

MINISTRY AND MISSION

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”
2 Corinthians 5:17

Our Mission is to partner with families to help children become new creations in Christ, through the Word of God.

We do this by:

Teaching God’s Word to children as the absolute truth, without error and wholly sufficient for their lives, and **encouraging** them to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and to become part of God’s family.

- Children are able to understand their sin and separation from God, and that Christ died to redeem them from their sin.
- The Christian life is not possible apart from the Spirit of God and therefore, every child needs to become a new creation in Christ.

Discipling children in their relationship with Jesus Christ, leading each child to an understanding of his or her purpose, which is to glorify God with his or her live.

- Children who are new creations in Christ will grow through prayer, worship, fellowship with other believers, and the teaching of God’s Word.

Equipping parents to teach and train their children in the truths of God’s Word every day.

- God has appointed parents as the primary spiritual leaders of their children and the church’s role is to assist in the cooperative effort of that task.

Successful ministry is the shared responsibility of children, parents, the church body, and ministry staff and volunteers.



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The Orchard Children’s Ministry

SPIRITUAL
GROWTH FOR
INFANTS &
TODDLERS



PRAYING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

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Monthly Prayer Themes

January

Pray that they will know Christ as Savior early in life and treasure their inheritance as sons of God; that they will not accept Satan's design against them but walk in the light as heirs to the kingdom. (John 1:12-13, Ps. 63:1-4, Heb. 3:14-15, 1Peter 2:9-10)

February

Pray that they will have a hatred for sin and love for godliness. (Rom. 12:9, Ps. 119:129-136, Eph. 5:11, 1Thes. 5:15, Phil. 4:8, 1Peter 5:8-9)

March

Pray that they will appreciate discipline and instruction, and be quick to repent; that they will be caught when guilty. (Prov. 6:20-23, Heb. 12:5-11, Ps. 32:8-9, Ps. 51:1-12)

April

Pray that they will be protected from the evil one in each area of their lives: spiritual, emotional, and physical. Pray that they will stand firm in persecution. Pray that they will be patient in affliction and look to God, trusting in His faithfulness, when they have problems. (John 17:15, Rom. 12:21, 2 Cor. 4:17-18, Ps. 121)

May

Pray that they will have a responsible and loving attitude in their relationships with others. Pray that they will walk in humility and look to the needs of others. (1Cor. 13:4-7, Rom. 12:9-21, Rom. 14:13, Rom. 15:1-2, Gal. 6:1-2)

June

Pray that they will respect God's lordship over them, and those He has placed in authority over them. (1Peter 2:13-17, Rom. 13:1-5, Ps. 40:8)

July

Pray that they will choose godly influences; they will desire the right kind of friends and be protected from the wrong ones; that they will be "hedged in" so they cannot find their way to wrong people or places and that the wrong people cannot find their way to them; that they will be kept from the wrong mate and saved for the right one. (Ps. 1:1-3, Phil. 4:8, Prov. 1:10-15)

August

Pray that they would desire inner beauty and godly character, and that they would grow more Christ-like daily; that they, as well as those they marry, will be kept pure both before and after marriage. (Eph. 5:1-11, Ps. 119:9, 1Tim. 2:9-10, 1Peter 3:3-4, 1 Cor. 6:18-20)

September

Pray that they will learn to totally submit to God and actively resist Satan in all circumstances. (Eph. 6:10-17, Prov. 3:5-7, Prov. 4:20-27)

October

Pray that they will develop servants' hearts, that they may serve wholeheartedly, as if they were serving the Lord, not men. (Col. 3:23, Heb.12:1-2)

November

Pray that they would grow in faith and obedience and in love for God; that they would "love not the world, nor the things of the world." (Eph. 3:14-19, 1John 2:15-17, Col. 3:1-2, Matt. 6:19-21)

December

Pray that they would treasure God's Word and stand up for truth; that they would be free from deception and the lies of the evil one, and have great understanding of the Word. (Ps. 119:33-37, Prov. 2:1-5, Ps. 119:4-20, James 1:5-8)

BIBLICAL TRUTHS FOR TODDLERS

God is good

God is big

God is strong

Jesus loves you

We love Jesus

Thank you Jesus

God made everything

God is with us

God knows every-
thing

Jesus is my friend

Jesus loves everyone

We need God