

- May 2017 -



Remember Verse:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and the
Son and the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 28:19

...Toddlers

May 7: Paul and Silas Sing Praise to God in Jail - Even when we are upset or scared, Jesus is with us!

May 14: Saul Escapes in a Basket - Jesus is always there to help us, no matter what!

May 21: Paul's Ship Wrecks in a Storm - God takes care of us!

May 28: Philip Shares the Good News About Jesus - We should tell other people about Jesus!

...Preschool

May 7: Paul Meets Jesus

- What happened to Paul and Silas? (They were thrown in jail.)
- What did they do while they were in jail? (They sang songs to God.)
- What is your favorite song?

May 14: Paul Escapes in a Basket

- Paul escaped danger because his friends helped him get over the wall and out of the city. Lets play a game and go over a wall.
- God gives us our family to help us. What does Mom or Dad do to keep you safe when you are crossing the street? (Holds my hand.) When you are riding in the car? (Buckles the seat belt.) When you are sick? (Takes me to the doctor.) When you start to touch something very hot? (Pulls me away from it.)

May 21: Paul Helps a Lame Man

- In today's Bible story Paul helped a lame man by telling him about Jesus. The man's legs didn't work at all. The man believed Jesus could make his legs well. And Jesus did! Now the man could walk, leap and jump! Let's see how big a step and how big a jump you can make.
- What are some ways you can help your mom when you go to the store? (Stay close to her. Wait quietly in line.) When we help others, we show love to them!
- Our Bible tells us, "Jesus said, 'Love each other as I have loved you.'" God loves us and we can show love to others!
- Who did Paul and Barnabas show God's love to? (A man who couldn't walk.) God made the man's feet well and strong. God loves us and we can show love to others by telling them about Jesus.

May 28: Philip and the Ethiopian

- Our Bible says, "Tell the good news about Jesus." Let's use our ears to hear some sounds we can make. What do you hear? God gave you ears, so you can hear sounds! God loves you very much! I want to tell you some good news: Jesus loves you! Who can you tell this good news to? We can help others by telling them the good news about Jesus.
- What did Philip tell the man about Jesus? (Jesus loves him. Jesus is God's Son.) We can help others by telling them about Jesus! We can tell them Jesus loves them. Janna, who will you tell? You can tell your mom that Jesus loves her.

...Elementary...

May 7: Peter Heals the Lame Beggar

When the lame man woke up that morning to go about his day of begging, he was still in a helpless state. The best thing he could have hoped for was to collect enough money to provide for his basic needs. It never occurred to him to ask for anything more.

1. He showed appreciation: The one leper was grateful and took action to show his gratefulness by returning to the Healer. **2.** He adored and worshiped Jesus: The one leper's response in worship was to audibly praise Him and to fall at His feet in worship. **3.** He obeyed: The other nine lepers obeyed the command of Jesus by going to the priests. But the tenth leper showed himself to Jesus, the Great High Priest, where he obtained mercy and found grace. His entire life was transformed forever.

May 14: Philip and the Ethiopian

If Philip had relied on his own understanding and remained limited only by what he could see naturally, he would have missed this opportunity to take the Gospel outside of the immediate areas of Jerusalem and Samaria. He listened to God, who saw the big picture and had big plans, and obeyed what He said.

Review what it might have looked like if Philip relied on his own understanding versus trusting the limitless mind of God:

Philip's limited understanding: He had just fled Jerusalem and may have still been weary by the whole adventure. It wouldn't have made much sense to go back through the very city he just left and travel down a desolate desert road.

God's limitless mind: God knew the dangers in Jerusalem that Philip had just fled, but He had a plan that promised protection, strength, and a prosperous delivery of His word. **Philip's limited understanding:** Philip was experiencing success in Samaria. Demons were cast out, people were healed, and new believers added to the church daily. The only thing between Jerusalem and Gaza was a desolate desert. **God's limitless mind:** God clearly saw the precious soul of the Ethiopian leaving Jerusalem to his hometown, searching the Scriptures for answers. He sent Philip to help him see the truth in what he read. **Philip's limited understanding:** Most likely, Philip didn't feel prepared to speak with a dignitary in a fancy chariot from a foreign land. He was on the run and probably looked like it. **God's limitless mind:** God, through His Holy Spirit, gave Philip the authority and power to approach the dignitary, and the Lord prepared the Ethiopian's heart for the message he was about to hear.

May 21: The Conversion of Paul

Saul did a lot of terrible things to Jesus' followers, including giving approval to one preacher's execution. And yet, God saw fit to use this man to spread His word around the world. **Saul's conversion gives us something for which to be thankful and hopeful.**

- **Thankfulness:** We should be thankful, that despite our flaws, fears, and failings, God chooses to use us to spread His Word and glorify His name. The all-powerful God of the universe does not need our help, He has chosen it. No matter what, God loves us. That is something to be thankful for!
- **Hopefulness:** From the Pharisees' perspective, Saul was one of their best workers. He was good at finding and persecuting Christians. And yet, when confronted with the power and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, his heart changed and embraced the truth. This man whose mission it was to stomp out Christianity was now one of God's most vocal supporters. Such stories can give us hope that those who don't yet believe that Jesus is the Lord can be saved.

May 28: The Missionary Journeys of Paul

Jesus fulfilled more than 300 prophecies about Him being the Messiah. The following are promises we can count on because Jesus is the Messiah:

1. If you believe that Jesus is the Messiah and he rose from the dead, you will be saved from death and live forever with God (Romans 10:9). **2.** If we admit our sins to God, he will forgive us (1 John 1:9) **3.** Jesus is preparing a place in heaven for us (John 14:1-3) **4.** Jesus promises to return! (Acts 1:11, 1 Corinthians 4:5)

Upcoming Events

May 13: Ladies Tea

Join us from 1p to 3p for tea, finger foods, and fun! Open to all ladies. Children over 3 welcome!

May 21: Child Dedications

If you're interested in having your child dedicated in May, email kaylie@eastridgechurch.org

May 23: Auditions for "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

Contact ben@eastridgechurch.org if you're interested in learning more!

May 26: Family Movie Night: The Wizard of Oz

Doors open at 6:00p, the movie will start at 6:30p.

July 31 - Aug 4: Kid's Club!

Pick up a registration form in the lobby or on our website at eastridgechurch.org

Opportunities to Serve

- ❖ Nursery
- ❖ Preschool
- ❖ Childcare for Classes / Events
- ❖ Designated Sub
- ❖ Kid's Club / VBS
- ❖ Toddlers
- ❖ Elementary
- ❖ New Family Greeting
- ❖ Family Event Planning
- ❖ Admin / Supplies / Lesson Prep

Questions? Contact Kaylie Jeffries, Children's Ministry Director, at kaylie@eastridgechurch.org

