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Grades 7-12



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Bible Verse

Luke 2:13-14

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,
14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth
peace to those on
whom his favor
rests."

Foster Care Gifts

The foster care director was excited and VERY grateful for our Christmas gifts for the teens.

She is also looking into letting us start

Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 12/21/14

Hello Chris



This week, we talked about kindness. We said that kindness was a fruit of the Spirit which means it is something that should grow out of our life as we live according to God's Word.

We talked about kindness as an action and then looked at **Colossians 3:12** where it says that we should "clothe ourselves with kindness". It tells us that kindness should not be just a single action that is completed and forgotten but should be something that we wrap all around us and wear all day long.

We looked at kindness in our Words, in our Actions and in our Attitude. It's easy to be unkind with our words but we learned it is just as easy to be kind with our words. All we have to do is take a moment to think about what we are about to say and if it's not kind, then just don't say it.

We also learned that it is just as easy to be kind with our actions by taking a moment to think about whether what we are about to do is kind and if it's not, then just don't do it.

We agreed that the hardest thing to do is to always have kindness in our attitude. When someone gets on our nerves or is unkind to us, the last thing that we are thinking about is being kind to them but it is the one thing that we should be thinking about. Having kindness in our attitude is the most important because it will help lead us to kind words and actions.

Job 6:14 tells us that if we're not being kind to those around us, we are disrespecting God. As Christians, we are lead to live a Christ-like life as an example of Jesus to others. We said that we may be the only example of Jesus that some people ever see and how we treat others speaks to others about our faith in Jesus.

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a "pen-pal" program between our teens and the foster teens.

Life Skills Class

Our Youth Life Skills class with Tom is every Wednesday night at 7pm for all Youth grades 7-12.

Don't miss these great lessons that you can immediately apply to your own every day life.

Youth Band

Please continue to work on your songs on your own.

We'll start up again with regular rehearsals in the new year.

When someone is unkind, we can't possibly know what they are going through or how our kindness to them may positively impact their life. It can never hurt to be kind to someone but it CAN definitely hurt to be unkind to someone.

We said that being kind to others may not be the easiest thing to do but it is ALWAYS the right thing to do. When we have trouble being kind to someone, we can always ask the Holy Spirit to help us because God wants us to be kind and to share His love with others. We may even sometimes hear the Holy Spirit specifically telling us to be kind in some situations where we may not feel like being kind.

We then talked about how kindness is contagious. When we are kind to others, it tends to cause them to be kind to others as well. Being kind also makes it easier to be kind until we don't even have to think about being kind and we are clothed in kindness all day long.

We also said that the more kindness that we show, the more kindness we will receive. Being kind to others even makes us feel better when we're having a bad day because it takes our focus off of our problems and puts it on sharing God's love with others.

Our challenge this week is to be kind to someone and see how it makes us feel. If that person is someone who happens to have been unkind to us, it's even better.

Next week we'll do some review of our past year in 1 Youth and answer any questions you may have about past lessons.

Upcoming Events

Coming up some time in the Spring of 2015 - Join us when we go see the movie "Do you Believe?" opening in Spring 2015, followed by an overnight **"lock-in" at LWA**. More details to come. Check out the official trailer below.

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Bible verses referenced in this week's lesson: Colossians 3:12, Job 6:14

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed and very Merry Christmas,

Chris & Michelle Miller
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