

Devotion & Activity
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Hello wonderful Families!

What's happening in your neck of the woods? Sometimes there's joy right under your nose like these snowbears my neighbor made. Photocredit D. Blecharczyk StPierre.



What creativity and fun! Making something together is joyful family work.

Devotion & Activity:

*Lectio Divina Activity: (*Lectio Divina is an ancient spiritual practice meaning divine or holy reading. Adapt this practice based on individual child and family needs. [Open explanation here](#))

Read this week's scripture from Isaiah aloud as a family. Act out or encourage little ones to act out the animals like the grasshopper and the eagle. Spend some time as sponges absorbing the images and strength as we learn about God's awesome power, knowledge and love. When you hear the word "known", touch your hand to your temple with your fingertips. When you hear the word "hear" cup your outer ear to listen deeply. It's okay to be playful as a way to go deeper with scripture. The gesture for victory and surrender is two hands high above our heads. Our God is an awesome God source of our strength and healing. It is good to give thanks to God.

Isaiah 40:21-31

40:21 Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

40:22 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;

40:23 who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

40:24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

40:25 To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

40:26 Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

40:27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

40:28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

40:29 He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

40:30 Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

40:31 but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

What does it mean to wait for the LORD? We can pray, dance, sing and create always listening for God's still small voice to guide us to greater understanding, connection, compassion and joyful healing.

Consider taking and sharing some fun family photos and sharing with our church family. I can put them in our next email or newsletter.

Yours in Christ,

LeeAnne