

# CYLIFE KIDS

## newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2024

### PRESCHOOL

**Silly Sound Factory:** In Unit 2, kids will learn all about God's faithfulness and the power of forgiveness. Key stories: Abraham & Isaac, Jacob & Esau, and Joseph & his brothers. (9/1-9/22)

**Say Cheese!** In Unit 3, kids will learn about Moses and the Israelites during the exodus from Egypt as well as God's amazing provision and power! Key stories: Moses's birth, the Burning Bush, Big Bad Pharaoh, Crossing the Red Sea, Water from a rock. (9/29-10/27)

### ELEMENTARY

**What's Next?:** In Unit 2, kids will learn about the character and nature of God through stories of the patriarchs of the Bible. Key stories: Abraham & Isaac, Jacob & Esau, and Joseph & his brothers. (9/1-9/22)

**Mad Props:** In Unit 3, kids will see how God did some amazing things through a man named Moses. Key stories: Moses, the Burning Bush, the Plagues, Passover, Crossing the Red Sea. (9/29-10/27)

### REMINDERS

Use your child's At Home Guide to reinforce and retell the stories each week!



Small Group



Live Teaching

## NEXT BAPTISM, OCTOBER 6

At CyLife, we believe each person getting baptized should fully understand the true meaning of baptism. With children, we wait until they are old enough to have accepted the free gift of salvation through Christ for themselves and understand what baptism is. This may vary from child to child so we do not have a set age; however, it is important to remember that parents cannot make this choice for them nor is their any need to rush their child to the baptismal if they are not ready.

If your child has accepted Christ, understands the purpose of baptism, and has expressed interest in baptism, please complete the online registration. We will be in contact with you to schedule your child's baptism interview.



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

We thank you for keeping your phone close during service and responding to teachers' messages should your child need you. In the event we aren't able to reach you, you may see your child's security tag on the screen during service. This will be used as a last resort if we are unable to reach you and your child requires immediate attention.



## INTERESTED IN PARTNERSHIP?

Click here to learn more about how you can become a Partner at CyLife Church. Kids may stay in class while you attend Partnership!

September 22 & 29,  
11:15-12:25



We love our  
volunteers...



...and families!

## We're Hiring

[click here to apply](#)

Our Childcare Team is looking for caring, compassionate individuals who have experience caring for children ages birth to 12 years. Childcare staff are part time employees who work evening and special events throughout the week. If you are a patient, caring professional who loves kids and wants to share the love of Jesus with them, we hope you will get in touch about this position.

\*Must be at least 18 years old to apply.\*

# WHAT'S YOUR WHY?



I grew up #7 of 9 children in South Texas raised by my widowed Mom in the outskirts of town. Times were tough but Mom would always let us know that God had a special plan for us. Living in the outskirts of town with no close neighbors meant we were forced to entertain ourselves. Whether it was being “super heroes” outdoors, putting on “variety shows” with our closet as our stage, or puppet shows from a cardboard box - we had so much fun! That is how I met my favorite puppet, Professor Socko. He and I loved to make people laugh. What does Professor Socko have to do with my Why?

Well, jump many years later and another puppet would be my first step into what would be over 20 years of preschool ministry. My husband and I had just joined The Met Church. God was calling me put my faith in action. But what? Some good friends were urging me to join them serving in the Met’s AWANA program. My initial response was, “No Way!” After all, I wasn’t very comfortable around children. Then my friends mentioned that I could entertain them with a puppet and tell Bible stories - the kids would come in, hear the lesson then leave. Puppets? Telling stories? Then they would leave? That had “Alice” written all over it!

Well guess what? I LOVED IT! AWANA led to volunteering in preschool ministry and VBS, to working in Childcare part-time, to being a Childcare Director, to being part of a regional VBS LifeWay team and eventually leading the Preschool Ministry at my church. How is this possible? While it all seemed to start with a silly sock puppet, it was actually God’s urging in my heart to serve and my friends having the courage to ASK. Asking me to join them in teaching God’s word to children and to make it FUN. Asking me to part of a team that works together, using their talents and hearts to glorify God. God asking me to take that leap of faith in uncharted territories.

Because I said Yes, every Sunday, I am blessed. I love seeing the joy in the children’s eyes when they sing and dance. I love hearing them say their bible verses in whispers or at the top of their lungs. I love being part of a team that demonstrates discipling by sharing their hearts with kids and their families. With children, there is no pre-judgement. They accept and love you as you are - so you are allowed to be who God made you to be. Every Sunday, I am humbled, privileged and honored to serve God with his little ones. Who would have known how one simple question would have an impact my life forever? Like Mom said, God did have a very special plan for me.

# DISCIPLE-TIP!

**See family discipleship as a way of life, not a program.**

**There is nothing wrong with having a more organized time of family worship—it is actually a great idea to do that. But we can't see our role as disciplers as a program; we have to see it more as a way of life as Deut. 6 describes. That means that you want to strive to talk with your kids about Christ naturally as much as possible. Look for themes in shows, movies, and music and talk about how they relate to the gospel. Talk about the character of God, especially as you experience them in your own life. We have natural opportunities to talk about the gospel every day—we just have to look for them!**

Dembowczyk, B. (2017, August 3). 8 Tips to Help You Disciple Your Kids. Gospel Project- Lifeway. <https://gospelproject.lifeway.com/8-tips-to-help-you-disciple-your-kids/>

## OUR VISION STATEMENT

We believe the combined influence of CHURCH & HOME will create environments for kids to experience the love and grace of JESUS! We believe that parents are the primary disciplemakers of their children.

## STAFF PICKS

PARENTING: 14 GOSPEL PRINCIPLES THAT CAN RADICALLY CHANGE YOUR FAMILY

A BOOK REORIENTING PARENTHOOD AS A STEWARDSHIP THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Small Group Launch  
Sept 8th

Parent/Child  
Dedication  
Oct 20th

### WAKE UP

AND  
WORSHIP  
PLAYLIST

([click here](#))

## READ ALONG

