

### UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

- April 20 Deadline for Summer Registration
- May 11 10-10:30am Mother's Day Tea
- May 28 Memorial Day, OWC Closed
- June 5 10:30am & June 6 3:00pm Preschool Program:  
Please join us for whichever day/time works best for you
- June 8 Last Day of School Year
- June 11 Summer Care Begins

### **CHAPEL THIS WEEK:** Jesus is Alive! Jesus Cooks Breakfast for the Disciples; John 21:1-14

One time the disciples were fishing. They fished all night long but never caught anything! The next morning before the sun came up Jesus walked along the shore. The boat was still a little ways away from the shore, so Jesus' friends didn't know it was Him. Jesus told them to throw their net on the other side of their boat. When they did as He said, their net was filled with so many fish they had trouble pulling it back onto the boat. The disciples were happy to have caught so many fish and they realized it could've only been Jesus who did this for them!

Jesus had them take some fish out of the net and cooked them for the disciples for breakfast. The disciples were so happy to have breakfast and they knew it was Jesus who provided it all for them.

We can be happy too because Jesus loves us and takes care of us too! He can do anything, and He gives you what you need. We are God's children and Jesus' students/disciples! We listen to God- to His Word, Jesus Christ. God calls us children and leads us in the ways we should go. With patience and affection, we call our students children. What do we teach them? We teach them to listen to the Lord, the best Teacher of all. Jesus has the words of eternal life. Jesus is there to help and instruct in every need because He cares for us.

Read John 21:1-14 in your Bible on online for the rest of the Bible story.

### FAMILY PLAYTIME

Has the grown-up world left you too tired to play? Consider these ideas that will let you connect with your youngster- and unwind after a long day:

- Show her what you liked to play when you were her age. You could teach her a card game, a jump rope rhyme, or a magic trick, for instance. Next, ask her to teach you a game or activity she enjoys.
- Take turns telling silly jokes.
- Step into a role. You might each pretend to be someone else (a cashier and a customer, a bird and a squirrel) while carrying on a conversation. Encourage your child to think about what her character would sound like and what she would say.
- At bedtime or in a darkened room, shine a flashlight on the walls, ceiling, and floor. Have your youngster "chase" your beam with her own flashlight. Then, trade roles.
- Make shadow puppets in a darkened room. Take turns telling a story to go along with the shadow puppets.
- Play a board game or work on a puzzle together.



## **APRIL: MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD**

During the month of April, the State of Michigan is taking the time to celebrate children ages birth through eight years. In 1971, the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children declared April the month of the young child. Take time to celebrate your young children this month with a different theme each week. You can show your support for young children by wearing a purple ribbon during the month of April.

**Week three** the focus is on cognitive development. Some ideas for activities include problem solving. As parents we tend to intervene and get too involved in solving our children's problems because we want them to feel better. By doing this we often miss the opportunities for our children to learn to problem solve for themselves. Teach your children how to handle their own problems by asking, "How do you want to feel? What can you do?" Listen to your children and acknowledge how they are feeling.

## **BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Box Tops for Education is an easy way to receive FREE MONEY for Our World for Children! Each Box Top collected earns money which we can use towards new equipment for our classrooms and center. Just clip the Official Coupon and drop them at the front desk.

**FAMILY FARE STORE RECEIPTS** Direct Your Dollars is a receipt-based program, meaning that we can raise money simply by doing something we all do each week –going to the grocery store. All you need to do is turn in your Family Fare or Spartan store receipts at the front desk and we can redeem them for a \$1,000 check when we've collected enough receipts.

## **SHOP AND SAVE WITH SCRIP**

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