



On the Job Meditations for Moms

The following thoughts were featured on the blog, *Thriving Home*.

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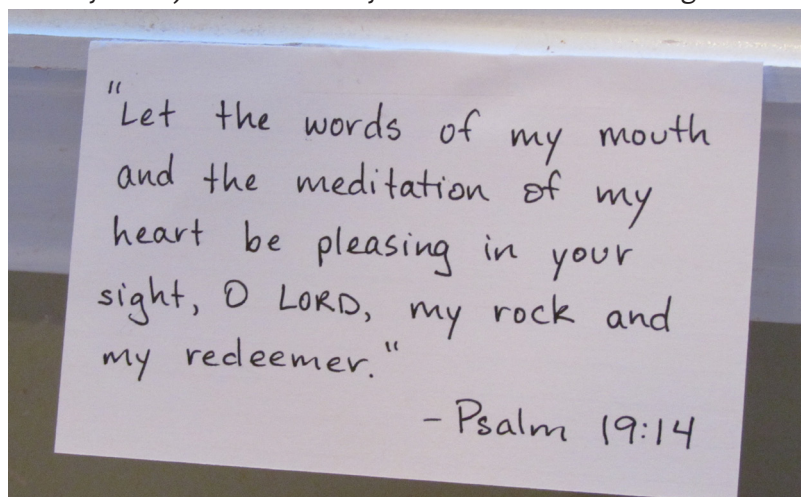
A dark, short silhouette hovers over you and whispers "Mommy. Why are you still asleep?" You mutter a dry throat grunt in response, while your hand searches the end table for your glasses forged in 1999. Once your sight is restored, you eye the glowing green numbers of the clock...6:05. It's no use sending him back to bed. He'll just wake up his sister at this point. Then, you hear the baby through the monitor. And, so the day begins.

What about that "time before the kids get up" you were going to spend reading your Bible? Remember, you were going to get perspective and grace and patience and wisdom for the day ahead. Oh that? Ha, ha, ha, my young mom friend. Long gone.

I've had more days begin like this than I can count for the past few years. Good intentions of getting up early to read and pray turn into changing diapers, nursing a baby, making breakfast, and brewing coffee before I know it. Thankfully, I've had some dear friends advise me to get creative in meeting with God during these "little years" of parenting. They've encouraged me to fit in Bible reading, praying, and worshiping in sneaky ways if needed. (Hmm, strangely sounds like my theory of exercising right now too.)

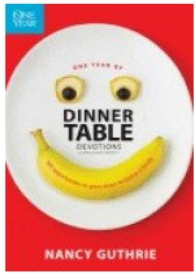
One way to commune with God that has worked for me has been to write out a Bible verse or two that I need to impress on my heart at the moment. Then, I place it in a highly visible spot. Below is the one over my kitchen sink currently (pay no attention the grime caked on my walls). As I wash my hands and dishes throughout the day, I find myself praying these words and simultaneously renewing my heart and mind with truth. Truth that helps me get the grace I need to parent and serve my family well.

I have several mom friends that I look up to and who are trying to serve God and their families. I thought it would be cool to see what they were meditating on during their days of parenting. Perhaps you can find a few moments for on the job meditation on some of these verses or your own today. It amazes me how one minute of looking up instead of down (at the dirty floors or fighting kids) can change your whole perspective.



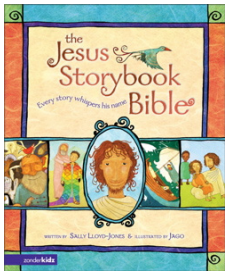
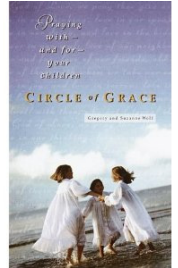
Resources for Parents!

Lent has begun! If you are not doing any regular devotions with your family, like Advent, Lent is a great time to get into a routine of devotions together. Children, no matter how little or big can be a part of spiritual growth together as a family.



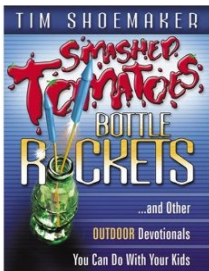
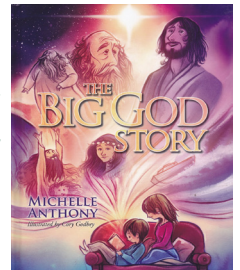
One Year of Dinner Table Devotions and Discussion Starters
by Nancy Guthrie

Circle of Grace; Praying with and for Your Children
by Gregory and Suzanne Wolfe



The Jesus Storybook Bible
by Sally Lloyd-Jones

The Big God Story
by Michelle Anthony



Smashed Tomatoes, Bottle Rockets, and other Outdoor Devotionals
You Can Do with Your Kids
by Tim Shoemaker

Bulletin Board

- Save the dates for some important events coming up in the life of our church:

Get-Out-N-Serve: March 24...will include projects designed for children to serve

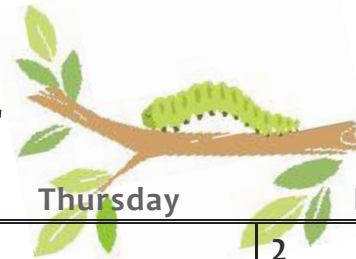
Spring Churchwide Fellowship Event: April 28





BRAVE Art Camp for girls: June 25-29

VBS 2012: July 16-20

- If you have kids in the Toddler and Preschool room's don't forget to check the blog for their weekly lessons and this month's memory verse.

March 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Preschool Dance Class 5:00 - 6:00 pm Every Monday	Women's Bible Study w/ childcare 9:00 - 11:00 am Every Tuesday		1	2	3
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<div data-bbox="403 1332 1153 1460" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Now recruiting volunteers for Summer 2012! If you are interested please contact kids@christcommunitychurch.com</p> </div>				<div data-bbox="1384 1225 2094 1423" style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px;"> <p>Saturday, March 24 8:00 am - Noon Get-Out-N-Serve Day Come serve in the community! There will be projects designed for children to serve. Watch for more details in the CiA.</p> </div>		

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