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How It Works

The Tru Fire Story
Large Group/Small Group Edition

Schedule

Explore
Small Group
10 minutes

Discover
Large Group
30 minutes

Respond
Small Group
15 minutes

Bless
Small Group
5 minutes

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Overview //

Tru Fire Story:

- Reveals God's incredible plan to elementary-age children and invites them to be a part of it!
- Helps leaders, children, and their families connect to God, find their place in His Big God Story, and respond to Him through the power of the Holy Spirit. Every Tru Fire lesson, resource, and product is created for this purpose.
- Focuses on this truth: The Holy Spirit is God's chosen teacher.

  The Holy Spirit makes spiritual growth and formation happen when and as He chooses.

  Our role, as ministry leaders, volunteers, and parents, is to create space for the Holy Spirit to meet with our children.

  Tru Fire lessons provide information about the role of the Holy Spirit—how He moved in the lives of Bible people and how He wants to move in the lives of believers today.

  The Tru Fire team has taken care to emphasize the importance and benefits of being filled with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4.

Lesson Overview

Sample Service Timing	Minutes	Experience/Lesson Section
9:00–9:10	**10**	EXPLORE **Small Group** (Check-in) • Activity Options
9:10–9:40	**30**	DISCOVER **Large Group** • Welcome & Traditions • Remember Verse • Connect: Question and Activity • The Big God Story • Worship as Response
9:40–9:55	**15**	RESPOND **Small Group** • Reflect Questions • Reinforcement Activity • *Small Group Enhancements* are also available.
9:55–10:00	**5**	BLESS **Small Group** • Bible (for the Blessing) • *At Home Weekly*

On the following pages you will find more information about each of these lesson segments.

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Building a Tru Fire Team

Tru Fire Story is designed to be used by a team of volunteers working together to minister to kids. Choose the roles best suited to each of your volunteesr. Here are the roles we suggest:

AV Technician (large group)**:** This person facilitates the "behind-the-scenes" aspects of programming, including sound, lighting, slides, etc. The AV Technician makes sure things run smoothly and is willing to help with anything—including stepping into any of the other leader roles.

Host (large group)**:** The Host welcomes kids into the large group room, may run Explore activities, and introduces the storytelling time. After worship response, the Host dismisses kids to their small group rooms. The Host offers the same spirit of hospitality, generosity, and inclusiveness to the kids that the host of a party would offer to guests at his home or gathering.

Small Group Leader (small group)**:** The Small Group Leader engages the kids in fun activities and games, shepherds them through questions about the day's portion of The Big God Story, helps them create remembrances of their experience, and blesses them before they leave. Ideally, a Small Group Leader works week after week with the same group of kids; this way, the leader gets the opportunity to develop a lasting relationship with each child.

Storyteller (large group)**:** The Storyteller shares the day's portion of The Big God Story in a fun, engaging way. He encourages kids to follow along in their Bibles and gets them interacting with the narrative. The Storyteller leads out of an overflow of his own life, telling personal stories as prompted and guiding the kids into a time of natural worship response.

Worship Leader (large group)**:** The Worship Leader facilitates individual and corporate worship by listening to the direction of the Holy Spirit and inviting others into the worship experience.

Lesson Preparation

Personal Spiritual Preparation: Each week you'll find three encouraging articles that help leaders prepare their hearts to present the lesson. See the Inspire, Equip, and Support information below.

Inspire: The Inspire section of the lesson is where individuals share some of their personal stories of how God has worked in their lives. You'll hear from parents, members of the Tru Fire team, and practitioners just like you. Our hope is that God will use this inspiration to prepare your heart to hear from God's Word and His Spirit so that you will be able to minister from the overflow of your life as you begin to prepare for each week's lesson.

Equip: The Equip section is designed to give you more insight into the portion of The Big God Story you will be exploring with the kids each week, in addition to offering suggestions and sharing context. The philosophy behind this is to equip you with the biblical framework of the lesson and enhance the children's learning experience.

Support: This section provides personal reflection and assessment through encouragement, prayer, and personal spiritual transformation in God's Word. The role of the Holy Spirit is primary here as you look to Him for wisdom, comfort, and guidance to prepare your heart to present each week's lesson. You'll also look to Him to make spiritual formation happen in both your life and the lives of your kids.

In-Depth Lesson Information: See the following Lesson Components pages for specific information about each individual lesson segment and how to best utilize that time to disciple children effectively.

Remember and Celebrate Sundays: Twice a quarter (usually Lessons 6 and 13), Tru Fire Story lessons pause to help kids review and reinforce what they have learned. These Sundays are designed for fellowship and fun as well as for reviewing God's Big Story. (See separate Remember & Celebrate How It Works document.)

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Lesson Resources

Each lesson has resources unique to that lesson. Those resources are listed with their related activities. The following additional resources are available for use in many different lessons.

- Tru Fire Master Timeline with Characters
- Tru Fire Story Scope and Sequence
- Big God Story Character Cutouts
- Big God Story Timeline Grid
- Big God Story Timelines with Characters
- Master Timeline
- Explaining God's Salvation Plan to Kids (includes Salvation Path)
- The Plan of Salvation (for kids)
- Helping a Child Receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit
- Baptism in the Holy Spirit (for kids)
- Tru Fire Promotional Posters
- Tru Fire Clip Art
- Tru Fire Logo Pack

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Parent Resources //

At Home Weekly

At Home Weekly is a parent resource with each week's lesson, providing life-changing ways for your parents to intentionally create space for God to meet with their families. This resource is designed to help your parents intentionally spend time in God's Word with their children before they come to church each week. The best part: Parents are first to introduce their kids to the Bible content they'll hear at church. In this way, the church is supporting parents as they spirtually nurture their child. *At Home Weekly* can be e-mailed out to parents or printed and distributed.

We recommend *Fire Bible for Kids* for families with young children. (See below.)

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At Home Weekly is designed for you to use during the week with your son or daughter. You'll find out what they learned today at church and can help them prepare for next week by exploring the theme (or Ponder Point) and spending time together in God's Word.

WHAT WE LEARNED THIS WEEK

PONDER POINT: GOD GUIDES AND PROTECTS

Pillar of Fire and Cloud

Exodus 13:20–22; 14:19–20; Numbers 9:15–23

God gave the Israelites a pillar of fire and cloud to guide them and protect them. The cloud by day and fire by night demonstrated that God was present with His people. God led them through the desert, showing them where to go and where to camp. When the Israelites needed protection from Pharaoh's army, the pillar stood between God's people and the Egyptian army, giving light and courage to the Israelites in front of Him and providing darkness for the pursuing Egyptians.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD DESIRES RELATIONSHIP

Ten Commandments

Exodus 19—20

God wants the best for His people. After delivering the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, God wanted His people to discover how to live well as free people. So God gave His people the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai. These commands, few enough in number to be counted on both hands, are the basis for healthy and peaceful relationships with both God and man.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

• Of the Ten Commandments, the first four commands focus on relationship with God.

• The last six commands focus on our relationship with one another.

• As the laws stood, they only brought knowledge of sin. God knew this, so He sent the Holy Spirit to enable us to obey the law that He writes on our hearts (Hebrews 8:10).

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

At bedtime, **read Exodus 20:1–17** (*Fire Bible*, pp. 91–93). Share that just as your family has guidelines, such as a set bedtime, God gave His people guidelines to live by too. Ask your kids to tell you which commandment stood out to them. Share with them which one stood out to you. Also share that these commands pointed the Israelites toward worshipping God as the one true God. Remind your kids that the Holy Spirit helps us to worship God as the one true God. He empowers us to live for God.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

• Why did God give His people the Ten Commandments?

• How can we love God?

• How can we love others?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about God Desires Relationship into your everyday life as a family.

REMEMBER VERSE

The Remember Verse focuses on a character trait of God that's highlighted in next week's portion of The Big God Story.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6

BLESSING

Blessings are often used in the Bible. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may you rejoice in the knowledge that God loves you and offers you a relationship with Him. May your life display to others the great things He has done for you.**

For more information about blessing your child, go to myhealthychurch.com/trufire. And for more creative ideas on spiritually leading your family, visit HomeFrontMag.com.

The Fire series connects kids with the Fire Bible for Kids. This Bible is packed with extra study notes to help kids learn about and experience a Spirit-empowered life. Fire Bible for Kids is available at MyHealthyChurch.com or your

Fire Bible for Kids
(available for purchase)

This Bible makes reading God's Word fun. Fun illustrations and kid-friendly notes and illustrations make this Bible a perfect fit for families with children. For more information go to myhealthychurch.com/trufire.

HomeFront Magazine
(available by subscription)

This monthly resource equips families with practical ideas for creating fun, spiritually forming times in their homes, setting aside a sacred space for family in the midst of their active, everyday lives. Each issue features articles and activities focusing on everything from marriage and family to recipes, crafts, and a blessing. This isn't about doing more; it's about framing the things parents naturally do while creating space for God to work.

As the new issue becomes available each month, you may choose to print them for families or encourage them to visit www.HomeFrontMag.com to subscribe for a print or digital copy.

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Lesson Components

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SMALL GROUP SECTION

Explore //

Children engage in fun, creative activities designed to pique their curiosity about the day's portion of The Big God Story.

The Vision for EXPLORE

Small Group Leaders

As your children come into your room, you're inviting them into a place where they'll explore the mysteries of God within the faith community. What could be better than welcoming them into this atmosphere with an experience to pique their interest and immediately draw them in? This is what EXPLORE is designed to do.

Isn't it fun to anticipate something or watch a movie you've never seen before? The activities offered during this time will not necessarily be overtly connected to the Bible narrative because we want to spark curiosity and engage the children before revealing the whole storyline.

Have fun with this time, and whether you do it in a large group setting or in small groups, be sure to connect personally with the children. Remember to model the activities for the kids so they know what to do, but then let them venture out on their own. Ask open-ended questions as you go. This is a great opportunity to welcome kids into a safe atmosphere where people care, where there are interesting things to do, and where there is space for them to be intrigued by God.

Programming Note:
The activity option in EXPLORE is designed to take place during your check-in time. Your time frame may range from five to ten minutes, depending on your church's facility and service-time setup. You can choose the option provided or add an idea of your own.

This section is also created to be flexible according to your facility. If it works best to direct kids and their parents to individual small group rooms for this time, set up activities in each room. And if you check kids directly into your large group space, arrange your EXPLORE activities accordingly.

Encourage parents to join their children in the activity. This helps with transition, introduces parents to the lesson, and supports parents as the primary nurturers of their children's faith.

Allergy Alerts

Throughout the lessons you'll see items marked with a yellow diamond. These are items we're flagging as potential allergens. Before using these items in activities or potentially exposing children to them in your room, be sure to check with parents as they drop off their children. You may want to post a sign noting the items that will be served or used in activities for that week's lesson. If you're able to post allergens ahead of time, parents will be able to provide alternative snacks or materials for their children as necessary.

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LARGE GROUP SECTION

Discover //

Children participate in discovering God's Word through Bible Verse memorization, interactive storytelling techniques, and worship as response.

The Vision for DISCOVER

Host/Worship Leader/Storyteller

The DISCOVER section brings all the children together as a large group for Traditions, Remember Verse learning, getting-to-know-you activities, a creative storytelling of the day's portion of The Big God Story, and a time of responding to God in worship. Take five minutes to open your DISCOVER time by engaging in Welcome and Traditions.

Traditions and Remember Verse

After everyone gathers as a large group, open with Traditions and the Remember Verse.

Traditions

During *Traditions*, you're helping the children work toward a common goal and giving them mementos to celebrate accomplishments such as memorizing the Remember Verse, inviting friends to church, or bringing their Bibles. If you already have a common-goal Tradition in your program, we encourage you to continue it here as part of the large group experience.

Mementos can be any object, but some examples include rocks, marbles, gum balls, and connecting blocks. Once the children receive their mementos, have them put the objects into a clear container or add them to a structure they're building. If you have multiple services, use separate containers or building stations for each service. Once the kids fill their container or finish their structure, hold a celebration! (For an example of a structure perfect for common-goal Traditions, see the instructions for building a Rock Wall in the Appendix.)

After Traditions, if you have time, choose one or two child volunteers to share praise reports, testimonies, or funny or intriguing events. Or lead the kids in singing familiar worship songs with corresponding motions.

Remember Verse

Each month's Remember Verse focuses on a character trait of God that's highlighted in The Big God Story. Scripture memorization is a spiritual discipline, so we've carefully selected verses we feel disciples of Christ, even the youngest among us, are able to understand and memorize to contribute to our spiritual maturity. Year after year, kids, parents, and leaders will build a foundation of Scripture that will help define their faith (memorizing one verse per month in order to effectually know core verses, rather than not mastering dozens).

(Provided in the lesson resources are a video animation of the verse, a verse image that can be printed or projected, and Remember Verse cards for you to print and send home each week along with the *At Home Weekly*.)

Connect

Connect gives children time to laugh, play, and enjoy one another's company. Engaging questions, energizing games, and creative activities encourage the members of your community to get to know one another. Invite the children to ask one another the provided question—or one of your own. Encourage them to branch out and ask someone they may not know. After a minute or two, ask several children to tell the group their friends' answers. The Connect Question slide is located with the Resources.

Then move into the Connect activity to further engage the children. A slide is provided with the Resources. Further supplies may be needed for the activity.

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The Big God Story

Storyteller

Ponder Point

Each Big God Story lesson begins with and is centered around a Ponder Point, or statement, about God. An example is, "The Lord Will Provide." As you prepare and teach, keep this focus in mind. Help children discover who God is, how He was at work in the Bible, and how He is at work today. Help them discover that the God they read about in the Bible is the same God today.

The Vision for The Big God Story

In The Big God Story segment, a Tru Fire Story lesson shares portions of the Bible in the context of their original chronological storyline. The goal is to keep the smaller story in the context of God's grand narrative, which has the thread of salvation at its core. Over the past 80 years or so, "Christian Education" has tended to tell Bible stories in isolation and often failed to tell the bigger story where God is central. Instead, Moses is the key figure one day, Noah is the key figure the next, and Jesus is the key figure another day. By putting each story in context of the main story—God's big story—we begin to elevate Jesus, the Redeemer, to His rightful place in the storyline.

It's beautiful to know that God, the Author of the story, is still writing it—and it includes all of us! If we consistently tell kids The Big God Story and help them to see the bigger story that has been lived out for thousands of years, they have the privilege of catching a glimpse of the wonder of it all: who God is, His plans to redeem us, and how He has chosen a part for each of us to play. A way to bring this concept home each week is by beginning the storytelling by playing that week's Timeline animation provided with the Resources.

The importance of The Big God Story is that it demonstrates how much God loves kids and wants to know them. Teach from a Bible so kids understand what they're hearing is from God's Word and is true. Kids will learn from the beginning with the creation story, on through time in a clearly linked, sequential way, that God has been working throughout history. And the great news is He is still working today!

Prayer of Release

Before you get into the main portion of what you'll storytell each day, begin with a prayer of release. A prayer of release allows children and leaders to pause, be still, release distractions, and ask the Holy Spirit to quiet their hearts and minds. Before you pray, you might ask the kids to hold out their hands, palms up, in a spirit of releasing their worries and distractions in order to better receive what the Holy Spirit might have for them today. Then encourage the kids to quiet their voices, take a seat, and pray with you.

Storytelling

Storytelling is the perfect time for your team to pull out all the stops in creating a captivating atmosphere for kids to engage with the narrative. Whether it's dimming lights, incorporating sound effects, projecting images on a screen, using movie clips, or just being a vivid storyteller, these things can lead to kids being impacted by God's Word in a completely new way. Although great efforts are made to incorporate multiple storytelling techniques and resources into each lesson's telling of The Big God Story, each leader should make the narrative their own and be intentional about preparing and storytelling from an overflow of what God is doing in their own life. It's a great opportunity to impact the next generation with God's transforming Word.

Take time to familiarize yourself with the lesson so you'll be able to share it with confidence. The text provided is meant as a guide for what to share with your children and will be much more engaging for them if the storyteller is freed from reading it aloud. Invest in preparation so you can share naturally and with enthusiasm. Feel free to adapt your storytelling to the needs of your ministry. Add props, adjust lighting, and move around to keep children engaged. Encourage all your leaders to model an interest in what is being shared; the kids will pick up on an atmosphere of excitement. Have fun and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit to make the lessons come alive.

Storytelling Videos

Optional storytelling videos are available each quarter. You may access these videos with your lesson Resources. You may want to play the video at the beginning of The Big God Story, or determine a place to show it during the storyline.

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Worship as Response

Storyteller/Worship Leader

After you've learned something amazing about God, what do you feel like doing? Worship Response invites children to explore that question. Whether it's by writing a prayer on the Prayer Wall, worshipping through music, listening in the silence, or speaking Scripture out loud, this is the kids' time to respond to God personally. The worship as response time in large group varies from week to week. Some weeks children will respond in worship through music, while other weeks are designed for more specific interactive expressions of response. This time is intended for children to freely express their worship as the Holy Spirit leads them.

This is when we give the Holy Spirit time to transform His kids. As children think about how what they've heard has impacted them, the Holy Spirit has space to move and touch each child. The way the kids reach out and respond to God allows them to truly meet with Him. It's about the encounter—not just the information. Make plans for your worship time, but prepare yourself and your team to hold them loosely if the Holy Spirit leads the group in a different direction. Try to create an atmosphere without expectations. This may mean pausing for what feels like an uncomfortably long time after you ask a question. It may mean spontaneously prolonging a time of singing or carrying on a discussion that seemingly has little to do with your curriculum notes. Be flexible and sensitive to how God's Spirit is moving in your group. You will most likely be blown away by what He does with and through your kids.

Salvation and Baptism in the Holy Spirit

As children respond to the Holy Spirit, they may wish to make a salvation decision or seek the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Tru Fire provides *Explaining God's Salvation Plan to Kids* and *Helping a Child Receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit* to help leaders talk and pray with children. Also provided are resources to send home with the child: *The Plan of Salvation* and *Baptism in the Holy Spirit*.

Worship Response Stations

Worship response stations give kids the opportunity to worship God corporately and individually. In addition to stimulating godly worship and praise, response stations also spiritually affirm who the kids are in Christ, further developing their awareness that they too are a part of The Big God Story. There are endless designs for creating spaces that encourage and support spiritual formation and response. You will find examples of worship response stations in the Appendix or go online to www.myhealthychurch.com.

You may choose to have them as fixed or mobile features in your large group space. Having several response stations throughout your room, will create sacred space by giving kids enough room to respond without being hurried. You may also want to display the stations during REMEMBER & CELEBRATE weekends.

As a leader, part of your role is to help the children understand the freedom they have to choose how they're going to respond—whether that's encouraging, modeling, or leading them into participation. When inviting them to participate at the stations, be sure your tone remains the same as it is when singing and praying, and doesn't transition to that of a directive voice.

Worship Response Station Ideas

See the Appendix for Worship As Response Stations ideas.

Partner Church Comment: To help create a more reverent atmosphere, start dimming the lights at the beginning of this time of response. Changing the lighting within your gathering space will help the children quiet themselves, allowing them to more easily engage in this time of worship. *(With thanks from The Gathering)*

IT'S OKAY IF ... Help kids understand that God speaks to us in many ways—mostly through His Word, but also through prayer and other ways including people. Encourage them to ask God for the ability to hear His voice, but also give them the freedom to know that it's okay if they do not always experience Him in the ways that other people do.

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SMALL GROUP SECTION

Respond //

Children reflect on what the Holy Spirit is teaching them and respond through creative activities and games.

The Vision for RESPOND

Small Group Leaders

The opportunity for response continues as kids break into groups for small group RESPOND. Here, children can share openly about their personal thoughts and experiences in a relational setting.

Reflect Questions

With Reflect, the kids will discuss questions based on what they just heard in The Big God Story. They'll also be encouraged to look up the corresponding Scripture passages in their own Bibles. Tru Fire Story lessons provide two sets of Reflect questions. Direct your kids to the set of questions that are the best fit for their age and spiritual maturity. Although the questions start out similarly, older kids will enjoy being challenged to go deeper with discussion questions and will spend more time investigating Scripture for themselves.

Reflect Activity

With the activity, kids will respond further to what the Holy Spirit has been teaching them. Sometimes they'll create individual pieces of art they can take home. Sometimes they'll work on group art pieces that stay in the room as reminders of what they discovered about God. It's a time for creating a meaningful reminder or physical expression of what God is doing within them. As they create, allow kids to share freely about their personal response times with God. Lead them in a time of reflection about what God is doing in their hearts. You may want to display these projects during the upcoming REMEMBER & CELEBRATE weekends as a physical reminder of time spent responding to God.

Small Group Enhancements

Corresponding to each week's lesson, with the Resources you'll find optional Small Group Enhancements. These additional games and activities are provided along with questions to assist you as your small group continues to go deeper in its exploration of how God was working in that particular part of The Big God Story. The types of enhancement activities rotate quarterly and include things such as Classic Games, Drama Options, Finish the Sentence, Twenty Questions, and Build It. Be sure to check out what additional supplies or materials you may need for these if you find you have time in your schedule to include them.

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SMALL GROUP SECTION

Bless//

Children receive a blessing from their leaders and sometimes one another. A blessing may be prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

The Vision for BLESS

Small Group Leaders

Every Tru Fire lesson concludes with a blessing. This is a time for parents and leaders to speak truth over and into children's lives. The children have just had the experience of encountering God and His Word; the idea of the blessing is to bless them and what God is doing in them. Allow them to receive this. It's also important for kids to understand the concept that everything that comes from God is a gift to us. As the blessing ends, remind the kids they can freely share with others the joy, love, truth, and grace they've received from God. As they've been blessed, they will in turn be used to bless others.

To help kids feel comfortable with the concept of blessings—and some may have never been blessed or rarely receive words of encouragement—explain that a prayer is talking to God while a blessing is speaking to a person. Each Tru Fire lesson ends with the biblical concept of blessing so the children leave from the strength of being encouraged and built up with Godly words of life and truth spoken over them. (Though the lesson places BLESS at the very end, you might prefer to bless your kids after the worship response portion of large group DISCOVER. Find what works best for your group.)

There are many ways to physically express a blessing over your children. You will feel more natural the more you bless. Also, the more intentional you are about your blessings, the more powerful they will be. Ask you leaders to be sure to model how you envision the blessing working in your church so your volunteers, children, and parents feel confident doing them.

This time of blessing provides another great opportunity to integrate your use of the Bible into the worship experience, reinforcing to the children that these words come straight from the Word, God's Word. Be sure to send home the *HomeFront Weekly* with the kids each week, or better yet connect directly with parents, so they'll have time with their families in God's Word, preteaching the content, before the children return to church. This is also an opportunity to send home the Remember Verse cards.

Ideas for Ways to Bless

- Encourage the children to hold their hands open as if cupping water, in a posture of receiving—expecting to hear and receive from God.
- If parents are able to join in at this time, suggest they put their hands on their child's head … or kneel and look him in the eye as they bless him. Always make parents feel welcome during this time; encourage any early arrivers for pickup time to come and join.
- Try a call-and-response activity, where you as the leader pronounce a short blessing over the children and have them repeat it back to you several times.
- Have the kids assemble in a circle, say the blessing to the child on your left, and then have that child turn and repeat it until it spreads one by one around the entire circle.
- Encourage parents to continue to bless their children throughout the week.

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Appendix: Discover Traditions //

Rock Wall

Common-Goal Tradition

The Rock Wall can be used as part of your church's common-goal Tradition. Children receive rocks as their weekly mementos and put them in the clear encasement of the Rock Wall. Follow the instructions below to make your church's own Rock Wall.

Supplies

- 1½' x 4' sheet of OSB (oriented strand board) or plywood
- 2" x 2" wood trim (8½')
- 1½' x 3½' sheet of Plexiglas
- wood screws
- saw
- bolts
- drill
- sandpaper

Instructions

1. Cut the wood trim into six pieces—two pieces 1½–feet long and four pieces 3½-feet long.
2. Screw the wood trim to the bottom and sides of the OSB to form a three-sided frame. Make sure the trim is flush against the OSB.
3. Place the Plexiglas over the trim and drill holes where you want to attach the bolts. Then secure the Plexiglas with the bolts. If any trim sticks out beyond the Plexiglas, cut it off. (Note: It might be easier to cut off this excess trim at Step 3, *before* you screw down the Plexiglas.)
4. Sand any rough edges, and then attach it to the wall (so it won't fall over).

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Appendix: Worship Response Stations //

Prayer Place

The altar is a sacred place to interact with God. On them we offer sacrifices of prayer, giving to God our praise, our needs, and ourselves. Altars are not just for adults. They are sacred places for children too. Reserve a corner of your room for an altar space. You don't need to have an actual physical altar. However, this part of the room should be reserved specifically for prayer.

Three important reasons to have an altar space in your room is for children to receive salvation, for children to seek and receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and for children to receive prayer for specific needs.

Make the Prayer Place available to kids during Respond. One or more adults should be available in the Prayer Place to pray with children. Be sure these adults are spiritually mature and are comfortable and knowledgeable about praying with kids to accept salvation, receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, or to agree with them in prayer for special needs.

Prayer Wall

The Prayer Wall physically represents the prayers of the faith community. Kids and parents write or draw prayer requests on sticky notes or small squares of colored paper and secure them to a corkboard, magnet board, whiteboard, or other memo board. Another option: Using a simple frame, small nails, and string, create a web effect (see photo to the right) and have kids tie strips of cloth or pieces of ribbon to the web to represent their prayers. Use colors of fabric or ribbons to correspond to different types of prayers—for example, prayers for your church, prayers for your city, etc.

Prayer Journals

Children and parents express their thoughts and prayers by drawing or writing in journals or notebooks. You can make the notebooks available at the Prayer Wall or create a separate station or box called Prayer Journals.

Blessing Wall

Similar to the Prayer Wall, the Blessing Wall encourages kids and parents to express their gratefulness to God for His blessings in their lives by writing or drawing on sticky notes. Then they stick the notes to a designated wall, poster board, or whiteboard. Consider creating the outline of a particular shape on the wall or board (such as a heart or cross) and have the kids stick their notes inside it.

Encouragement Cards

As an act of worship and service, kids and their families write notes of encouragement, love, or affirmation to one another, their friends, and others. Cards can be colorful index cards, leftover blank greeting cards, or handmade cards with the words "An Encouraging Note" at the top. Create an Encouragement Cards station or box with these cards and some pencils or pens.

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