

A Kids' Club Passport To Adventure



Travel Log: January 2018

MAKING A SPLASH:



During this month and next in Deep Blue Kids Church, the Deep Blue Kids will be in Kenya!

In Kenya they speak the language Kiswahili (KEE-swah-hee-lee). Our character focus this month is *harambee* (HAH-rahm-bee), which means “pull together”. When people work together, more good work gets done!

How does your family pull together for the greater good? This month we encourage you to check out one of these children’s books that share the spirit of harambee, or working together:

- *Mama Panya’s Pancakes: A village Tale from Kenya* by Mary and Rich Chamberlin
- *Going Places* by Peter & Paul Reynolds
- *Stone Soup* by Jon J. Murth

MISSION PROJECT:

Deep Blue offers us the chance to serve God with amazing mission trip opportunities. Our newest Mission Project is connected with our “travels”. This time we are exploring Kenya. While the Deep Blue Kids are there, they will be learning about the mission, “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.

The **FOURTH GRADE** class won our last Mission Project challenge! THANK YOU 4th GRADERS!

We’ve currently competing in a BOYS vs GIRLS challenge to raise money for ZOE! This mission project will be our focus through the month of February! Keep bringing in that change! You ARE making a DIFFERENCE!

JANUARY SCRIPTURE FOCUS:

This month we’ll be hearing stories about Jesus and his community. Take some time to become familiar with these stories and take the opportunity to ask questions and talk about them together at home!

*The Visitors From the East (Matthew 2:1-12) - The Magi worked together on the long journey

*A Voice in the Wilderness (Mark 1:9-11) - John did his part to prepare the way for Jesus

*Jesus and the Children (Matthew 19:13-15) - Everyone is important

*A Boy’s Lunch (John 6: 1-15) - Small gifts can make a big difference.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

The holidays are over and it's time to get back to our regular children's programming schedule!

All K- 4th graders are invited to join us:
SUNDAY MORNINGS from 9:30-10:20am &
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS from 6:11-7:21pm
in the Children's Corner!! See you there!



Get Your 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!



A BEACH-Y SUCCESS!

We are so proud of this group of kids as they practiced, perfected and performed this year's Christmas Musical: Jingle Bell Beach. Thank you to each and every one of you that made an effort to regularly attend classes and rehearsals in the months leading up to our December 17th performance. Thank you to the parents and grandparents that made sure attendance was a priority and supported us in this fun, yearly tradition!

Thank you, also, goes out to the parents, grandparents, friends and community for attending our performance!



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 who are willing to help out in our children's programming. It would be great 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!