

A Kids' Club Passport To Adventure

Christmas

A SAVIOR IS BORN

Travel Log:
December
2017



Helpfulness

This month in Deep Blue Kids Church, our focus is HELPFULNESS. Helpfulness is sharing kindness through acts of service or assistance to others with a kindly and helpful disposition.

During the Advent season we are given lots of time to reflect as we wait to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. How can your family incorporate helpfulness during this time of quiet waiting? Can you show kindness to neighbors? Offer assistance to the elderly? We challenge you to find at least one way to really practice the act of helpfulness together as a family this advent season.

MISSION PROJECT:

Deep Blue offers us the chance to serve God with amazing mission trip opportunities. As we travel around the world together we learn about God and what God is doing all over the world

We're currently finishing our Mission Project for Pura Vida in Guatemala! This organization focuses on providing educational opportunities for children in rural villages through scholarships, tutoring and support of local schools. We will collect for this amazing mission through the end of November.

In December, we will shift our Mission Project Focus to "ZOE" which stands for Zimbabwe Orphans Endeavor. Your children will learn about life in Kenya and have an opportunity to support real kids through the ZOE organization, now operating in Zimbabwe, Kenya, Rwanda, Malawi, Liberia, India and Guatemala.

NOVEMBER FOCUS:

This month we'll be hearing stories about preparing to Celebrate Jesus' birth! What an exciting time to join the Deep Blue Kids, as we learn all about Advent and the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

*A Baby is Coming! (Jeremiah 23:5-8)

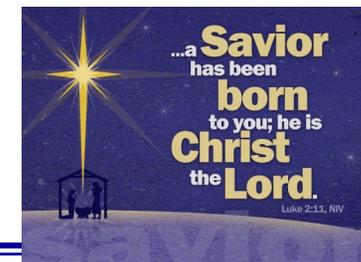
The prophet Jeremiah prophesied that God would rise up a King

*Mary and Joseph (Matthew 1:18-24;

Luke 1:26-38) - The Angel of the Lord comes to Mary with a very special message

*A baby is BORN! (Luke 2:1-7) - Mary gives birth to the Son of God and placed him in a manger.

*The Shepherds' Visit (Luke 2:8-20) - The shepherds were visited by an angel and immediately go to Bethlehem to see the Son of God and gave God all the Glory



NO CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Due to Christmas Break, our last Sunday Morning Club for 2017 will be Sunday, December 17th. Our final 611 until the new year will be on Wednesday, December 13th. SMC starts back up January 7th and 611 starts back on January 10th.



Get Your Deep Blue Bible

If anyone is interested in having their own Deep Blue Bible, there is currently a sign up sheet in the Children's Corner for anyone interested in purchasing their own Deep Blue Bible. There are 2 different options available. We have a leather-bound version available to look at before you decide to purchase, as well. These Bibles are AMAZING and would be a wonderful addition for any family! Come check them out!



ADVENT: A Time is Coming

We'd love to encourage you to "Dive Deeper" as a family this Advent Season. Try incorporating one of these ideas into your family time:

- *Make a family blessing jar. Place an empty jar on your table. Each day of Advent add one blessing for which you are thankful. On Christmas day pour out your blessings. Read them together and give Thanks to God for the blessings you've received.
- *Make an Advent paper chain. Cut 24 strips of paper. Write a prayer on one strip each day and add it to the chain.
- *Create an Advent wreath for your own family.
- *Devote a special time each day to pray together as a family during Advent.

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 shift each month!

We are very interested in creating a list of people that are willing to help out in our children's programming. We would love to have list of 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!