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Hello All!

One of my favorite scenes of Jesus' life is Jesus surrounded by little children. Many different artists have painted this scene. They are all very similar with Jesus holding a child and other children around him. His face is bright, and he is smiling.

Children bring a whole new perspective to faith. They are innocent, tell it like they see it, and want love and understanding. A child's faith is based on experience but mostly on blind trust. They trust parents, grandparents, teachers, and others who are part of their world. They cannot tell about the presence of God in words but they somehow know God is there.

This week we are hosting our Vacation Bible School. Our children are excited to learn about God through songs, stories, science, games, prayer, fun, and relationships. On Monday, they learned new songs through movement and singing. Well, a couple of the songs were actually old hymns that most of us know yet with a new tune and movements. They learned the story of Elijah and the priests of Ba'al in an active way that they will not forget. They did science experiments about sound waves and how we cannot see sound waves, but they are there. We cannot see God but God is there. The children loved it! We cannot wait for the other lessons of the week.

It is such a sacred act to teach our faith to the next generation. *From Psalm 78, ⁴ We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. ⁵ He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children; ⁶ that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children ⁷so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments; ⁸ and that they should not be like their ancestors, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God. We must tell our children about God and the wonders of faith.*

Join me this week in praying for our children, youth, teachers, and helpers during Vacation Bible School and you will be part of a long standing tradition of passing on our love of God.

Many blessings,

Pastor Cindy