



Training the Next Generation Where Christ is King

APRIL 2021

*"For the wages of sin is death,
but the free gift of God is eternal life
in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

ROMANS 6:23

FOR PARENTS & VOLUNTEERS

DEAR VOLUNTEER

Training Focus

Introducing...Breeze! // We are transitioning to a new church communication system that will make it easier to communicate with each other-Breeze. This especially impacts Green Hall volunteers. Green Hall volunteers, please check your inbox for the "IK Training Day Video and Links" email. We will no longer use CCB to switch serving weeks. The entire church will hear more about Breeze in the coming weeks.

Volunteer Highlight

Green Hall Volunteer Highlight // Leeann Ghat-tas, you have jumped into your new teaching role with so much intention. We want to affirm your gift of teaching! Thank you for sharing your gift with Immanuel's four year olds.

Blue Hall Volunteer Highlight // Jonathan Lyons, it is clear that you love your first graders. You prepare beforehand to make each lesson engaging for their developmental level. It is a blessing to walk by your classroom and see little faces intrigued by the truth of the Word and your thoughtful delivery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fourth Street Camp

Cancelled for 2021

Due to continued masking requirements and the start of Forward as One in June, we will postpone camp to 2022.

Forward as One

A form will be requested from every member in May to let us know what your plans are for volunteering under the new Forward as One structure. Parents also will have the opportunity to let us know what your family plans to do so we can get an accurate number of volunteers in place for your children. Forward as One (one service) begins in June, Lord willing.

Memory Verse Song

Children ages 3-5th grade are memorizing Romans 6:23 in Immanuel Kids. Use this link to sing along to the song they are learning: vimeo.com/322839180.

DEAR PARENT

Excerpts from “Parenting in the Pew” by Robbie Castleman

Worship, ballet and baseball are all learning by example. A good trainer or teacher can hit the ball or demonstrate a pirouette. And parents in the pew can show by example what it means to be encountered by God, to love his Son, and to respond to the Holy Spirit in worship. Children learn that prayer is important when they see their parents make it a priority...When worship is an obvious joy to parents, children will expect to experience the same.

[Parenting in the worship service] can contain the most intimate moments of life with God’s family together in his presence. Sunday morning with children in the pew can be the longest hour of the week, or it can provide the very best preparation for eternal joy. Teaching your children to worship...is entering the house of your heavenly Father and saying, “Daddy, I’d like you to meet my children.”

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 Read Romans 3:20–23 (v. 20 focus)

ASK What is a slave? (one who follows a master) There are two different kinds of slaves in these verses. Who are they? (slaves of sin and slaves of God). What does it mean that the slaves of sin are free in regard to righteousness? (They don’t feel compelled to live according to God’s good commands.)

REPEAT Don’t be a slave of sin!

PRAY God, make us hate our sin and give us hearts that want to follow your good commands.

SING Romans 6:23 ([Song at vimeo.com/322839180](https://www.vimeo.com/322839180))

WEEK 3

READ Read Romans 3:20–23 (v. 22 focus)

ASK What does this verse say about Christians? (set free from sin, slaves of God) The fruit of a Christian leads to what? (sanctification and eternal life) What is sanctification? (becoming more and more like Jesus by obeying God)

REPEAT A Christian becomes more and more like Jesus.

PRAY Make your people more and more like Jesus.

SING Romans 6:23

WEEK 2

READ Read Romans 3:20–23 (v. 21 focus)

ASK What are some sins your struggle with? What fruit—or consequences—do they produce? (shame and various things) What does this verse say is the end of one who is a slave of sin? (death)

REPEAT Sin leads to death.

PRAY God, forgive us of our many sins against You and others.

SING Romans 6:23

WEEK 4

READ Read Romans 3:20–23 (v. 23 focus)

ASK What is a wage? (what you earn for a job done) What do people earn for their sin? (death) How do we get eternal life? (free gift of God by believing in Christ Jesus as our Lord)

REPEAT Eternal life is the free gift of God for those who believe in Jesus.

PRAY God, thank you for eternal life, a gift we could never earn.

SING Romans 6:23

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.