



# February -Children's Ministry

February is a fast but fun month, and Lent is right around the corner!

\*Parents with infants and toddlers, did you know we now have a changing table in the Community Center Women's bathroom? Hooray! There are some cleaning wipes in the cabinet next to it so we can help keep it clean. Thanks!



## Parents:

\*\*Please remember to sign your children in and out for Sunday School. Also, we realize that if you are attending 9:30 service that sometimes it runs over...but please pick up your child as soon as possible! Sunday School ends at 10:30, let's help out our teachers who have their own children to pick up or are attending the next worship service! Thanks!

## "Invite a friend" Month



This month invite a friend to come with you to Worship, Sunday School, KINDLE, or Joyful Noises parent-tot! These programs are fun, but would be double the fun with a friend!



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

*Ephesians 4:32*

## 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!

## February 2012

### Important dates:

- ☺ Feb 12th: Field Trip of Faith 10:45 Service, Tempe
- ☺ Feb. 12th: Acolyte Training 12:00 in the Sanctuary, Tempe
- ☺ Feb 19th: Pastor Steve's Farewell, 12:15 Tempe Community Center
- ☺ Feb 22nd: Kindle/ Ignite will not meet— Ash Wednesday
- ☺ Feb 29th: Lenten suppers begin 6:00 Tempe

### Save the Date:

- ☺ March 4th: Transportation Day in Gilbert
- ☺ Week of March 11th: No Sunday School, Kindle, or Joyful Noises (Spring Break)
- ☺ March 30th: First Communion Classes begin

For more information on any children's ministry programs, check the bulletin boards in the Community Center and Ed. Buildings or contact Shannon Fossett or Janet at

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730-8600.

# You are Invited...and Bring a friend!



Ages: 2nd grade and up



4:30-6:00 pm

Wednesdays in Tempe

*Light up your week* by joining us for some fun on Wednesdays after school! Ages 3years—6th grade are welcome, and you can always bring a friend! Can't be there right at 4:30 due to parent's work schedule, after school program, homework...etc? No worries, drop in when you can!

Wednesdays 5:15-6:00

Join our new worship arts team where we will work on music (all kinds), drama, and visual arts to share with the Desert Cross Community. Come for Kindle at 4:30 and then participate in Ignite at 5:15.

Let's explore together how to expand young people's music, drama and visual arts in worship!

Parent/Tot

Come join us for 60 minutes of fun with your child. This interactive parent/tot class includes music, snack, story, games, crafts, play time, fellowship, and... *it's free!*

Tuesdays at 9:30 in Tempe on the stage in the gym

Wednesdays at 9:30 in Gilbert in the building marked Preschool

## Upcoming Events/Save the Dates

### Acolyte Training:

Attention all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade families: Training for Acolytes will be held on Wed. **Feb. 12th** at 12:00pm in the Sanctuary in Tempe. Please bring a parent. If you already attended a training, but would like to refresh your skills, this is your chance. To register or for more info contact Jacque Jecker at [jjecker@desertcross.org](mailto:jjecker@desertcross.org)

### Holy Communion Instruction

Classes will begin on the Wednesday evenings of Lent 2011: **March 7th, 21st, and 28th** from 5:00-6:00pm. The Seder meal honoring the First Communicants and their families will be on Maundy Thursday, **April 5th** at 6:00 PM. Students will receive the sacrament during the 7:30 PM worship service that same evening. Please contact Shannon Fossett to register for classes.

### Vacation Bible School and Music Camp 2012

Mark your calendars...VBS is scheduled for June 18th-22nd. We'll be flying high with "SKY" VBS where we'll explore how *Everything is Possible With God!*

**Music Camp** is Scheduled for July 9th-13th!

We need lots of volunteers for these programs, thank you for considering!

## Transportation Day in Gilbert!



Sunday, March 4th

11:30

Gilbert

This is our 3rd Annual Transportation Day. If you missed the fun last year, you'll want to be sure to mark your calendars so you can join us! It will be a fun day where kids can explore, sit in, and take pictures by all kinds of transportation .

***If you have a form of transportation you can bring (tractor, motorcycle, limo, boat, horse, etc) or know of someone who does, please contact Shannon Fossett: [sfossett@desertcross.org](mailto:sfossett@desertcross.org) or Matt Dobyns: [mdobyns@desertcross.org](mailto:mdobyns@desertcross.org)***



## Field Trips of Faith

February 12th Tempe 10:45 Service: Come join us at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall to hear what makes this service unique, then we'll worship together at 10:45 and enjoy some cookies after.

**\*\*Save the date: March 4th Field Trip of Faith 10:15 Gilbert site...come experience worship in Gilbert and stay for Transportation day!**