

Middle Elementary

Winter

Family Connections

A quarterly letter for connecting with families
who have children in 5th & 6th 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

How peaceful is your home? The angels said that Jesus came to bring God's peace to mankind (Luke 2:14). Jesus has power over nature, power over fear, power over any problem you might face. As a family, claim God's peace and trust Jesus in all situations.

Coming This Quarter

Units of learning include:

- A New Beginning
- Young Jesus
- Jesus' Early Ministry
- Jesus' Galilean Ministry

Growing Together

Looking for the best gifts to give to family members? Want to give something that will last and doesn't cost beyond your budget? Here are six things that kids (of all ages) need.

- Safety and security; an environment free from fear of harm or distress
- Belongingness; a place to say "I belong in this place" and "This is a place where I fit it."
- Love and acceptance; being surrounded by people who love and accept you no matter what
- Self-worth; knowledge that one's worth is priceless, no matter what you look like or are able to do
- Capability and responsibility; knowing there are things you can do and taking on increased responsibility for one's own choices
- God; understanding that God is ever-present in one's life

Work to share these gifts with one another during the Christmas season and throughout the coming year. The return for giving these gifts will be priceless!

For a guide to family devotions, 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:

- Isaiah 12:2
- Luke 2:10, 11
- John 3:16, 17
- John 20:30, 31

Is your family growing in God's Word? Create a Bible memory "growth chart." On a long and narrow strip of paper, write the Scripture references for this quarter's Bible memory passages. Attach the strip vertically to a wall in your home. Family members can initial the chart as they memorize the verses and grow taller spiritually.