

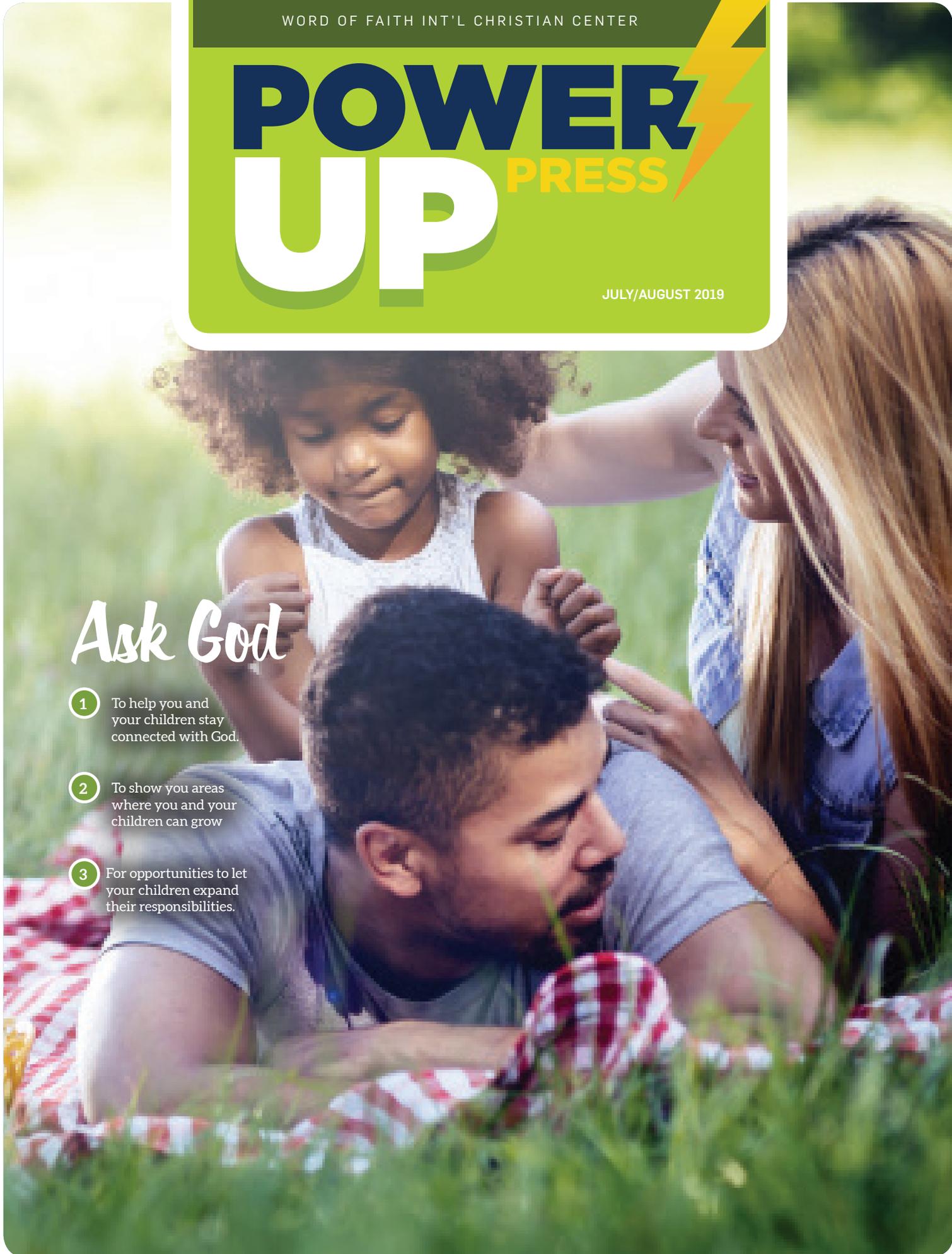
WORD OF FAITH INT'L CHRISTIAN CENTER

# POWER UP PRESS

JULY/AUGUST 2019

## Ask God

- 1 To help you and your children stay connected with God.
- 2 To show you areas where you and your children can grow
- 3 For opportunities to let your children expand their responsibilities.





## Kick the Summer Slump!

It's summer, which means kids are out of school and schedules and routines go out the window. Kids stay up later, sleep in longer, and look to you to fill their days with stuff to do.

As our summer schedules relax, it's easy for kids to lose their focus and fall into a summer slump. They're not engaging their brains as much as they were during the

school year. And while breaks are healthy, it's not good for kids to completely disengage for months at a time. According to research, kids typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the summer.

Coinciding with the drop off in academic activity, your kids' faith growth can also fall

into a summer slump. Summer vacations and relaxed schedules may mean families aren't sticking to personal devotion times and regular church attendance too. But there's good news! The effects of the summer slump are less pronounced in kids whose families intentionally engage their kids with growth opportunities.

## Intentional Engagement

Keeping your kids focused and engaged translates into their spiritual growth, too. Intentionally involving your kids in faith conversations, sharing your wonder at God's creation while visiting the zoo, or simply praying together daily will keep their spiritual minds sharp and expanding. You are the #1 influencer in your child's spiritual lives. Take the summer as an opportunity to keep learning—and growing—together.

So how can you integrate intentionality into your family's summer routine? Here are easy ideas to choose from. Some may be things you're already doing, but with an added twist. The important thing is to make it a great time of growing closer together and closer to God.

**Adopt a neighbor.** If you have a neighbor who's elderly or a single parent, that person might be struggling to keep up with yard work. Consider tasking your kids with helping out by going over once a week to pull weeds, water, or plant flowers. After they have completed their work, talk with them about what they experienced that day and why lending a hand to others is something Jesus wants us to do.

**Keep coming to church.** Let's face it, regularly attending church services and being engaged in our local church helps us become stronger Christians. Children (and adults) need to be fed spiritually and need to exercise their faith. Bring your children to weekly services, Vacation Bible School and

other church activities. Then ask them what they learned and talk through practical ways to live that out.

**Go for a walk.** Look for and talk about God's creation. It is indeed spectacular!

**Have a movie night.** Look for and talk about biblical truths you see—and don't see—in the film.

**Show hospitality.** Invite your children's friends over for dinner and games. Your family might be one of the only stable influences in a child's life, and your home could be an oasis for that child who needs it.



## Kidz World Lesson Topics



Check out what your child is learning in **July** and **August**!

Our Teeny Towners are continuing to develop the Fruit of the Spirit in their hearts. During **July**, we are learning about the Fruit of Goodness. God is good to us all the time. He expects us to be good to others like Ruth was to Naomi. When we show others his goodness, He blesses us! Our memory verse is taken from Galatians 6:10 "...do good things for everyone."

For **August**, we are focusing on the Fruit of Faithfulness. Just like God was faithful to protect

Daniel while he was in the lions' den, God protects us as we are faithful to follow His Word. When we follow God no matter what, our Memory Verse says in Psalm 31:23, "The LORD protects the faithful."

Lights, Camera, Action! The Bible is full of real-life adventures that are way better than any movie that was ever made! During July and August, K-5th graders will learn about the beginning of time up to the days of the Early Church through the lens of God's Word. We are going to have a reeling, good time!

### K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Weekly Lessons



## JULY 2019

#### JULY 7 "The Beginning"

We were all born in sin and need a Savior.

#### JULY 14 "The Flood"

God loves us and will never give up on us.

#### JULY 21 "The Exodus"

God uses imperfect people.

#### JULY 28 "The Kings"

Jesus is the King of kings.



## AUGUST 2019

#### AUG 4 "The Prophets"

The prophets shared God's promise of the Savior.

#### AUG 11 "The Manger"

God's answer to our sin problem was a tiny baby.

#### AUG 18 "The Tomb"

Because Jesus lives, we can have eternal life.

#### AUG 25 "The Church"

I will take my place in God's Church.

Make sure your child doesn't miss a service!

# UPDATES AND REMINDERS

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**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVED DURING THE CONVENTION!!**

*You were a tremendous blessing!*

- **VBS starts MONDAY, JULY 8<sup>th</sup>. The South Entrance Doors open at 7:30 a.m. for Check-In**
  - ROAR! VBS is Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> - Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per child and includes a field trip to the Detroit Zoo on the last day. Registration will be available at the door - **CASH ONLY & EXACT CHANGE PLEASE**. All children who have completed K4-5<sup>th</sup> Grade are welcome! Word of Faith Membership is NOT required.
  - **PLEASE:**
    - Make sure all your child's belongings are clearly labeled with their first & last names.
    - Send your child to VBS with a lunch packed in a clear, gallon size Ziploc Bag. Place their first & last names on the bag along with their last grade completed.
    - **NO NUT OR SEAFOOD ITEMS.**
    - **Bring a Friend!**
  - If you Pre-registered by June 30<sup>th</sup>, please go directly to the Express Check-In Line.
- Be a part of the VBS experience! If you are available to assist before or during VBS, join us for our final meeting on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Ark.
- Promotion Sunday is September 1<sup>st</sup>. All children 4 years old – 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be promoted to their next grade in Kidz World. Please, do not promote your child before this time.

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