



Training the Next Generation Where Christ is King

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*"I love the LORD because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy."*

PSALM 116:1

FOR PARENTS & VOLUNTEERS

DEAR VOLUNTEER

GREEN & BLUE HALL VOLUNTEERS

How is Green Hall (for children ages 0-4) going?

The reopening of Green Hall on September 27th went smoothly! Volunteers, thank you for joyfully investing the truth and love into little hearts. It brought tears to my eyes as I listened to you sing songs, read Bible stories, and bring comfort to those who needed it. You are filled with the Holy Spirit, and my faith is built up to hear and see Him at work in you.

When will Blue Hall (for elementary school children) begin?

Once we have recruited enough volunteers for green hall, we will consider a plan to reopen blue hall. If we reopen, it will be offered at the same time as the Adult Sunday School classes and will be open to families who are attending those classes or volunteering. We need 15 more green hall volunteers to start considering this plan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Family Form

Are you a new family to Immanuel? We want to get you connected to all this ministry has to offer. Please contact the Immanuel Kids Director, Rebecca Cedillo, at rcedillo@immanuelky.org. She will send you a form to get the process started.

A Gift for You

Every child in your family who was born in 2016-rising 5th graders will receive a Sermon Notes Activity Book, crayons, and a pencil in a reusable canvas family bag. If you have not received one, please contact Rebecca at rcedillo@immanuelky.org.

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 Psalm 116:1. Use this link to sing along for easy memorization: vimeo.com/239139960.

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! In Joshua 8:34–35, Joshua reads of the Book of the Law corporately:

“And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law. There was not a word of all that Moses commanded that Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, and the women, and the little ones, and the sojourners who lived among them.”

- Joshua 8:34–35

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 Psalm 116:1–4

ASK What are pleas? *Cries for help.* What is mercy? Forgiveness. Why do we need mercy? Why is it amazing that God would incline His ear to us?

PRAY God, help us see our need for mercy. And when we do, hear our pleas and save us.

SING Psalm 116:1 (Song at vimeo.com/239139960)

WEEK 2

READ Psalm 116:5–7

ASK What does it mean for God to bring you low? Why would God need to bring people low in order to save them? What are some ways God has dealt bountifully with (blessed) you?

PRAY God, thank you for all the ways you have dealt bountifully with each of us.

SING Psalm 116:1

WEEK 3

READ Psalm 116:8–14

ASK Why is it important to praise God in front of others?

PRAY God, help us to encourage others as we praise you for all of your benefits.

SING Psalm 116:1

WEEK 4

READ Psalm 116:15–19

ASK Is it good and happy to be God's servant? Why? What does God's servant do?

PRAY Lord, we want to serve you because you are good.

SING Psalm 116:1

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.