

# 1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

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## Bible Verse

### Ephesians 4:29

29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

## Community Service

The LWA Youth, along with several adult volunteers provide an ongoing monthly community service project with the Department of Child Services (DCS).

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month we meet at **10:00am** at the DCS offices located at 1201 South Alma School Road (on the SE corner of Alma School and Southern Ave.

We typically spend about an hour or so

## Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 1/22/17

### Greetings!



This past week, we talked about how sharing the Gospel is like planting seeds. We first looked at **Matthew 28:18-20** where Jesus commands us to go and make disciples of all nations. We said that many Christians hear Jesus' commands but few actually do what

He says to do.

We talked about how sharing our faith with others can sometimes be discouraging when we don't see results and said that we may be getting discouraged because we don't fully understand the process.

To help examine the process of spreading the Gospel, we looked at a couple of parables that Jesus tells using seeds as a metaphor for God's word.

In **Luke 8:5-15** we learned that sharing our faith may not always produce fruit. An important part is how ready the recipient is to actually receive God's word. We said that many times we may find that our purpose may not be to actually plant the seed but to help prepare the soil (heart).

In **Mark 4:26-29** we see that the farmer does not plant just one seed and expect results but scatters many seeds. We also find that it takes time for the seed to produce fruit (sometimes we may not even see the results).

The most important thing we see is that once the farmer plants the seed, he goes about his business in faith that the seed will grow. The farmer does not dig up the seed every day to check to see if it's growing. How or even if the seed grows is out of his control. He simply prepares the soil, plants the seeds, and then waits leaving the results up to God.

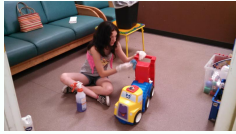
When we share the Gospel, we have no control over the results and they are not even ours to worry about. Our duty is to plant the seed and leave the rest up to God. Like we said before, we may be called to prepare the soil or help nurture the seed or remove weeds but the process of growing to produce fruit is completely in the hands of God.

One thing we can know for sure is that if God calls us to plant a seed it will always accomplish everything that God intends for it to accomplish according to God's plan and in God's time. The important thing for us to remember is to not be discouraged if things don't seem to go as we think they should, they will always go according to God's plan.

We finished by talking about how we can prepare the soil to accept the seeds we are called to sow. As always, we look to Jesus as our role model for everything we do. We looked at just one example of how Jesus made a disciple out of Matthew who was a tax collector, the most hated and despised trade among the Jews.

cleaning the family visitation rooms and the toys that the children play with while they are there.

Please join us and be a part of this blessing we bring to these children, to their families and to the tireless workers at DCS.



### Life Skills Class

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

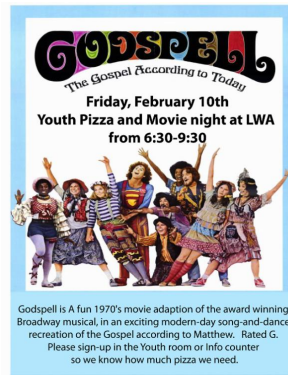
Don't miss these great lessons that you can immediately apply to your own every day life.

Jesus did not judge Matthew, He didn't even tell him what he was doing was wrong or to stop doing it. Jesus did not speak poorly about him when others were. He simply invited Matthew to follow Him.

Jesus **ACCEPTED** Matthew just as he was and He **LOVED** him despite who he was. If we Accept others regardless of who they are and Love them despite who they are, we help prepare their hearts to receive God's word. It is not our job to save anyone (only God can do that). Our job is to simply plant the seeds and leave the rest up to God.

Next Sunday we'll be talking about faith. See you then!

## Upcoming Events!



**Pizza and a Movie  
Friday, February 10th  
6:30 to 9:30 at LWA.**

"Godspell" is a fun 1970's movie adaption of the award winning Broadway musical, in an exciting modern-day song-and-dance recreation of the Gospel according to Matthew. The movie is Rated G.

Please sign-up in the Youth room or the Information counter so we know how much pizza we need.

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## Kingdom Youth Conference

When: Friday & Saturday, February 17 & 18

Where: At Living Word Mesa Campus.

Cost: \$25 per person

Speakers and live music.

Register at [www.livingwordconference.com](http://www.livingwordconference.com)

See [www.kingdomyouthconference.com](http://www.kingdomyouthconference.com)

for more information

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## Personal Care Items Drive:

1 Youth is now continuing to collect "Personal Care Items" for the teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the two bins just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

Whenever you're out shopping for your own personal care items such as soap, deodorant, tooth paste, feminine hygiene items or when you see the "travel size" shampoo, mouthwash, etc., pick up a few extra items

and drop them in the bins.

Help share God's love by letting these teens know that somebody really does care about them.

**Bible verses referenced in this lesson: Matthew 28:18-20, Luke 8:5-15, Mark 4:26-29**

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

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