



House of Faith

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Taking JESUS to neighborhood children, youth, and families

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God's Word: Life's Road Map

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I spent many of my adult years traveling for work. Travelling was usually by car and through areas not so familiar at times. I would pull out my atlas and make sure I knew my route...yes, my atlas, a book of roadmaps. Sincerely, technology has brought us so far and I am grateful, but in the days that I needed my roadmaps, I was so grateful for them and how they helped me know where to go to reach my destination for every trip.

As you may recall, we gave age-appropriate Bibles this past Christmas to our children and youth and...to every family! This was a joy for us to point the entire family to the importance of being in God's Word. One gift included with the Bibles was a "How to Read Your Bible," guide.

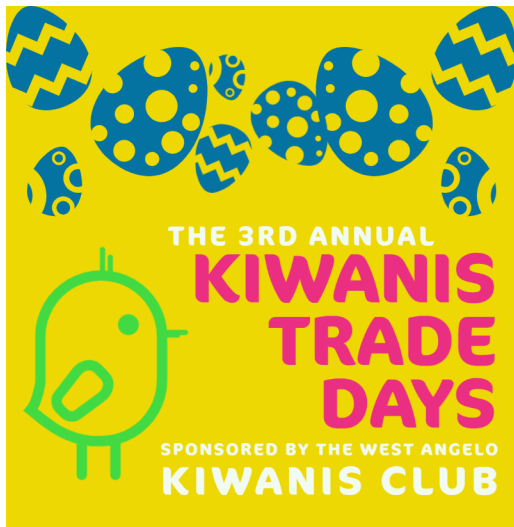
I know if I were to pull out an atlas today, there would be a guide to using it, but honestly the best way to learn how to use an atlas is to actually open it and start mapping! For our students and families this is the same when it comes to their own Bibles; to find your way, you have to use it! Learning about the table of contents, what the big numbers mean and what the small numbers mean and how to look up things in the index are things that are best done by practice and that is what we are doing!

We are in the middle of a 5-week series at our 321 youth program called "Bring Your Own Bible." We have had interactive lessons each week. One week the youth sat in their assigned small groups by grade with their own or a borrowed Bible. What a sight this was! All 95 students in the room had a Bible open and ready to use. Youth Team staff, Bailey Schmitz, gave a walk through the Bible from cover to cover, and our amazing adult leaders helped students learn to look up the verses Bailey was highlighting. Students would volunteer to read the scriptures they had just looked up, and this is what got me! I was overwhelmed by

the pages of scripture turning in the room, students excited to be finding the scripture that was referenced, but most of all, the eagerness of students wanting to be the ones to read out loud. What a joy to hear our students reading the scriptures to their peers out loud. We know God's Word is truth and life to us and it is the road map to direct our lives. Watching our students put into practice studying God's Word has been so powerful. In addition, our Family Bible Study has started studying the book of Philippians, and our children go home with a verse card each week that tells them how to also find the story we taught them that week in their own Bibles.

But the truly happy person is the one who carefully **studies** God's perfect law that makes people free. He continues to **study** it. He listens to God's teaching and does not forget what he heard. Then he obeys what God's teaching says. When he does this, it makes him happy. *James 1:25 ICB (International Children's Bible)*

Praise God for how our children, youth, and families are learning to study their Bibles! Please join us in praying for God's Word to come alive in their hearts and for them to follow His road map for life!



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321 Family Game Night

April 1

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April 14-16

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