

Climbing Guide

Suggestions for going further with today's theme at home.



Thinking about the Theme

- What is your full name? How did your parents come up with it or what special meaning does it have?

Getting into God's Word

- Read John 1:1-18.
- Why does this gospel begin "in the beginning" instead of at Jesus' birth?
- What facts about the Word can you find in verses 1-5?
- What was John the Baptist's role regarding Jesus?
- Who or what fails to comprehend the light (verses 5, 10, 11)?
- What connotations does the term "receive" have as it's used in verse 12?
- From this passage, how can a person come to know God?

Getting God's Word into Our Lives

- What part does Jesus play in your salvation? What part do you play?
- How much have you allowed Jesus to "dwell" with you? Is he on the porch? Stepping through the front door? In the living room? Holding the keys?
- What amazes you most about Jesus from this passage?

Praying about It

- Imagine your life is a house. In prayer invite Jesus in; show him around room by room explaining what is there; put the keys and the deed in his nail scarred hand; and ask him what he would like to change.

Doing Something to Make It Stick

- Read the book *My Heart Christ's Home* by Robert Boyd Munger or one of the adaptations of it. It is available online as a free, unillustrated PDF document.
- Check out contemporary interpretations of some of the concepts on YouTube.
- Hillsong has a song based on the same theme called, *My Heart, Your Home*.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and instruction forms are available in the Narthex on the shelves on the left. We are collecting shoeboxes through next Sunday, November 14th.

The children have begun practicing for **the children's Christmas musical** program "*Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior*". They will practice every Sunday in November, from 4:00 to 4:45 pm, except the 28th. They will meet in the Sanctuary every Sunday, but the 21st, they will meet in the Chapel. Children in kindergarten thru 5th grade are invited to participate.

Discovering My Ministry Class, taught by Pastor Leonard, will be held on Wednesday, November 17th, at 6:30 to 9 pm in a classroom. Anyone who has attended the Discovering Church Membership Class is invited to attend. Please register with the Church Office by Monday, November 15th.

There will be a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Sunday, November 21st, from 12:15 to 4:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall. To make an appointment online, go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code "1310" or call Sandy Wise at 894-2203.

The Neighborhood Academy of Music will hold their **benefit concert** at Mount Zion again this year on Sunday, November 21st, at 1:30 and 3:15 pm, in the Sanctuary. Come be blessed by many talented students sharing their musical abilities to raise money for the "me fine" Foundation, Inc, which assists families with children in treatment at Duke and UNC Children's Hospitals.

2011 Church Committee/Officer Training for new & continuing chairpersons will be held on Saturday, November 20th, from 9 to 11 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be provided. Please RSVP to the Church Office by November 15th.

December Newsletter items are due to sally@mountzion.org or the church office by Friday, November 19th.

Everyone is invited to help **decorate Mount Zion for Christmas** on Saturday, November 27th, at 9 am.

A **Hanging of the Greens Service** will be held on Sunday, November 28th, at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. The service will focus around understanding the symbolism of the Christmas décor and its relation to the coming of the Christ-child.