



Training the Next Generation Where Christ is King

MAY 2021

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

FOR PARENTS & VOLUNTEERS

DEAR VOLUNTEER

Training Focus

Green Hall (Nursery) // Beginning June 6th, we will move back to our pre-Covid procedures. Female volunteers will change diapers and we will have a scheduled potty break for our older classes. We will also serve snacks during Worship Service Nursery. Note the diaper changing procedures posted over the changing tables and the potty procedures posted in the restrooms.

Blue Hall (Elementary) // Beginning June 6th, Sunday School will happen before the Worship Service. Please arrive by 8:40a to pray with your team before receiving children at 8:45a. Thank you for your hospitality to the body by arriving on time.

Volunteer Highlight

Green Hall Volunteer Highlight // Gina-Lou Jean Baptiste, what a gift you are to our children! Your joyful spirit is contagious. Thank you for bringing joy through animated singing. Engaging the children through motions and animal sounds makes music time extra fun!

Blue Hall Volunteer Highlight // Bonnie Gue, thank you for investing in the same children these past 3 years. You have embraced every one, prayed for them, sent them cards in the mail, thought through instruction to meet their needs, and sought to love them in an understanding way. You have taught us all how to excel in reaching the hearts of the sheep in our care. As you move away from Louisville, know your impact will be felt for years to come in Immanuel's next generation.

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 Survey

A form has been requested from every member to let us know what your plans are for volunteering under the new Forward as One structure. Parents also 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. Sunday School drop-off begins at 8:45. Sunday School pick-up is at 9:55. If you have Green Hall children attending nursery for both Sunday School and Worship Service, pick-up is at 11:45.

Memory Verse Song

*Children ages 3-5th grade are memorizing 1 Thess. 5:16-18 in Immanuel Kids. Use this link to sing along to the song they are learning:
vimeo.com/68417484.*

DEAR PARENT

Excerpts from “Let the Children Worship” by Jason Helopoulos

“Gathering together with the covenant people of God becomes our chief delight in this life. All the people of God from every walk of life, every level of society, every color of skin, every nationality, and every age gathering together to commune with Him. Nothing like it on earth exists—nothing as sweet, nothing as good, nothing as life-giving. It belongs to another world—the world to come.”

The covenant community’s very identity is wrapped up with worshiping its covenant keeping God...Therefore, the church lives out its theology when it encourages and even expects its children to participate in this central event. Jesus said, ‘Let the children come to me’ (Mark 10:14). It would be odd indeed, if we sought to uphold that principle in every respect except the central act of the covenant people of God.”

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 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (v.16 focus)
ASK What does rejoice mean? What is something you can rejoice about today?
REPEAT Rejoice always.
PRAY God, give us hearts that find joy in you, even when our circumstances are difficult.
SING 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (**Song at vimeo.com/268417484**)

WEEK 3

READ Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (v.18a focus)
ASK What is an example of a happy circumstance? A difficult circumstance? In each of these circumstances, what is something to be thankful for?
REPEAT Give thanks in all circumstances.
PRAY We thank you for breath in our lungs. It is a miraculous gift from you, God.
SING 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

WEEK 2

READ Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (v.17 focus)
ASK Why do we pray? How often should we pray?
REPEAT Pray without ceasing.
PRAY God, help us to run to you in prayer first. You are our refuge and help.
SING 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

WEEK 4

READ Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (v.18b focus)
ASK What is God’s will for believers?
REPEAT Follow God’s will.
PRAY Thank you for giving Christians the ability to obey your will in Jesus.
SING 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

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.