

Family Connections

A quarterly letter for connecting with families
who have children in 1st & 2nd grades at
<Type your church or children's ministry name here>

Welcome to Family Connections—the quarterly newsletter that helps you know what your child is learning from God's Word. Please let us know if we can help you in any way as we partner with you to grow kids in Jesus.

Family Thought

"Pay attention!" How often have you said or heard this in your home? Does God ever say that to you? During times that are busy, don't forget to pay attention to what is really important—God's Word. Then share His good news with others.

Coming This Quarter

Units of learning include:

- Jesus' Birth
- Jesus Is God's Son
- Jesus Teaches Us

Growing Together

One of the greatest problems facing families today is the problem of really listening to one another. If you want your child to be a good listener, you must practice good listening skills on a regular basis. Positive non-verbal messages should be given away freely: direct eye contact, open facial expressions, touch. Restating or asking a simple question about what has been said demonstrates that you value your child's conversation.

Listen patiently. People usually think faster than they speak. Avoid cutting off someone before he has finished speaking. Place a high value on times when you can talk to one another. Remove distractions from conversation. Turn off the TV. Play family games that require listening to clues or doing several tasks in a row. And don't forget to find times to listen together to the greatest messages of all—those found in God's Word.

For more family fun, go to www.heartshaper.com and download the free weekly family pages for your child's age level.

Family Memory Challenge

Bible verses your child will be learning this quarter include:

- Luke 2:10, 11
- Matthew 16:15, 16
- Luke 10:27

Help your child find each unit's Bible Memory in a family Bible. Underline or highlight the verses. Make bookmarks to mark the pages. Whenever you have a few family minutes, have someone open the Bible to one of the bookmarks. Say the book, chapter, and verse numbers marked. Then say the verses together.