

Dear Children's Ministry Parents,

As I hope you've heard, we have canceled our Children's Ministry Activities due to the COVID-19 virus. We are moving to an online children's ministry during this time to reach both your child and you at home. Shepherd of the Hills will not be hosting any ministry gatherings at Shepherd of the Hills during this time. You can find Shepherd of the Hills response here at [Coronavirus Update #2 \(3.16.20\)](#). There will be more updates by Pastor Steve and the Shepherd of the Hills ministry teams as time continues and we learn more.

The resources in this letter – like the YouTube channel and google drive – will be added to day by day during this time. Please be patient and check these resources often! Sadly, we will go from bustling Sunday mornings with lots of children to empty rooms. But God is still God, and the Spirit of the Lord knows no boundaries! Our relationship with God and with each other does not rely on Sunday mornings, or any specific time or place. In fact, I believe this will be a wonderful opportunity for us to partner together in the common goal of raising up disciples of Jesus Christ. We will be walking you through each day so you can learn more about how to care for your child(ren) spiritually during this time. There has never been a better time to focus on Jesus' Words and start putting His Words into action! We will also communicate with you as soon as we know when we can go back to meeting together physically!

We will be using the daily/weekly bible stories and lessons for this family ministry experience!

Here is what you can expect from the children's ministry moving forward:

1. We will continue children's ministry through online resources.

- **Daily MWF Videos:** Snack Time with Jess -- I will do live videos at 11am on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday with a daily bible story, activity, and challenge for families to do.

Link to the YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL_LMOX_bCWfsMltOqIF_55KdvUuOsV0fL

- **Resources and Activities:** There will be resources, activities, coloring sheets, etc. being added to the google drive throughout this time! Check back often to see what new activities, resources, and videos there are!

Link to the Google Drive:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1WBI6RvpYEL8xrfBXYWT8Boy5UOX2zX5h>

-**Weekly Family Sunday School:** We will be bringing Sunday School to your home. This will be provided for you so that you and your family can enjoy that bonding time together with things around your house to grow in faith with bible stories and questions. I will be sending out weekly emails -- as well as uploading it to the google drive.

2. We will encourage spiritual conversations at home and provide resources for you as a parent.

We all struggle with being busy. There will probably never be another season when we all have so much time on our hands. We want to maximize the opportunity! We will continue to add to the google drive parent resources we find beneficial including conversation and anxiety guides for children amid the pandemic.

3. We will pray for you and care for you as a part of the family of God.

We know anxiety is high. We know everybody's life is severely disrupted. We are praying for your physical, spiritual, and emotional health. We are praying for your family to experience peace amid this storm. Please let me know how we can pray specifically for your family.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

In His Love,

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