

# May Children's Events

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

**Sunday, May 3 and 17 from 4:30-6:30pm**

We will continue to gather together in April for our "67...God Did It First!" semester! We will be wrapping up our topic this month with an amazing night led by our Leadership Small Group! Don't worry because our Music, Dance and Woodworking Small Groups will have jobs to do throughout the evening! We cannot wait to see what this month unfolds for us!

May 3- Lesson Night—"Six Things God hates, seven are detestable-Proverbs 6:16-19"

May 17-Mission Night-Kids SHARE the good news!

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## 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 learning about Zaccheus and The Little Giver. The rest of our classes will continue our work in GROW with "True Story".



Can you remember the last time you got lost in a really good book? The epic quests, daring escapes, and wild adventures make it hard to put down! While our lives might not include mythical creatures or fantastical lands, we're all part of an incredible adventure—following God and helping others do the same. Each week, kids will explore the amazing and true stories about Jesus that show us what it means to live for God. In this 5-week series, kids will discover the true story of how **Jesus is always with us, God helps us be righteous, God hears us when we pray, the Holy Spirit gives us power, and God helps us share the good news.**

## BIG IDEAS & BIBLE STORIES

1. **True story—Jesus is always with us.** (Jesus Goes Up to Heaven: Acts 1:3–11; John 14:1–7)
2. **True story—God helps us be righteous.** (Ananias and Sapphira: Acts 4:32–5:10; 1 Peter 3:13–22)
3. **True story—God hears us when we pray.** (Peter's Miraculous Escape: Acts 12:1–17; Ephesians 1:15–23)
4. **True story—The Holy Spirit gives us power.** (Paul and Silas: Acts 2:1–12, 16:16–40)
5. **True story—God helps us share the good news.** (Paul and the Shipwreck: Acts 27:13–44; Matthew 28:16–20)

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

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Sunday, May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 during the 11:00am service**

There are two worship opportunities for children during our 11:00am service. During the service 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.



## **LAUREL RIDGE CAMP OPPORTUNITIES**

**\*\*\*Make sure to get signed up for the Pre-K Event happening on Saturday, May 23 and Spring Family Camp on Friday, May 29-Sunday, May 31!! These are two great opportunities to be at Laurel Ridge this month!**

The different summer camp opportunities for your child(ren) are below! There is a separate code for Pre-Junior and Junior camp this year so make sure to pay close attention to that below! Also, don't forget to get signed up for the Pre-K Event and Spring Family Camp! It's a great time to gather together with your family on the mountain with other friends as well! Register at [www.laurelridge.org](http://www.laurelridge.org)



Laurel Ridge Camp Opportunities for 2026

**Laurel Ridge Pre-K Event-Saturday, May 23 from 10:00am-5:00pm-Registration is open**

**Laurel Ridge Spring Family Camp-Friday, May 29-31-Registration is open**

**Pre-Junior for children who just finished 1st-2nd Grade-July 24-26-code for Friedberg is 2026friedbergpj**

**Junior Camp for children who just finished 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade-July 26-August 1-code for Friedberg is 2026friedberg**



### **May's verse to focus on will be:**

**"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes." — Romans 1:16a (NIV)**

Take some time this month to think about and use this Family Devotion!

#### **Family Devotion: Not Ashamed of the Good News**

##### **Verse:**

**"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes." — Romans 1:16a (NIV)**

##### **Start with a Question:**

Ask your kids: *Have you ever felt shy or nervous to talk about something you love? Maybe a favorite toy, a game, or even your faith?*

##### **Simple Explanation:**

The "gospel" means *good news*—the best news ever! It's the story that God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to save us. This verse reminds us that we don't have to feel embarrassed or quiet about that good news. Why? Because it's powerful! God uses it to change hearts and bring people close to Him.

##### **Make It Kid-Friendly:**

For younger kids (2-5):

Say, "Jesus loves us and saves us—that's the best news ever! We can be happy to share it."

For older kids (6-12):

Explain that even adults sometimes feel nervous talking about their faith, but God gives us courage because His message is powerful and true.

##### **Activity Idea:**

Have everyone draw a picture or share one thing they love about Jesus. Then practice saying a simple sentence like:

“Jesus loves you!” or “God has a plan for you!”

Encourage them to think of one person they could share that with this week.

**Prayer:**

“God, thank You for the good news about Jesus. Help us not to be afraid or ashamed to share it. Give us courage to tell others about Your love. Amen.”

**Takeaway:**

We can be bold and joyful because the message of Jesus isn't just good—it's powerful!



## **SPOTLIGHT ON THE CHILDREN OF FRIEDBERG...**

**“A LOOK INTO HOW WE HAVE TAKEN THE WORD OUT TO THE COMMUNITY!”**

This semester we have put a few nights with our focus of doing something Mission oriented. We have bagged up rice for our neighbors who visit Sunnyside. We have written letters to Veterans who take the Flight of Honor as well as our college aged friends just to let them know we are thinking about them! Our final Mission Project was visiting the residents at Mallard Ridge where we helped them make Suncatchers, fellowshiped with them and then ended our time together with singing! Take a look at our pictures below to see the fun we have had as well as the news we have shared!



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