

# 1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

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## Bible Verse

James 4:11

11 Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it.

## 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 3/13/16



Greetings!

This week we started by talking about Nehemiah and the rebuilding of Jerusalem. We saw how Nehemiah remembered and trusted God's promises and with the hand of God upon him, he was able to help rebuild Jerusalem.

We saw how Nehemiah prayed to God and pleaded with Him to keep His promise to bring His people back together in the land He had chosen. We saw God's influence in King Artaxerxes to help Nehemiah with the resources he needed and Nehemiah giving all the credit to God.

When the wall was completed they had great celebration of thankfulness and joy

We talked about what it must have been like for the people to only hear about the promised land and Israel as an independent nation but to never have lived it. We said the people had likely lost hope and thought God had forgotten about them.

The rebuilding of Jerusalem brought the people of Israel a renewed hope in God and in the covenant He made with Israel to be their God and dwell with His people in the land promised to their ancestors.

We then turned to Revelation 21 to see John describing heaven as a very real physical reality. A place with no death, no tears, no mourning, no pain. A place where all things will be made new and where God will dwell among His people.

We said that God promised His people that they would dwell in a land where He was their God and they were His people

and He would dwell with them. We found that John's description of Heaven seems to be the ultimate fulfillment of that promise.

We finished with a discussion about how everything we struggle and suffer with are all temporary and will be made right in eternity with God as it was in the beginning.

We remembered that when we focus on our problems or even on finding solutions to our problems on our own, it takes our focus away from eternity with God.

When we keep our focus on God, no matter how bad things may seem at the time, it brings us peace just as with Daniel in the lion's den. It changes our whole perspective on our purpose in this life and it brings God's peace to our heart.

Join us next time as we continue our series on seeing the Thread of the Gospel throughout the bible with our final lesson in the Old Testament.

## Upcoming Events!

### **THIS SATURDAY - March 19th - CPS Community Service**



Our monthly community service at Child Protective Services will be Saturday, March 19th. We meet at LWA at 9:30am and return after lunch. Please call 602-684-1820 or email us with any questions.

### **Friday March 25th, Good Friday Movie: God's NOT Dead**

For those who missed the first awesome movie, God's NOT Dead, or if you'd just like to see it again, join us in the Children's Church at 8:00pm AFTER the Good Friday service for a special showing on the big screen.



### **Saturday April 2nd - God's NOT Dead 2**

When a high school teacher is asked a question in class about Jesus, her reasoned response lands her in deep trouble and could expel God from the public square once and for all.

Join us on Saturday, April 2nd to go see the New God's NOT Dead 2 movie in it's opening weekend! We will meet at LWA and go as a group. Cost, Theater location and times TBD.

**PARENTS:** If you would like to go see this movie with us and help chaperon, please let us know ASAP.

### Movie Trailer



#### **Bible verses referenced in this lesson:**

Let us know if you have any questions. **Nehemiah 1:3-11, Nehemiah 2:1-5, Nehemiah 2:11-18, Nehemiah 12:27-40, Revelation 21:1-8**

Have a blessed Week,

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