

# January Children's Events

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## C.R.O.S.S. KIDS WINTER/SPRING EVENTS FOR JANUARY

We are gearing up for a fun and exciting Winter/Spring Semester of C.R.O.S.S. Kids! Our calendar will come out very soon so be on the lookout for it in Mrs Heidi's weekly emails and other ways of communications! It is sure to be a fun time had by all so get ready and go ahead and start inviting friends to join you!



### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Sunday, January 4, 11, 18 and 25 during the 11:00am service**



There are two worship opportunities for children during our 11:00am service. If there is a Children's Chat, all children will leave after that. If not, there will be a specific time where children will leave. Children age 4-2<sup>nd</sup> grade will go to Children's Church and children grades 3-5 will go to Kid's Worship.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Every Sunday from 9:45-10:45am in various classrooms on the lower level**

We invite you to join us for Sunday School each Sunday morning as children split up into more age specific small groups and dive deeper into our monthly verse and themes. They have loving Sunday School teachers with awesome plans ready to go for them to help each child learn more about what plans God has for each of their lives. Our Little Explorers (2 and 3 year olds) are continuing to learn from the Little Bible Heroes and will be meeting Samuel and learning about Christams this month.



The rest of our classes will continue our work in GROW with "Extra-Ordinary". Inventors take ordinary objects and transform them into extraordinary innovations with some creativity and a lot of tinkering. But Jesus didn't need tools, blueprints, or a workshop to make extraordinary things happen. On the outside, Jesus may have seemed ordinary, but his life, actions, and love regularly defied expectations. He transformed ordinary people and situations, showing us what an extraordinary God can do. In this 4-week series, kids will learn that **Jesus is one of a kind, Jesus is humble, Jesus trusted God, and Jesus calls us to follow.**

### **BIG IDEAS & BIBLE STORIES**

1. **Jesus is one of a kind.** (Jesus at the Temple: Luke 2:41-52; John 1:10-14)
2. **Jesus is humble.** (Jesus Is Baptized]: Matthew 3:13-17; Philippians 2:5-11)
3. **Jesus trusted God.** (Jesus in the Wilderness: Luke 4:1-13; Psalm 40:1-4)
4. **Jesus calls us to follow.** (Jesus Calls Disciples: Matthew 4:13-23; Ephesians 5:1-2)

It's a great time to gather together in a smaller group on Sunday mornings!



January's verse to focus on will be:

**"Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name." — Philippians 2:9 (NIV)**

## The Name Above All Names

**Scripture:** "Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name." — Philippians 2:9 (NIV)

Find a cozy spot in your living room or around the kitchen table. Have everyone sit in a circle if possible. Go around the circle and have each person say their name loudly, then whisper it, then say it in a silly voice!

**Talk about these things:** "Why are our names important? They tell people who we are! We're learning about the most important name in the whole world—Jesus!"

### The Bible Story

**Parent reads or tells the story:**

"Jesus is God's Son, but when He came to earth, He didn't act like He was better than everyone else. He helped people, healed sick people, and was kind to everyone—even people nobody else liked. Jesus loved us SO much that He died on the cross for us.

Because Jesus was so loving and obedient, God gave Him the highest place in heaven and the greatest name ever! Jesus' name is more powerful than any king, any superhero, or anyone else you can think of!"

**Read this verse together:** Philippians 2:9

**Talk about these questions as a family:**

- "Can you think of someone really important?" (President, principal, etc.)
- "Jesus' name is even MORE important than that! How does that make you feel?"
- "When we say Jesus' name, we're talking about the most powerful person ever!"

### Name Tag Game

**What you need:**

- Sticky notes or masking tape
- Markers

**What to do:**

1. Write different names/titles of Jesus on sticky notes (one per note)
2. Stick them all over the room—on walls, furniture, doors
3. Have kids run around collecting them and reading them out loud as they find them
4. Gather back together and let kids stick their favorites on their shirts

**Names to use:** Jesus, King, Savior, Lord, Prince of Peace, Good Shepherd, Friend, Healer, Teacher, Messiah, Emmanuel, Son of God

Have fun as you learn all about the name above all names!

# SPOTLIGHT ON THE CHILDREN OF FRIEDBERG...

## "The Fun of 2025!!"



As we go forward into 2026, we want to pause and look back on some of the fun we had in 2025!!  
Enjoy a picture look of what we'll call "The Fun of 2025!!"



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"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in truth." 3 John 1:4