

# FAMILY FAITH ON THE FRIDGE

Jacob's Well - A Monthly Guide Connecting Home and Church - January 2018

## Wee Ones

One - Three Year Olds

### Finger Play

This is the church,  
just like the temple  
(twine fingers together  
making fist)

(pointer fingers up)  
This is the steeple,  
where are all the people?

Open the doors  
(move thumbs apart, open fist,  
expose fingers)  
and hear them pray  
(prayer hands)  
They share a blessing  
with each other today  
(touch heart with both hands,  
extend hands toward each other)

### Discovering: Jesus Visits the Temple (Luke 2:22-40)

Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple to be blessed. With that in mind, the toddlers are kicking off the new year with a new practice - sharing God's blessing each other. We are also learning about Anna and Simeon and their long wait for God's Son to arrive.

#### Build!

Build our church out of blocks. Where is your classroom? Add little people and pretend it's Sunday and you're at church. Ask your child, "What do you like to do when you're at church?"

#### December Memory Verse

"The little child began to grow up. He became stronger and wiser and God's blessings were with Him."  
Luke 2:40



#### Wee Ones Blessing

Jesus loves you, Jesus blesses you, Jesus will always care for you

## The Loft

Preschool - Kinders

Come to the River  
(tune of *The More We Get Together*)

Come to the river x3  
Oh, come to the river,  
with water so blue.

Go under the water x3  
Go under the water,  
Like Jesus did, too.

Come out of the water x3  
Come out of the water,  
Hear God calling you.

You are my dear child x3  
You are my dear child,  
And I do love you.

### Discovering: Jesus' Baptism (Matthew 3 & Luke 3:1-17)

Mary, Joseph, the wise men and shepherds all knew that Jesus was God's son, but many people didn't know. We are learning that God used John the Baptist to tell people Jesus was coming to be their Savior and King. Grab *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones and snuggle in to read it together (pg. 200).



#### January Memory Verse

"And a voice from heaven said,  
'This is my son, whom I love.'"  
Matthew 3:17



#### PLAY!

Fill up the kitchen sink or bathtub and find a plastic doll. Have your child pretend they are John the Baptist and 'baptize' the doll.

# Wonderground

1st - 5th Grade

## Readin' by the Fire

1 Kings 19 - Elijah Encounters God  
Acts 9 - God Helps Saul See



## PLAYGROUP

Grab your kids and come to Jacob's Well to connect with other parents while your children play!

Thursdays from  
9:30 - 11:30 AM  
in Banner Hall.

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## Youthfront Camp!

Youthfront Camp West 2018  
3rd-5th grade (as of Fall '18)  
Session 4A - June 25-27  
Register at [youthfront.com](http://youthfront.com)  
JW ID Code: [jacobswyfcamp](http://jacobswyfcamp)

For more information, join us in Banner Hall

**Sunday, February 11**  
at 10:30 or 12:30

## Eyes Wide Open in 2018: Seeing God in Our Midst

In January, we will be holding space for how God shows himself to us in our every day lives. We'll also check out how God shows his love to us through the people he gives to us. And we'll see how God showed himself to Elijah in 1 Kings 19.



### January Memory Verse

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you..." Ephesians 1:18

### Family Prayer of Examen

Dinnertime offers a built-in space to connect about the day. Try one of these conversation starters:  
Where did you see a sign of God in your day or in your week?  
When did you have a sense of God's presence with you today or this past week?  
When did you experience God's love today or this week?

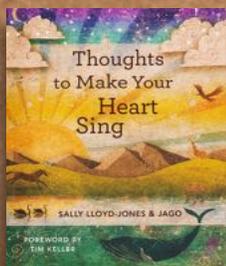
## CLUB 45

JW 4th & 5th graders are studying 1 Kings 19 & Act 9 while reflecting on God's presence in their daily lives within creation and through the people God gives them. They'll be designing their own GOD boxes this month to keep objects and memories of how God shows up for them. Some students will be rehearsing and performing a play about noticing God's actions. They'll also be preparing a variety of things for JW Guide Gratitude Sunday.

Information to come about Club 45 weekend events!  
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## Family Devotionals for 2018



"Thoughts to Make Your Heart Sing" by Sally Lloyd-Jones is a beautiful devotional for grade school kids, but its simple truths are equally striking

reminders for teens and adults. It has touched my own adult heart with its profound, grace-filled words and its rich, engaging illustrations. Each entry is a quick read that could easily extend into deeper conversation and questions, or be left to simply take root in your little one's heart. Because of its accessibility, this devotional is perfect for bedtime, family dinners, or even a quick read before school."

-Maria Smith

"Imaginative Prayer" by Jared Patrick Boyd is GOLD! I wish this resource had come out 20 years ago when my kids were in grade school. I love how it is

presented in a simple and easy to use format. We have used it with the grade school gang at church and all the kids were locked in. It is not only a winner for kids, but for adults as well. After we experienced one of the practices in The Wonderground, an adult volunteer said she was going to use it with her adult small group."

-Mimi Keel

