



Planting Faith,
Growing Faith

Children's Ministry



February 2021

February is here! This month can remind you of God's endless love for each of us! How can we share that love with others?

"Invite a friend" Month



This month invite a friend to join you at Kids Connect or Shenanigan's, both on Zoom. You can also share our children's messages on Youtube and our faith formation website with friends...even those that live in other states!

Lent

Please read the DCLC Feb newsletter to get all the info on Lent. You will want to pick up your Ash Wednesday bags and see all that Desert Cross is offering like virtual worship, Ash Wednesday at home, and Weekly Wednesday Zoom worship...plus LOTS more information!!

<http://www.desertcross.org/files/328/Newsletters/February-2021-DCLC-Monthly-Newsletter.pdf>

Brainstorm with your family and try some out this month...here are a few ideas to get your started.

- ♥ Make Valentines for a Care Center or hospital patients.
- ♥ Bake cookies for a neighbor.
- ♥ Write a letter to your mailman, garbage man, grocery clerk, etc. thanking them for what they do!
- ♥ Paint a picture for your Grandparents and mail it to them.

We miss worshipping and learning with you in person but we offer weekly children's messages on YouTube and check out our faith formation website for fun ways to explore faith at home. Thank you to for your continued support of children's ministry from your homes!

Family and Faith:

Love Jar:

Start a new tradition this Valentine's Day by creating your own "love jar." Decorate a jar with stickers, ribbons, or paper. Cut patterned paper into strips, giving each family member their own pattern. Encourage each family to fill the jar with love notes, quotes, verses, and special affirmations for each person. On V-day sit down together, share some chocolate, and read the notes as a family.



You can also find other times during the year to share the notes in the Love Jar. You'll keep everyone's "love tank" filled to the brim!

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you."

Ephesians 4:32

Important dates:

- ☺ **Feb 3, 10, 17, 24:** Shenangians meets each Wednesday at 9:00 over zoom.
- ☺ **Feb 7:** Kids Connect meets on Zoom at 1:00
- ☺ **Feb 17:** Ash Wednesday
- ☺ **Feb 21:** Kids Connect meets on Zoom at 1:00

Upcoming Dates:

- ☺ **Week of March 22nd:** Pick up your "Journey Through Holy Week" bags for your family at either site. More info coming in the March newsletter!

Available all month:

- ☺ Children's Messages are available every Sunday on our YouTube channel. Tune in!
- ☺ Playlists are available on our faith formation website. Choose your own faith adventure and explore this month's theme on mercy!

For more information on any children's ministry programs,

Join us...and Invite a friend!

February 7th and 21st

1:00

We meet on zoom!

Kids Connect is meeting virtually over zoom. We love getting to connect and see your faces. Kids ages Kindergarten-6th grade can join and feel free to invite a friend!



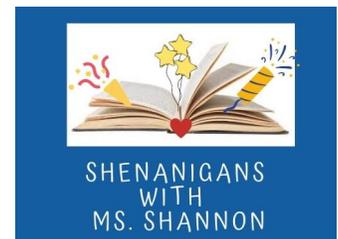
Kristen will check in with everyone and have a fun activity you can all do together from your own home over zoom. You will log into the "meeting" using this link through zoom. (If you are not familiar with zoom and want some help with it, you can email Kristen at kroehling@desertcross.org.)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98501378940?pwd=UGY2Y-WE50TR3eWQvTWVUTQzN0JSZz02>

Meeting ID: 985 0137 8940
Password: 5jBnJY

Ms. Shannon is offering a weekly story time over zoom. I'll read a story then we can talk about it, connect it to faith and we'll do a fun activity with it. This is for all little ones who are not engaged in on-line or in person school during this time (babies with parents on up through school age! Grandparents are welcome too.) We will meet Wednesday mornings at 9:00am . If you are not familiar with zoom and need help setting it up, feel free to contact Shannon at sfossett@desertcross.org.



Shannon Fossett is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Shenanigans with Ms. Shannon

Time: This is a recurring meeting Wednesdays at 9:00am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71324572813?pwd=VE9QOHRmdE8wNVZraFRlODNrZzdNQT09>

Meeting ID: 713 2457 2813 Passcode: 3vr9sD



Sunday School is still not meeting at this time. Please take advantage of all the offerings on our Playlists. These can be found on our Faith Formation website. February's theme is Mercy. You can sign up to follow the website and get notifications of new posts in your email. Look for the sign-up at the bottom of the home page.

Dclcfathformation.org

♥Check out the Faith Formation children's page for resources and articles as well. This month there will be a great way to celebrate Ash Wednesday as a family!

<https://dclcfathformation.org/children/>

♥Children's message videos are available for you to watch at your convenience on our YouTube channel. Gather your family and tune in each week!

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCODC1L6ufs5_b7nUOU9ocHw

Holy Communion Instruction

Dear Families, unfortunately due to the hand-on, relational aspects of our first communion workshop, Passover Potluck, and receiving their first communion in worship...we will need to postpone until we can meet in person. So, Holy Communion Classes for 4th-6th graders (or those who have not yet received it) will be postponed until further notice. Thank you for your patience. We can't wait to celebrate this special milestone in person!