin-filled hearts with the love of God and thank Him for the salvation He made possible for us by His suffering, death and resurrection. And then, motivated by love and gratitude, we serve God wherever He leads us.

Jesus said to him (Zacchaeus), Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost. Luke 19:9-10

Mettelise Ziegler

Kids Say the Most Entertaining Things!

Cathy H has collected some of the things her preschool-age children have said during circle times and would like to share them with you.

What kind of houses did the pilgrims live in? "Condos" (Jackson)

I want it big, like wow! Goodness! Gracious! (Anthony)

What's your favorite fruit? "strawberries, pears, fruit roll-ups & cupcakes" (Andrew)

Anthony touched the Christmas tree in the classroom and said, "Your tree is frozen like mine!" (Anthony)

"That's the craziest thing I ever heard!" (James)

Marshall's feelings hurt from carrying a heavy truck.

"You should never put snow in your suitcase!" (Shániya)

"I'm stitching my head up and closing the zipper on my brain so I wouldn't keep thinking of things." (Kiera)

"Let's get this party started!" (a tea party) (Paige)

"Look at my pink underwear. I heard they're wedgie free!" (☺)

"This music is just so cute!" (Madeline)

"I can't hear!" said Jayden. "Maybe you have an ear infection", responded Madeline.

Editor's pick for the best advice to get through this winter:

How can you get warm?

"Eat oranges because they have a piece of the sun in them." (Andrew)