



1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12



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Bible Verse

Colossians 3:13

13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Life Skills Class

Our Wednesday night Youth Life Skills classes with Tom are back!

Come out for fun, fellowship and maybe even a little learning about topics important to you.

7:00pm every Wednesday night only at LWA! Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 10/4/15



Hello Chris

This week, we started by talking about how sometimes our choices can have a negative impact on a relationship much greater than we might expect as we looked at Adam and Eve's choice and how it negatively impacted our relationship with God.

We briefly reviewed last week's lesson about how God created the universe and everything in it. We said that there is no reason to believe that life in Eden was anything other than a perfect paradise yet we agreed that is not the way it is today. Something happened in **Genesis 3** that would negatively impact mankind's relationship with God. Fortunately, God already had a plan to make things right again.

In **Genesis 3:1-7**, we saw that the serpent (Satan) used deception and the twisting of God's words to lead Adam and Eve to doubt God's intentions and disobey God's command to not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

We noticed that the first thing that happened is that they felt shame because they were naked and for probably the first time ever also felt fear and tried to hide from God.

We also noticed that the very next thing that happened was that Adam blamed Eve for what happened and actually even blamed God for giving her to him. Then Eve blamed the serpent for deceiving her.

We said that the two typical human responses when we do something wrong is to try to hide what we did and then, once we're caught, we blame somebody else for our actions.

We then looked at God's response and noticed that while there were still Earthly consequences for what they had done, God showed grace and mercy toward Adam and Eve. God didn't simply just give up and abandon them. In **verse 15** God even foreshadowed His plan to make us right with Him again.

God made garments for them and while forbidding them to eat from the tree of life may at first seem like a punishment, it was actually God's love for them that He could no longer allow them to live forever in sin eternally separated from God.

We then took a closer look at **Genesis 3:15** and saw that God foreshadowed that one of Eve's offspring (Jesus) would crush the serpent's (Satan's) head or destroy Satan and his plans while Jesus would only be wounded (strike His heel) or be resurrected (defeating death, the ultimate consequence of sin).

In His grace and mercy, God already had a plan to fix our relationship with Him before we had even broken it. This shows us God's amazing love for us that even though we rebel against Him, God always had a plan to rescue us from our sin.

We then took a look at what grace actually does in **Romans 5:21**. We said that when we do something wrong and experience grace in return, it causes us to strive to do better in the future. God's grace not only saves us from our sin but it also empowers us to live life the way God wants us to in the future.

We finished with a challenge to look for an area in your own life where you may have rebelled or sinned against God. Then, focus on God's amazing unconditional love and how God's grace and forgiveness for that rebellion can motivate you to pursue righteousness and live the way God wants you to in that area of your life.

Join us next time as we look find evidence of God's Grace, Love & Mercy in the story of Noah.

Upcoming Events

Harvest Night, October 24th

The Youth will be selling drinks to raise funds for future activities. We will also host a "selfie photo booth".

Please sign-up in the Youth Room for a time you can help run either of the booths or set-up or clean-up. Also, let us know if you have any ideas or can help create backgrounds, props, etc. for the photo booth.



Winter Jam 2015 Promo

Winter Jam - Nov 6th!!!

Get your tickets now! for Winter Jam 2015 coming on Friday, November 6th. Ten great Christian bands all on one stage. This year we are going VIP. Ticket price is \$30 pre-paid only.

A <u>limited number</u> of group VIP tickets have been purchased and are now available from Chris or Michelle in the youth room for \$30 each (cash or check).

Concert is Friday, November 6th. **We will be leaving LWA by 3:30pm as a group.**

Our VIP tickets get us early admission for the best seats as well as a Q&A session with the artists & more!

Follow **THIS LINK** for a list of artists performing.

FX15-BeU Youth Conference!

Mark your calendars now for the biggest most exciting FREE Youth Conference ever!

November 12th through November 14th at Living Word in Mesa

Lots of fun activities for Junior High and High School students with amazing guest speakers and performers each day. Invite all of your friends!

More details to come...Mark your calendars now!

Check out our **Facebook Page** For more information!

"Glow" Mini Golf

Mark your calendars for a fun night of indoor "glow" mini golf on **Saturday, November 21st**. More details to come.

Bible verses referenced in this lesson: Genesis 2:15-17, Genesis 3:1-24, Romans 5:18-21

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

Chris & Michelle Miller 1 Youth Ministry

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