



MUMS Newsletter

Next Meeting January 6th

Topic and Speaker: God Doesn't Waste Hard - Gwen Traficant

Resources for kids



From Eden to Bethlehem By Danielle Hitchens

This board book is full of colorful and engaging illustrations and uses key animals from the Old and New Testaments to tell the story of the Bible from the fall to prophecy to Incarnation. This book is part of the **Baby Believer Series**.



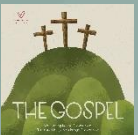
Sounding Joy By Ellie Holcomb

Ever wondered what JOY sounds like? Through beautiful Christmastime scenes, this book encourages each reader to lift up their voice and repeat sounding joy! Check out Ellie Holcomb's children's song, **Sounding Joy**, written as a companion to this book.



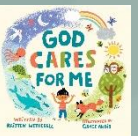
His Grace is Enough By Melissa Kreuger

This book shows kids the reality of sin and our inability to fix it on our own - But Jesus can! Children (and us parents reading it!) will learn that God's grace is enough to cleanse and change them every day!



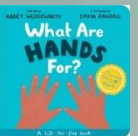
The Gospel By Devon Provencher

This is the first book in the **Big Theology for Little Hearts Series**, and gives littles ones a foundational understanding of the gospel through engaging illustrations and concise definitions.



God Cares for Me - By Kristen Wetherell

Part of the **For the Bible Tells Me So Series**, this book shows our littles ones God's love and care for the things he has made, especially them!



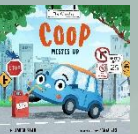
What Are Your Hands For? - By Abbey Wedgeworth

Part of the **Training Young Hearts Series**, this is a lift-the-flap book that helps train kiddos how to appropriately use their hands. The littles love the interactive part and it is easy to remember the verbiage to recall when little hands need training.



Seek and Find: The First Christmas - By Sarah Parker

This *Where's Waldo* meets Highlights magazine hidden picture books but telling the story of the first Christmas. There are additional versions with the Old Testament and New Testament as part of the **Seek & Find Series** - By Sarah Parker



Coop Messes Up - By Sarah Reju

When disciplining and helping our kiddos learn about their own sin we sometimes need to remember what forgiveness and God's love looks like. This fun book in the **Wheelies Series** does just that. AND bonus, the author is local to the DMV.



Meg is Not Alone - By Megan Hill (*giveaway at December Meeting*)

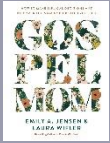
"With easy-to-understand language and colorful illustrations, this children's book highlights Jesus's command to "love one another," showing kids ages 3-7 that God has provided the local church to be their loving community."

The Importance of Not Forsaking Fellowship – Leanne Reid

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Resources for moms (books and articles)



Gospel Mom - By Emily Jensen & Laura Wifler (*giveaway at December Meeting*)

Just released in October 2024, from the author's of **Risen Motherhood**, this book is designed to help moms grow in having a Gospel lens in their mother.



ESV Devotional Studies - Fruit of the Spirit or Prayer Journals

Why wait for January to create new habits? Crossway has published two great resources for digging into Scripture in a BEAUTIFUL and approachable way through their **Prayer Journals** and their **Fruit of the Spirit Devotional Journals**.

The "Plus One" Approach to Church By Kevin D. Young

This is a concise and well articulated article that provides a practical way to start getting more connected into the local church. Kevin D. Young shares a way to think through what it would look like to feel more connected and to create a relationship with your local church.

My Parents Put Worship Above Sports. I'm Thankful. By Luke Engstrom

Many of us are nowhere near the season where sports are played on Sunday, but maybe some of us are considering Wednesday night activities for our littles. This article is thoughtful and prompts good conversations to begin early regarding the conflict between activities and church, especially before our kids are emotionally involved or we ourselves are.

Does Your Church Need to Repent for the Nursery? By Dan Crabtree

As our kids move beyond the newborn years and the toddler years, we begin to think about what it would look like for our littles to join us in church. This article, by IBC Pastor Dan Crabtree, discusses the when and the why to consider starting to have your kids in church.

Are Sundays Good for Babies? By Megan Hill

An article we've shared before in MUMS, but still very much applicable and encouraging. The title speaks for itself.

Listen ~ **Teach Your Kids to Love the Local Church**

Recorded at the Gospel Coalition Women's conference in 2021, Megan Hill provided five practical tips about how to help your kids grow in their love for the local church. Hill also provided some practical ways to consider helping your littles learn to sit in the big service.

Listen ~ **Episode 166 | "Big Church," Taking Initiative, & Overcoming Shyness**

Ginger Hubbard is the author of several parenting books, as well as the practical tool we've given away at MUMS before called "Wise words for mom." In this clip from her podcast, "Parenting with Ginger Hubbard", she addresses the question, "Does taking your younger kids into Sunday morning service feel like a losing battle?" With some practical AND thoughtful advice.



Tables 5 and 6 have dessert covered for January meeting
A sign up genius is in your email if you haven't signed up yet!



Next MUMS Event: Open Gym Cafe
January 11th at 10am
IBC Gym (check email for evite to RSVP)



Upcoming Event: Women's CoffeeHouse
February 7th at 7pm
Tickets are available now for \$10