

FEBRUARY Children's Events

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C.R.O.S.S. KIDS WINTER/SPRING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY Sunday, February 1, 8, 15 and 22 from 4:30-6:30pm

Get Ready for an EPIC Semester at C.R.O.S.S. Kids!

You've heard kids everywhere chanting "6-7, 6-7!"—that catchy phrase that's taken over playgrounds and living rooms alike! While it might drive us adults a little crazy, we're flipping the script this semester in the most amazing way.

We're diving into the REAL story behind 6 and 7!

Did you know these numbers have incredible meaning in the Bible? This semester, your child will discover how God uses the number 6 to represent our incomplete, imperfect lives—and the number 7 to show His perfect completion! We'll explore how God takes our "6" moments and transforms them into "7" perfection. Spoiler alert: **God did 6-7 first!**



February 1- 67 lesson "Seven Days of Creation-God's Perfect Plan"

February 8-Mission Night with Sunnyside

February 15-Small Groups

February 22-Lesson—"God's Blessing to All Nations"

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, February 1, 8, 15 and 22 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 4-2nd 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 Esther and Daniel. The rest of our classes will continue our work in GROW with "Trailblazer". Jesus was a true trailblazer—not just for his time, but for all time! Jesus' teachings and way of life often went against the grain of what people expected, showing us a whole new way to live and love. While blazing new trails, Jesus never wavered from the path of following God, and he paved the way for us to follow his lead. In this 4-week series, kids will learn to trust Jesus even when it's not easy, show others the way to God, let God's love take the lead, and pray the way Jesus prayed.



BIG IDEAS & BIBLE STORIES

1. Let's trust Jesus even when it's not easy! (The Beatitudes: Matthew 5:1-12; James 1:2-12)
2. Let's show others the way to God! (Salt and Light: Matthew 5:13-20; Colossians 3:12-17)
3. Let God's love take the lead! (Love for Enemies: Matthew 5:43-48; Psalm 99:1-5)
4. Let's pray the way Jesus prayed! (The Lord's Prayer: Matthew 6:5-15; Psalm 32:1-7)

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



February's verse to focus on will be:

“Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior.”

Psalm 25:5a (NIV)

Following God's GPS-A Family Devotion on Psalm 25:5

Scripture: "Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior." - Psalm 25:5a (NIV)

Have you ever been lost? Maybe you couldn't find your classroom on the first day of school, or you got separated from Mom or Dad at the store. It's a scary feeling, isn't it?

The good news is that we never have to feel lost when it comes to following God! In today's verse, David is asking God to be like a guide—someone who knows the way and can show us where to go.

Think about it: When your family goes on a trip, you might use a GPS or a map to find your way. God's truth is like the best GPS ever invented! It never loses signal, it never takes us the wrong way, and it always leads us exactly where we need to go.

A Question to Ponder

For kids: What's something you need God's help with right now? Maybe a friendship problem, a hard decision, or something you're worried about?

For parents: Where do you need God's guidance today? Your children are watching how you trust God with your own questions and challenges.

Try This Together

Tonight before bed, hold hands as a family and take turns finishing this prayer:

"God, please guide me in...[your situation]." *"God, please teach me about...[what you want to learn]."*

Remember: God loves you and wants to guide you. He's not hiding His truth from you—He wants you to know it! All you have to do is ask, just like David did.

A Simple Prayer

Dear God, thank You that You are our Savior and our Guide. We don't always know which way to go, but You do. Help us to listen for Your voice, to read Your Word, and to follow where You lead. We trust You to teach us what we need to know. Amen.

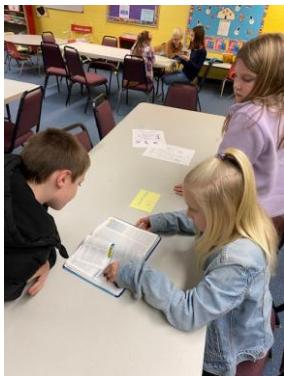
Family Challenge: This month, when you face a choice or problem, say out loud: "God, guide me in Your truth!" Then take a moment to pray and listen. You might be surprised at how God answers!

SPOTLIGHT ON THE CHILDREN OF FRIEDBERG...



“67-God Did It First!”

We are underway with our C.R.O.S.S. Kids nights of "67-God Did It First!" We spent the first night in January talking about the crazed 67, but turning it back to the Bible-because as we learned, God did do it first! We spent time in the Bible with the following 6:7 verses from these books-Matthew, 1 Timothy, Isaiah, Exodus, Romans, Proverbs, Galatians, Ephesians, Acts, and Deuteronomy. We saw how the number 7 completed a lot of the things that 6 was mentioned with in the Bible and we even learned a new trivia fact...Psalms is the only book in the Bible that has 67 chapters!!!! We cannot wait to continue this semester, get more into the Bible and spend time with our church family and friends!



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