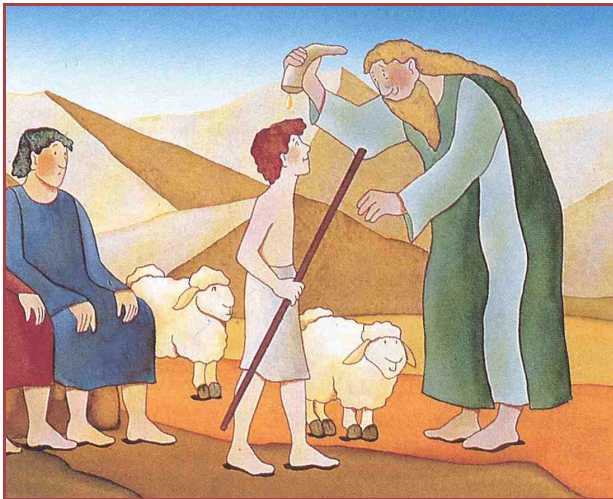


Stories of God's Calling: Here I Am, Lord!

September 12: God's Garden kicks off at 9:30 in the Temple



Welcome to God's Garden as we begin our 7th year of rotation workshops on Sunday, September 12 with the story of **Samuel**. Our focus this year will be on **Stories of God's Calling** as we encourage the children to respond with "Here I am, Lord!"

During the fall and winter months we will learn the stories of Esther, John the Baptist, Creation and the Kingdom Parables of Jesus. In the spring our Lenten focus will be on baptism and we will end the year with ways we can answer God's call to cherish and protect the earth and all of God's creatures.

Samuel, The Boy Who Listened to God

Dear Parents,

For the next several weeks your children will be learning about Samuel, the young boy who learned at a very early age to listen for God's voice and who later became one of the great priests of Israel. We will be talking about what it means

for Samuel to grow up in the temple and what it meant for Hannah, his mother, to honor her promise to God. Children will hear about Eli's role in the temple and they will be able to create a priest's breastplate of their own while we talk about the roles that priests or ministers play in our lives and what it means to be part of the "priesthood of all believers."

We also will be playing with quiet foods and noisy foods in the kitchen while we learn that we need both noisy conversation and quiet reflection time in our own lives. This story provides a great opportunity for you to talk with your children about the places and times when you yourself find it easiest to be still and listen for God's presence in your life.

In the drama rotation the children will act out the story with puppets, have popcorn while watching the animated story of Samuel in the cinema and they will play active games in the gym as they listen for God's call to them. All this adds up to a very exciting God's Garden rotation unit and we hope you will plan to have your children here as much as possible.

Samuel, The Boy Who Listened to God

Workshop	Sept 12	Sept 19	Sept 26	Oct 3	Oct 10
Art	3	4	5	1	2
Cinema	5	1	2	3	4
Games	2	3	4	5	1
Drama	4	5	1	2	3
Story/Cooking	1	2	3	4	5

THIRD GRADE BIBLES

OCTOBER 17TH

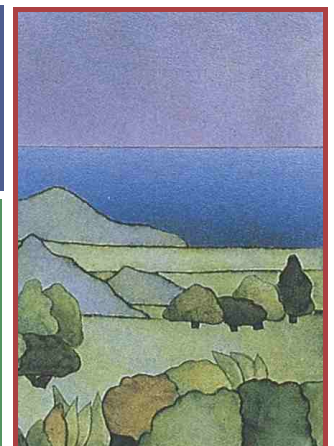
3rd Graders will receive their own copy of the Children's Contemporary Illustrated version of the Bible on October 17 during the worship service.

OFFERING

Children are encouraged to bring offering to the Temple each Sunday morning. Envelopes are located on the table in the stairwell landing outside of the God's Garden Temple. Please feel free to take a small supply home.

TEACHERS FOR THE SAMUEL ROTATION

Art Susan and Kevin McCarter
Cinema Tobie and Jeanne Steele
Drama Sandi Walthall and Jessie Nattaradol
Story/Cooking Kathleen McLain and Patricia Potter
Games Robin Johnston and Cristi Shore



SHEPHERDS FOR THE YEAR

- 1st Grade.** Laura Pridemore, Ann Marie Huston, Suzanne Chomiczewski, Jamie and Rick Jonas
2nd Grade. Susan Merritt, Ellen Thomas, Will and Allegra Hinson
3rd Grade. Amy Jarrett, Nancy Clare Morgan, Billie and David Hawkins
4th Grade. Porter Merrill, Mary Lou Buck, Alan and Betsy Peterson
5th Grade. Cindy Clemens and Marcy McClanahan with Dave Warlick, Ann Hester, Lydia Skardon and Charles Johnson
Shepherd Subs. Anne and Rick Sherley, Ann Hester, Charles Johnson
(any grade)

***Please thank them and consider helping by being a sub or on a team!
We still need 2 more shepherds for 2nd and 3rd grade and 1 more for 1st grade.
Call Sharon Doar at 704.334.7232 x18.***

News Flash!

Early Childhood Ministries and the Elementary Department are walking/racing together – please write in “Elementary” for the sponsor affiliation when you register – see you there!

Big Red Shoe 5k & Festival

Saturday, September 11, 2010



RONALD MCDONALD
HOUSE OF CHARLOTTE

hosted by

THE
Cornwell Center

at Myers Park Baptist Church



- 8:00 am 5k Run start
- 8:05 am 5k Walk start
- 9:00 am 1k Fun Run/Walk
- 9:30 am Awards Presentation
- 9:00 - noon Festival & Celebration

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