

A Kids' Club Passport To Adventure



Travel Log: October 2017



MAKING A SPLASH WITH DEEP BLUE:

Our Deep Blue adventures together are now underway and what can we say?
We LOVE DEEP BLUE!

This month in Deep Blue Kids Church, our focus is **LOVING KINDNESS**. Loving kindness is when we are kind because we love God and love people. It's okay to acknowledge that loving and being kind are not always easy. Sometimes loving kindness takes practice, but we know that "We love because God first loved us" (1 John 4:19). Here are some ways you can practice loving kindness as a family. Can your family think of others?

*Celebrate World Kindness Day on
November 13

(www.the.worldkindnessmovement.org)

*Visit and share a meal with a neighbor.

*Reach out to those devastated by Hurricane Maria. (<http://www.umcor.org/umcor/resources/news-stories/2017/september/hurricanemaria>)

MISSION PROJECT:

In the past, we have done a project called "Change for a Change". With this project we have asked the kids to do extra chores or take in cans...whatever they can do to bring in a little bit of pocket change to make a **BIG CHANGE** for someone else in need.

This year, we would like to continue to reach outside the walls of our church and continue to teach the children that even though they are young they can make **BIG IMPACTS** on others in the world.

Deep Blue offers us the chance to serve God with amazing mission trip opportunities. Our first Mission Project is connected with our "travels" to Guatemala. While the Deep Blue Kids are there, they will be learning about the mission, Pura Vida. This mission creates a brighter future for children in Guatemala by providing educational opportunities for under-privileged children in Guatemala. A note has gone home with the kids explaining this Mission Project further. Please see Kristin if your family hasn't received one!

OCTOBER FOCUS:

This month we'll be hearing stories about the loving kindness of God and of people. Each week the story is presented on Sunday and explored more on Wednesday. The story may be the same but the lessons never are! We always have lots of fun "diving deeper" into God's Word.

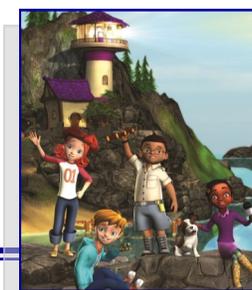
*David The Musician (1 Samuel 16:14-23) - We show loving kindness when we do nice things for others.

*David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17:1-51a) - David knew God would always be with him because of God's loving kindness.

*David and Jonathan (1 Samuel 18:1-5; 20:1-42) - Friends show loving kindness.

*David and Abigail (1 Samuel 25:1-42) - Peacemakers show loving kindness.

*David Dances (2 Samuel 6:1-19) - Praising God shows loving kindness



Go Digital with the DEEP BLUE APP

Do you want a way to connect with your child while reinforcing what we're learning at church? Want to see Deep Blue in action?

Well there's a (free) APP for that!

Visit: <http://www.deepbluekids.com/app.html> for games that reinforce our weekly lessons, videos with the Deep Blue kids and MORE!



That's A Strange Time, Why 6:11?

I have had many parents and kids comment on 6:11 being such a strange time to start our Wednesday night activities. "6:11" was introduced to SPUMC 9 YEARS AGO, and has a direct connection with scripture! Here's the connection:

"The vision for 611 comes from two scriptures: Matthew 6:11 which asks God to give us our daily bread and

I Timothy 6:11 which calls us to, among other things, pursue godliness, faithfulness and love."



LEARNING TO USE YOUR BIBLE

"Not So Lock-In"

Sunday, October 22, 2017—1-4 pm

Our 3rd and 4th Graders are all invited to bring their Bibles and join us at 1:00pm on Sunday, October 22, 2017 for a special afternoon of activities where we will learn how to use our Bibles! Snacks will be provided. Please RSVP to Kristin Nunnelley or the church office by October 15th! Can't wait to see you all!

***If there are any 4th graders (or any others) interested in ordering a Deep Blue Kids Bible, come see Kristin for details! I have one you can look through so you can see one in person!

These Bibles are AMAZING!! ***



Deep Blue—Learn and SERVE:

We are definitely in NEED of extra "Hands On Deck" in the Nursery/Preschool areas.

We love to serve our littlest church members, but we need your help! PLEASE contact Sarah Lentz or the church office if you could commit to one Wednesday night or one Sunday morning each month!

We are very interested in creating a list of people who are willing to help out in our children's programming. We would love to have people who are willing to be "on call" substitutes in our rotation, in case of illness, etc. The lessons are well laid out and easy to follow. We'll walk you through it all. Or, if you'd rather just be extra hands for a craft or game, that's OK too! We'd love for you to join us!

If you feel led to get involved and serve in our children's programming, please contact Kristin Nunnelley or the church office! This is a great way to connect with the children in our church family!