



Training the Next Generation Where Christ is King

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*"And whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him."*

COLOSSIANS 3:17

FOR PARENTS & VOLUNTEERS

DEAR VOLUNTEER

GREEN & BLUE HALL VOLUNTEERS

When will IK resume?

In light of the recent increases in Kentucky COVID cases and additional restrictions announced recently, we think it is wise to delay our plans to add childcare to our Sunday morning gatherings. We will continue to monitor the changing guidance and let you all know as soon as we think we can best serve families by safely restarting this ministry. In the meantime, we are thankful for our continued opportunities to worship as families in our building and homes on Sunday mornings.

Where will I serve once Forward as One begins?

If you currently serve with Immanuel Kids, you will be contacted with your Forward as One volunteer placement at least four weeks before Forward as One begins. The pastoral lead team asked that we request the following commitments from the volunteers:

1. Blue Hall Sunday School – Serve every Sunday for one year
2. Green Hall Sunday School – Serve 3 months on/3 months off for one year
3. Green Hall Worship Service – Serve 1 week on/5 weeks off at least one year
4. Substitutes – Serve flexibly at least 1 week on/5 weeks off at least one year

ANNOUNCEMENTS

When will IK Resume?

Please see notes in the "Dear Volunteer" section.

A Gift is Waiting for You!

On your first Sunday back, every child in your family who is in the Fig Class-5th grade will receive a Sermon Notes Activity Book, crayons, and a pen in a reusable canvas family bag. It is our desire to include children more effectively in our worship gathering. Look out for more information in coming weeks about where to pick up your family's canvas bag.

The Ology Videos

These 10-20 minute videos teach systematic theology to elementary-aged children. Watch with the family or other children in your GCG. A 10 minute Bible study application is included. Find the video link in the Immanuel Connect email every Friday.

Memory Verse Song

We are memorizing Colossians 3:17. Use this link to sing along for easy memorization:
youtu.be/9jov28XVZtk.

DEAR PARENT

As we move toward one service together, let's ponder Scripture that reveals the inclusion of children in the corporate worship of God. What a gift to have a church that encourages families to bring children to hear the preached Word, pray for one another, and sing to our great God! Here is a prayer service from 2 Chronicles 20:12-18:

"O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.' Meanwhile all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children...Listen, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: Thus says the LORD to you, "Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God's...You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem." Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and the LORD will be with you.' Then Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before the LORD, worshipping the LORD."

- 2 Chronicles 20:12-18

The **ASK** questions include suggested topics to discuss with older children.
The **REPEAT** statement is an idea from the text for younger children to repeat after you.

WEEK 1

READ Colossians 3:12-13

ASK What are God's people told to "put on"?

REPEAT Put on compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, and forgiveness.

PRAY God, help us to forgive as we have been forgiven by you.

SING Colossians 3:17 (Song at youtu.be/9jov28XVZtk)

WEEK 2

READ Colossians 3:14-15

ASK What binds everything together in harmony?

REPEAT Put on love.

PRAY Give us peace to rule our hearts, Lord.

SING Colossians 3:17

WEEK 3

READ Colossians 3:16

ASK What are the actions of those who let the word of Christ dwell in them?

REPEAT Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

PRAY God, we worship you with thankful hearts.

SING Colossians 3:17

WEEK 4

READ Colossians 3:17

ASK What does it mean to do everything "in the name of the Lord Jesus"?

REPEAT Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

PRAY Help us to live for your glory and not for ourselves.

SING Colossians 3:17

FAMILY WORSHIP REMINDERS

Adapted from Donald S. Whitney's "Family Worship"

Be brief. 5-10 minutes is ideal.

Be regular. Daily is best. These provided devotionals are meant to get your week started and reinforce what children are learning in Immanuel Kids.

Be flexible. Sometimes life means family worship happens in the car instead of the home. Be flexible in location, but don't let flexibility lead to inconsistency.