



Training the Next Generation Where Christ is King

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*"You shall love the LORD your God
with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your might."*

DEUTERONOMY 6:5

FOR PARENTS & VOLUNTEERS

DEAR VOLUNTEER

Volunteer Exhortation

Volunteers in your classroom link arms to make God known to children. A variety of gifts are mobilized to do this. As a team member who sees your brothers and sisters in action, you have a unique opportunity to affirm their gifts. Is it teaching, service, mercy, leadership, discernment, evangelism, encouragement? Fan these gifts into flame by telling them!

Volunteer Highlight

Nathan Fike, your tender way of correcting and teaching the three-year-olds in your class is full of mercy. It is also encouraging to see the behind-the-scenes ways you care for families. The Lord sees your faithful service to our church community. Thank you, brother.

Michal Naugle, thank you for seeing the need for a consistent volunteer in your classroom, bringing it to our attention, and meeting the need. Serving every week is no small task. Your Father in heaven is pleased with every sacrifice you and your family make to care for the children in your class.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blue Hall Reopens Feb. 21st

Lord willing, after almost a full year, we will finally reopen blue hall (for elementary children). It will be offered during Sunday School classes, 10:45a-12:00p. More details will come soon.

Memory Verse Song

Children age 3-5th grade are memorizing Deuteronomy 6:5 in Immanuel Kids. Use this link to sing along to the song they are learning:
vimeo.com/252967279

DEAR PARENT

“There blooms a rose in Bethlehem,” the congregation sang. Levi smiled up at me and said, “This is Daddy’s favorite song.”

Two weeks before, our 11-year-old son, Levi, stood between Dominic and me in the service. Dominic heard the introductory chords of this Christmas hymn. He turned to me in excitement and exclaimed, “I love this song!”

Levi heard. Levi watched.

Tears covered his daddy’s cheeks as he sang:

*“Foretold, this rose was born to die
But would not see decay,
So those who place their faith in Him
Shall blossom from the grave.”*

Including children in Sunday morning worship gives them a glimpse into our relationship with God. Levi will never forget that singing about Jesus with other saints stirs the affections of his father. This is a priceless means of discipleship.

-By Rebecca Cedillo

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 Review the Ten Commandments from Deuteronomy 5:1-21.

ASK Tell me one of the Ten Commandments we read. Why is it loving to keep this commandment?

REPEAT Love by keeping God’s commandments.

PRAY God, help us to see that you are holy and worthy of our obedience!

SING Deuteronomy 6:5 (**Song at [vimeo.com/252967279](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=252967279)**)

WEEK 3

READ Deuteronomy 6:3

ASK Who is God speaking to? (Israel) What did He promise if they kept His commandments? (It will go well with them; They will multiply.)

REPEAT Keeping God’s commandments comes with a promise.

PRAY God, thank you for keeping all your promises.

SING Deuteronomy 6:5

WEEK 2

READ Deuteronomy 6:1-2

ASK What does it mean to fear the LORD? (recognizing that He is holy and worthy of our worship.) How do show that we fear the LORD? (By keeping all his statutes and commandments.)

REPEAT Fear God by keeping God’s commandments.

PRAY God, help us to fear you by keeping your commandments.

SING Deuteronomy 6:5

WEEK 4

READ Deuteronomy 6:4-5

ASK How many gods do Christians serve? (One!) What are some ways you can love God with your heart? Soul? Might?

REPEAT Love God with the heart, soul, and might.

PRAY You are a holy God, so we fear you. You are a compassionate God, so we love you.

SING Deuteronomy 6:5

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.