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Remember Verse:

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith
- and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -”

Ephesians 2:8

...Toddlers

June 4: God Brings Dorcas to Life - God has the power to do anything!

June 11: An Angel Frees Peter - God answers our prayers!

June 18: Paul Writes Letters - God's word (the Bible) gives us answers!

June 25: John Writes the Good News - With Jesus, we get to live forever!

...Preschool

June 4: Peter Helps Dorcas

- When Dorcas died, how did Peter help her? (Peter prayed and God made Dorcas live again!) Dorcas' friends were glad that God loved her and made her live again. I'm glad that God loves and helps me, too. Thank You, God, for loving us and helping us!
- In our Bible story Dorcas died and her friends were very, very sad. They even showed Peter many clothes she had made for them. Let's look at some clothes people wear today.
- God helps us have clothes to wear. I'm glad God loves and helps us! We can show God's love and help others, too. How can we help people who need clothes? (Give away clothes and shoes when we grow out of them, buy clothes to give to homeless shelters, give to clothing drives, etc.)
- Our Bible says, "God will help you." We can help others because God always helps us! Pray briefly, Dear God, please help me to help others.

June 11: Peter Escapes from Prison

- In today's Bible story, Peter went to the house of a friend after escaping from prison. He knocked on the door. A servant girl named Rhoda went to answer the door and she recognized Peter by his voice, even before she saw him! Let's take turns and see if we can recognize a friend by his or her voice.
- Sometimes we can recognize things by the sounds they make. What animal makes the sound "moo"? Let's make some other animal sounds. What animal's sound do you want to make?
- Who did God send to help Peter out of prison? (An Angel.) Even in prison, God was with Peter and helped him. I'm glad God is with me wherever I go. God is with you and loves you wherever you go!
- Our Bible says, "God is with you wherever you go." Wherever we go, God is with us and loves us. Pray briefly, Thank You, God, for loving us. We love You.

June 18: God's Servant

- How did Paul serve God? (He taught people about God.)
- Paul traveled to Rome on a boat. How do you go places?
- How can you serve God?

June 25: Jesus' Return

- What did John see in heaven? (He saw amazing castles and a lot of gold and silver and other amazing things. Jesus sat on the throne, and people sang his praises all the time. Jesus was leading a strong army and fighting for what was fair.)
- What do you think heaven will be like?
- What do you want to do first in heaven?

...Elementary...

June 4: Redemption

Discuss the differences between being under the rule of sin and under the rule of Jesus as Master:

The Bond – as slaves to sin, we are joined to an enemy whose end is death; but as bond-servants of the King, we are called God's friends and adopted as sons and daughters. Galatians 4:7 says, "So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God."

The Burden – the burden of sin and guilt is heavy and cannot be conquered—there is no human effort that can deliver from this cruel task master; but through redemption, Jesus offers the forgiveness of sins. Jesus said "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

The Benefits – the riches and honors of the world will eventually come to an end, but all the promises of God are eternal. I John 2:17 says, "And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever."

June 11: Saving Faith

How did Abraham's faith affect his decisions and the way he lived his life?

1. He believed the Lord and chose to leave idolatry to follow after the one and only true God. **2.** He believed God's promise for an amazing future, so he chose to leave the wealth and comforts of his life to go to a place he had never seen. **3.** He believed God and chose to place his hope in God for a son instead of resorting to despair after years of not being able to conceive. **4.** He believed God and chose to bless his children in the future promise of a Messiah, still unseen.

June 18: A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Compare the dangers of self-reliance with the protection and guidance of God.

Vulnerability vs. Protection: Imagine a dark and raging storm. Where would you rather be: in a flimsy tent or in a strong building? We live in a world troubled by the curse of sin. Storms will rage, and evil will seek to destroy, but Jesus is the strong tower and the mighty fortress where eternal peace and protection are found.

Dark vs. Light: Now imagine you are walking down a dark and unfamiliar path. What would make you feel safer: relying on your own limited eyesight to guide you, or on what is revealed by the brightest light? The world is dark with a curse because of sin, but Jesus is the light that offers guidance and protection from dangers both seen and unseen. The safest place to be is walking in the light of God's plan—a plan that is written in the Bible and confirmed in our hearts and minds through the Holy Spirit.

June 25: All Things New

What does the Bible say about Heaven?

It's perfect: Sin will be gone and so will the destructive effects of sin, such as hurt, loneliness, sickness, injury, war, hate, and death; because those things are gone, there will be no more sorrow and tears. Satan will no longer have any control. The Prince of Peace will rule.

It's beautiful: The capital city of God's kingdom is described as a bright and beautiful city paved in gold and adorned with precious jewels. Flowing from the throne of God is a clear river. The Tree of Life that was taken away from sinful man will stand on either side of the river as big and glorious as ever, promoting health and eternal life.

It's where Jesus lives: Sin ruined the special relationship God had with mankind, but Jesus broke the curse of sin that caused separation. Now, we enjoy His presence through His Holy Spirit, but some day, we will see His face!

It's new: We will be new creatures capable of great thoughts, deeper understanding, complete wisdom, boundless love, and endless joy.

It's eternal: The beauty of Heaven and a perfect relationship with Jesus will never end.

It's bright: Artificial lights as well as the sun and moon will no longer be needed because the glory of God will illuminate His kingdom.

Upcoming Events

June 4, 11, and 18: Starting Point - 9:15a to 10:30a

Join us for a chance to connect, get acquainted, and learn what it means to be a member of Eastridge! Committing yourself to a body of believers is meaningful and significant. Do you have questions about Eastridge or Christianity? Do you want to get to know different staff members and get more involved? Are you interested in learning about membership and community at Eastridge? are you ready to take the next step? Do you know what your next step is?

June 17: Summer Songs, 7p

We are excited to announce that we will have a few outdoor acoustic concerts this summer! Each concert is an hour long and provides an opportunity to hear great local artists in an outdoor venue and enjoy refreshments from local creators!

July 31 - Aug 4: Kid's Club!

At Maker Fun Factory, your kids will learn that they were created by God and that he has a purpose for them! Fun Factory will be filled with Bible stories focusing on how Jesus is the hope of the world, team-building games, crafts, club songs, and so much more! Open to ALL children entering K- 5th grade. 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

