

THE GREAT ADVENTURE

PARENT ADVENTURE

The month of October our children pre-k through fourth grade will be experiencing the story of "Creation — Adam and Eve". The following are some suggestions for a family adventure time that will go along with what your child/children is learning in Sunday School. It is our hope that these suggestions will give you a resource to have spiritual conversations with your children. This is one way to discover God together with your children as you continue on this journey of faith.

On this "Great Adventure" with you, Janet Cleland

FAMILY ADVENTURE TIME

Family Bible Time

Read the Scripture: Genesis 2:4-3:24.

Our point is that God made me and He made me special. Some things to talk about:

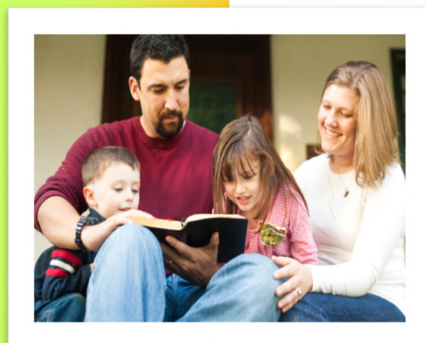
- This story is really about the nature of *us* — *our response to God and the expectations and character of God.*
- God gives us choices, expects obedience, and yes, God knows we will sin. We are tempted by many things.
- God calls us to him. We hide, then we blame.
- God punishes, yes, but here is the good news not often taught in this story — God clothes, and God goes with us into a difficult world.
- And eventually through Jesus and the rest of the New Testament, God promises a new paradise.



Family Together Time

Talk about how God made each one in your family special. There is no one else in the whole world just like you! Take some family time to celebrate the gift of one another. Perhaps you could have an "un-birthday party" have a cake and celebrate each family member. Maybe you could make cards for one another.

The story of Adam and Eve is very much about making choices and the consequences of our choices both when they are good and when they are bad. Help your children to understand the importance of the choices we make.



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Psalm 139:13-14

SUNDAY MORNING ADVENTURE



We will continue focusing on the story of Creation in our Sunday morning adventure in workshop rotation for the month of October.

This month we will experience the story of Adam and Eve. Our children in pre-kindergarten through the 4th grade will rotate through video, art, game and cooking workshops throughout the month. They will learn that God made me!

They will experience the story of Adam and Eve in a variety of ways. Their unit verse is: "For you created my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know them full well." Psalm 139: 13-14.

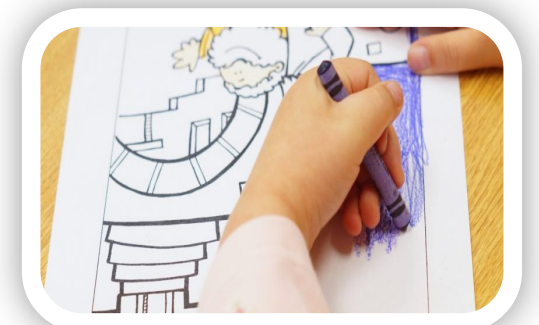
Our toddlers, 2 and 3 year olds will be learning about God's love as they experience hands on ways to learn about Hannah and Samuel. They will learn that, "God loves me." Each week the children will come home with an activity page so parents can engage them in what they are learning.

Fifth and sixth-graders continue using the "submerge" curriculum as they will dive deeper into discovering God and his word. This month they will dive into the books of Exodus and Judges.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Our children pre-k through sixth-grade begin worship with their families. Your child can grab a worship bag which will have a "My Worship Experience" page. This will help them to journal and draw about their worship time. Also we will have a "What do I Experience in Worship" sheet with pictures of items for them to look for and listen for. They may find a book, some stickers, and some model magic to manipulate. On the shelf next to where the worship bags

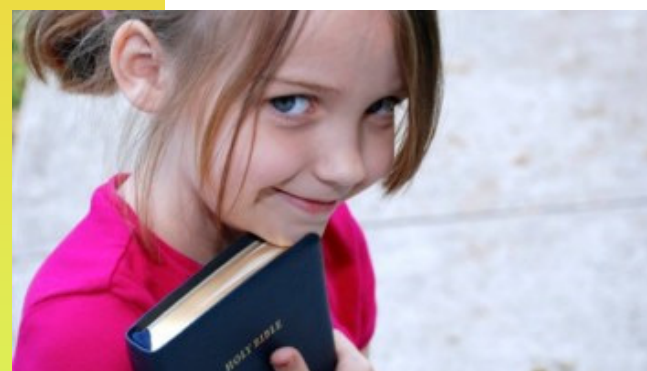
hang we will have pens and both the "My Worship Experience" and the "What do I Experience in Worship?" sheets for older children who don't want a bag.



Below is the schedule for October 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2017

Date	Room 110 Video Workshop	Room E110 Game Workshop	E109 Cooking Workshop	E104 Art Workshop
Week 1 Oct. 1	Pre-k & K	1st & 2nd Grades Meet in 104	3rd & 4th Grades	
Week 2 Oct. 8	3rd & 4th Grades		Pre-k & K	1st & 2nd Grades
Week 3 Oct. 15	1st & 2nd Grades	Pre-K & K		3rd & 4th Grades
Week 4 Oct. 22		3rd & 4th Grades	1st & 2nd Grades	Pre-k & K

We will continue to have two morning worship services in our Fellowship Hall on October 1 and 8. Then on Sunday, October 15 we will be back in the Sanctuary for 11:00 am worship. Once we are back in the Sanctuary we will be using our acolytes again. If you are in first - sixth grades you can be an acolyte (one acolyte carries the Bible into the worship service and one lights the candle). If your child would like to participate in this ministry you can email Janet@firstbaptistathens.org and you will be added to the list.



On Sunday, October 1 we will make a special presentation of a Bible to all of our first and second-graders. We hope that our first and second-graders and their parents can join us for this special time.

#MOMS

Our #MOMS group gathered for "floats and fellowship" on Wednesday, September 20. We shared a great time of brainstorming lots of ideas for a monthly event to plan for October, November, and December. Our plans are in the works and we will be announcing dates, times and events in the near future. We hope you will join us!

MUSIC AND MISSION ADVENTURE

On Sunday, October 1 the Music Makers Choir and the Joyful Singers Choir will be singing in the 11:00 am worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Please make every effort to have your child in attendance to sing in worship on that day. On October 1, we will get the children from Sunday School at 10:35 am to warm-up their voices and prepare for singing in the service.

On Sunday, October 1 our Children's Choir program moves to 4:30 pm from our previous Wednesday evening schedule. Choir will start at 4:30 pm and end at 5:15 pm and be followed by Mission Kids. This will be our schedule for October and November, during our remodeling.

Mission Kids will move from their Wednesday evening schedule to Sunday at 5:15 to 6:00 pm beginning on Sunday, October 1. Our theme for the month of October is: Helping Hands, with a focus on the ministry of Delta Hands of Hope. Our scripture focus is Nehemiah 2: 11-18. Our mission project for the month of October will be to put together treat bags for the surrounding neighborhoods in preparation for our Family Fall Mission Adventure on October 29.

SPECIAL ADVENTURES

Our Children's Ministry Team is reforming what we are doing for our Fall Family Special Adventure. Due to our remodeling we will not have our annual Fall Festival, instead we will have a Fall Family Mission Adventure. During the month of October in Mission Kids our children will be putting together treat bags to be delivered to our neighbors. On Sunday, October 29 in the afternoon we will ask families to come and take the treat bags out into the neighborhoods near our church. It is like taking "trunk or treat" to our neighbors instead of them coming to us. We hope you will plan to join us for this family mission event.

