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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Newsletter

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COMMITTEE

We hope you have enjoyed Term 2. Please read on to see what has been happening in the classrooms. We are introducing a Scripture memorization campaign, and we've had Triple P training for Cantonese speaking parents as well as Bible Story Training.

As the Winter season is upon us, if your child is unwell, please refrain from bringing them to Children's programs. Please make use of hand sanitizer in the classrooms. Teachers and helpers, please notify your team as soon as possible if you feel unwell so that alternate arrangements can be made.

KEY DATES

Term 3 :22/7-16/9

Holiday Prog: 1/7, 7/7

Break: 15/7
NO KIDS PROGRAMS

CM Kid's Activities

15/7, 9-10:30 only (Room A1)

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Children's Ministry Update

BY CAROL LEUNG

Dear Parents and Children's Workers,

Time flies quickly but God's love is endless. We have finished the first half of the teaching year, with God's grace and provision, while we had new children signing up to the classes, some fresh faces from EM; parents from MM and CM were also willing to assist in the classes. God is faithful and trustworthy, who always walk ahead of us and provide us everything that the Children Ministry need.

BCAC vision - "Rooted in Christ to reach out to the world" - is also the goal for Children Ministry to work diligently in children's life. Every Sunday morning, our church children are being taught about scriptures by a team of faithful teachers and leaders with supportive helpers across the Sunday School and Children fellowship. In God's time and plan, these children are able to become the 'light of the world' to attract their friends; classmates; neighbours to God. Children themselves are the blessing channel to others when they obey God.

Obedying God leads to blessing. Noah and his family are saved in the ark because of his faith and obedience (Gen 6:22; 7:5) All the nations on earth are being blessed, because Abraham had obeyed God's voice and calling. (Gen 22:18) In God's covenant between Noah; Abraham; and Moses in Sinai, scriptures have shown that obedience resulted in blessing and on the other hand, disobedience resulted in judgement. (Gen 17:1-2; 18:19; 26:4-5; Exod 19:5) In the coming school terms, Sunday school children from Prep - Year 8 will be learning and memorising "The Lord's Prayer" and Psalm 23 "The Lord is my Shepherd" gradually. The teacher will be explaining to them its meaning and encourage them to memorise the verses in their own pace. As a result of memorizing the Bible verses, children can be using these verses in their prayers also those verses will enrich and strengthen their spiritual life. Importantly, as the Psalmist said, "I have hidden your words in my heart, so that I won't sin against you." (Psalm 119:11)

The Sunday School classes and Children fellowship will resume on 22 July, and please arrive by 9:00am to participate in the "Sing and Worship" session in Room A3. Finally, Children Ministry requires your prayer to be upheld, please keep praying for all teachers, helpers and leaders that they will be perseverance in serving children; praying for wisdom to respond to the issues such as shortage of classrooms and praying for biblical truth will be rooted in children's hearts so that Christ-like characters will be able to shine through their life.

God Bless!

In Christ
Carol Leung



Children's Fellowship

BY VICKY CHOW

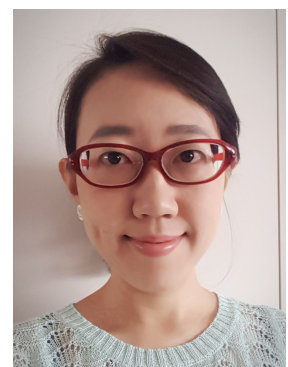


In term 2, our children continue to learn more about God's amazing grace. Although we have disobeyed God, he is loving and merciful towards us. In fact, we are never alone because God has sent his Holy Spirit to live in our hearts. One day, God will make a new heaven and earth where there will be nothing bad or sad and all of God's friends will be together with him forever.

Our children are also learning that Jesus is God's Son and has God's power. Jesus performed many miracles and he cares for his people. "Everyone was amazed at God's great power." (Luke 9:43 CEV) Like Peter and his friends in the bible, Jesus also wants us to follow him and tell other people about God and all the wonderful things he has done in our lives. This is what Hailey, our missionary, is travelling all the way to Japan to do. Towards the end of this term, our children got to know a bit more about who 'auntie' Hailey is and we have started praying for her safety, good health and to make new friends in Japan. It is wonderful to also have our little children involved in caring for our missionary through prayers. May God continue to guide Hailey and help her to be a blessing to others.

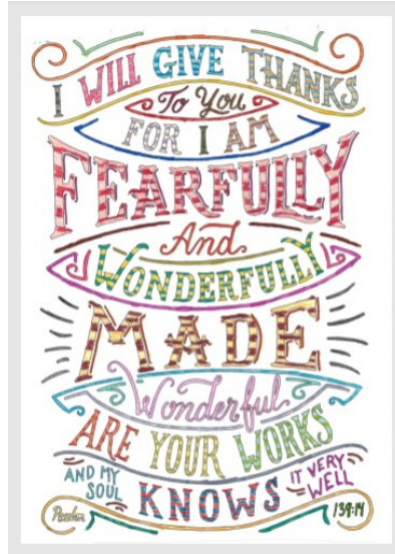
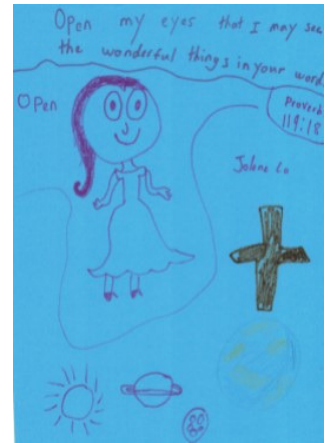
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GRADE 1-4

This term, we continue to learn about God's amazing creation – our body! The children's art work said it all – "I will give thanks to you for I am wonderfully and fearfully made!" (Psalm 139:14) So far, our children, has learnt not only about their physical, but spiritual body parts. That is, not only did God graciously give us our physical eyes, but our spiritual eyes to help us understand God's words – "Open my eyes that I may see the wonders of your Words" (Psalm 119:18)



Another example is that our brain is amazing in terms of its complexity and incredible functions. One can, however, use her brain in all sorts of ways, good and / or bad. Our children learnt that it is a WISE thing to swap our thinking with God's thinking (Romans 12:2) so we can do everything good and pleasing to Him, as illustrated by the capturing cartoons here:

Most important of all, our children know that we will be alive spiritually through Jesus' painful death on the cross for our sins (John 3:16), and that we will use our body (which is the temple of God where the Holy Spirit lives: 1 Corinthians 6:19) to strive to submit to God's will, be holy and use God's "Words as the lamp to my feet and light to my path" (Psalm 119:105) to guide our future journey on this earth.

Parents, if you are interested in helping your child with scripture memory, here are the verses we have been learning in the last two terms. May God's rich blessings be with you, your child and family!

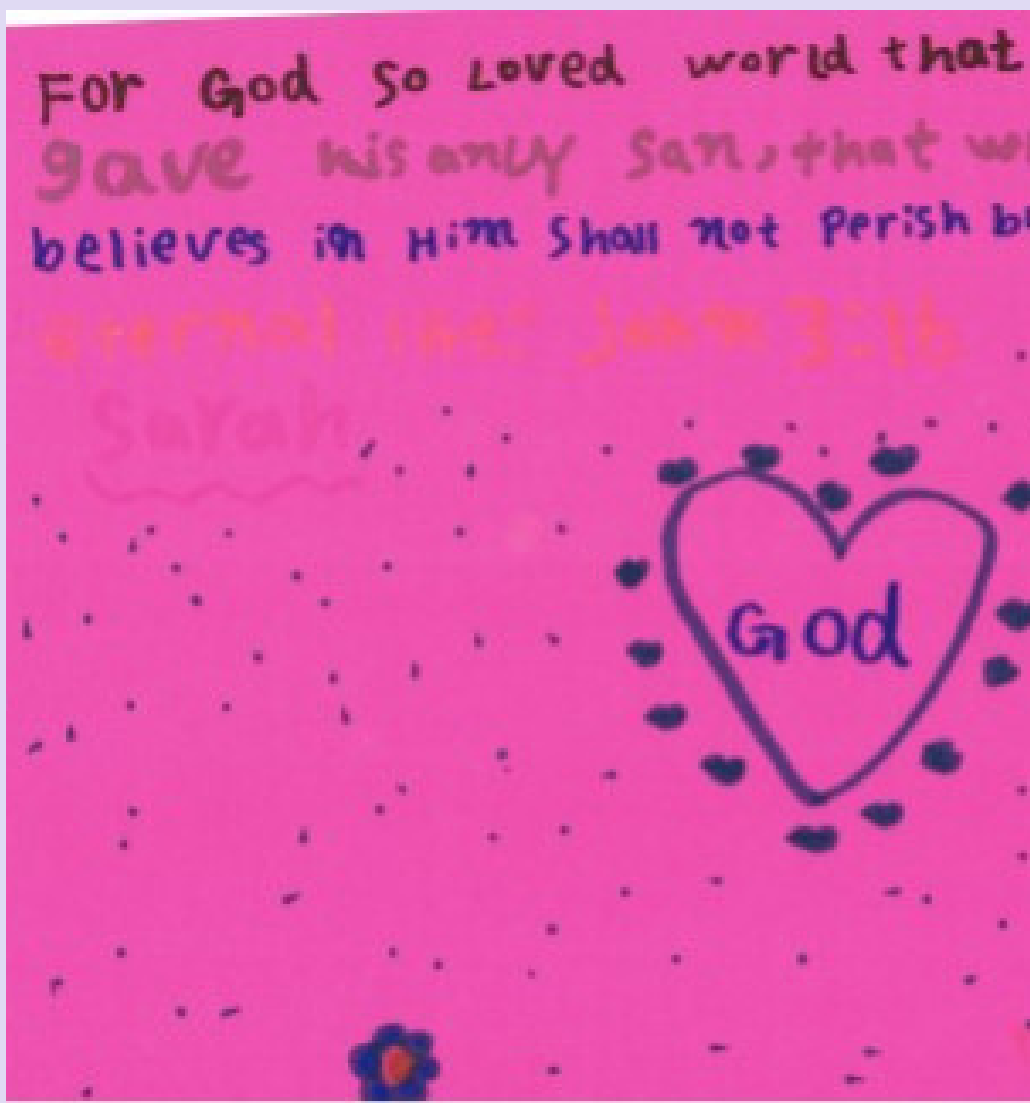
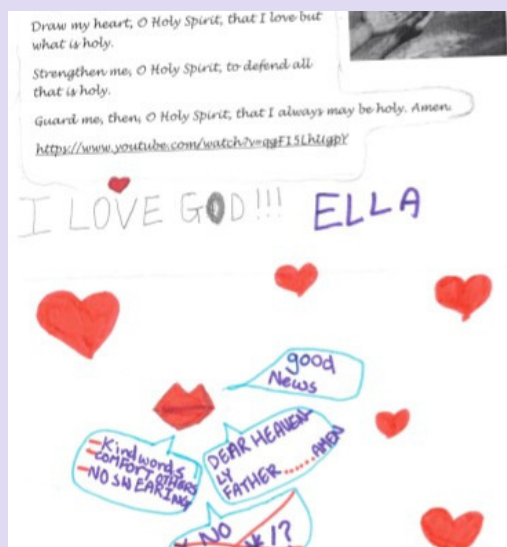
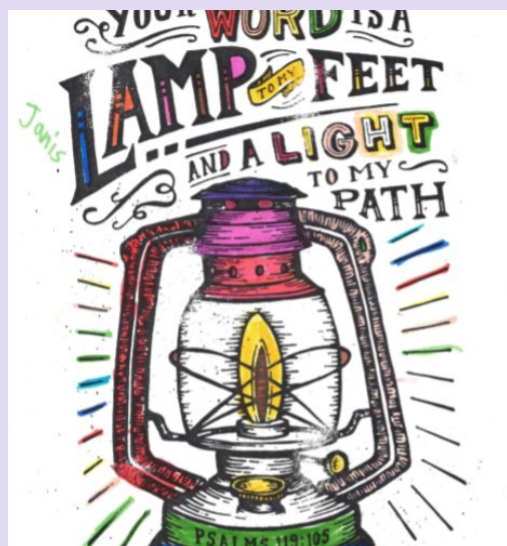
Children's Fellowship Grade 1-4 Team
(Norman, Jenny, Bing Kee, Louis, Agnes, Po, Amy and Winnie)

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	<p>For God so <u>loved</u> the world that he gave his <u>only</u> and <u>only</u> Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)</p> <p>約翰福音 3:16 神愛世人，甚至將他的獨生子賜給他們，叫一切信他的，不至滅亡，反得永生。</p>
	<p>Love the Lord your God with all your <u>heart</u> and with all your <u>soul</u> and with all your <u>mind</u> and with all your <u>strength</u>. (Mark 12:30)</p> <p>馬可福音 12:30 你要尽心、尽性、尽责、尽力愛主—你的神。</p>
	<p>Dear friends, since God <u>loved</u> us so much, we must also love each other. (1 John 4:11)</p> <p>約翰一書 4:11 亲爱的弟兄阿，神就是这样爱我们，我们也当彼此相爱。</p>
	<p>My dear friends, you should be <u>quick to listen</u> and <u>slow to speak</u> and <u>slow to get angry</u>. (James 1:19)</p> <p>雅各書 1:19 我亲爱的弟兄们，这是你们所知道的，但你们各人要快快的听，慢慢的说，慢慢的动怒。</p>
	<p>A foolish person thinks he is doing right. But a <u>wise person</u> listens to advice. (Proverbs 12:15)</p> <p>箴言 12:15 是愚人所行的，在自己眼中看为正直；惟智慧人肯听人的劝教。</p>

	<p>"Open my eyes that I may <u>see</u> the wonderful things in your Word." (Psalm 119:18)</p> <p>诗篇 119:18 求你开我的眼睛，使我看出你律法中的奇妙。</p>
Brain 	<p>Romans 12:2 Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him.</p> <p>罗马书 12:2 不要效法这个世界，只要心意更新而变化，叫你们察验何为神的善良、纯全、可喜悦的旨意。</p>
Reproductive system 	<p>Psalms 139:14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, my soul knows that full well.</p> <p>诗篇 139:14 我要称谢你，因我受造奇妙可畏。你的作为奇妙，这是我心深知道的。</p>
Musculoskeletal system 	<p>1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Don't you know your body is a temple where the Holy Spirit lives.....God paid a great price for you. So use your body to honor God.</p> <p>哥林多前书 6:19-20 你们岂不知道你们的身体是圣灵的殿吗？.....因为你们是重价买来的。所以，要在你们的身上荣耀神。</p>
My Digestive System 	<p>Psalms 119:105 NIV Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.</p> <p>诗篇 119:105 你的话是我脚前的灯，是我路上的光。</p>



Scripture Memorization Campaign

This term we are encouraging the children to memorize scripture. We encourage you to join us and support your child, learning the precious Word of God together! Why Memorize Bible Verses?

1. It's Commanded

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. (Joshua 1:8)

18 Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 19 Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. (Deuteronomy 11:18-19)

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Matthew 4:4)

2. It's Practical

There's also a huge practical benefit of memorizing portions of the Bible. Namely, we carry those Bible verses with us wherever we go. We can't lose them.

That's why David wrote:

10 I seek you with all my heart;
do not let me stray from your commands.
11 I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin. (Psalm 119:10-11)

3. It's Life-Changing

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

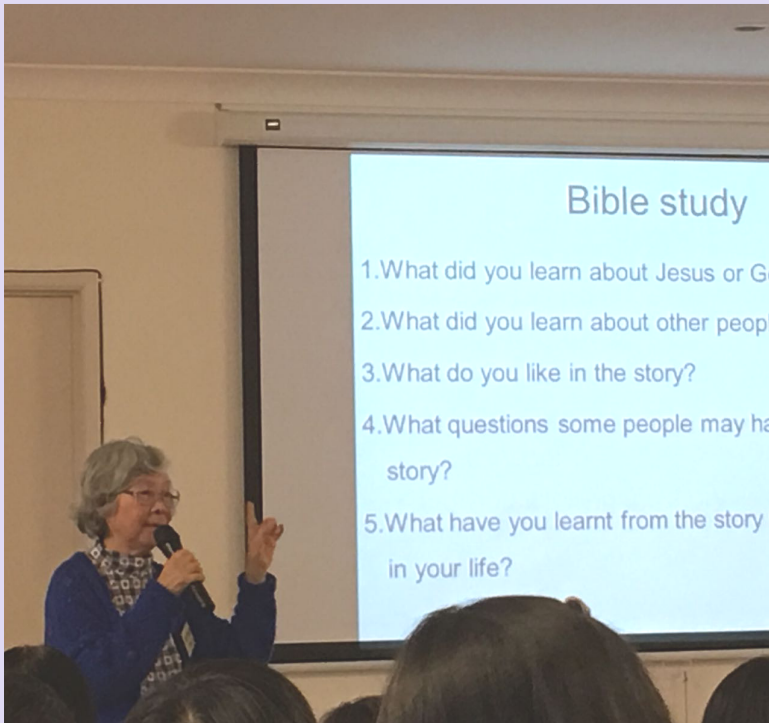
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your Name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily
bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin
against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours now
and forever.

Excerpt from www.thoughtco.com/why-memorize-bible-verses-363295

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Bible Story Telling Workshop

We were fairly pleased this term to have Jin Pian Tan provide training to our Children's workers on Bible Story Telling. Jin Pian came with 38 years experience in teaching English in various countries and is the author of two books.

The two workshops equipped teachers and interested parents in how to tell bible stories in memorable ways and conduct an interactive bible study. In addition, they learnt how to craft a bible story that can be easily remembered and shared. It was not only a great skill for teaching, but also for spreading the gospel.

Thank you very much to everyone who attended - we ran out of available places in the workshops! We trust it was useful for your ministries. We especially thank those who helped with afternoon tea and those who assisted Jin Pian facilitate group work.

Healthy Eating Habits

We are seeking to encourage classes to eat healthily in snack time or parties. In response to parent feedback, we are implementing the following guidelines:

Having heard concerns from parents on the sugary food provided for celebrating party, may we suggest some of the food seems suitable as follows:

- Fruit platter
- Dried Fruit (e.g. sultanas)
- Popcorn (low-salt versions)
- Vegies: cherry tomatoes, carrot sticks with hummus dip
- Savoury muffins
- Rice and corn cakes, low salt crackers
- Sushi

You may pick some ideas from <http://heas.health.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/pick-mix-lunchbox-poster.pdf>.

For younger children, maybe one cupcake or equivalent is enough as a treat for celebration. Older children can have more. It would be better if homemade.
For children younger than 3 years old, raw carrot is to be avoided.

While fruit is the preferred alternative to sugary food, there are children who are allergic to certain fruit e.g. rock melon, mango. Thank you for those who have already alerted us to any allergies your child may have.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's food, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Contact Us!

Sunday School: Carol Leung
Children's Fellowship: Vicky Chow
Children's Holiday Program: Winnie Cheung
Admin Coordinator: Ada Ho & Janet Lee
Resources Coordinator: Anna Gan
EM Representative / Newsletter: Grace Lung

Please contact Ada Ho (bcacchildren@gmail.com) if your child will be:

- Absent from Sunday school or Fellowship for 3 weeks or more
- Not attending the Holiday Program