

1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

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FAITH BAPTISM
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Bible Verse

Ephesians 6:11

11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

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 3rd Saturday of each month we meet at 10:00 am 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 cleaning the family visitation rooms and the toys that the children play with

Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 3/26/17

Greetings!



Last week we started by discussing good and evil. We found the Biblical definition of evil to basically be anything that goes against God. We said that while it's sometimes difficult to know for sure, we generally felt that we know the difference between good and evil most of the time.

We looked at **Isaiah 5:20** and talked about the seriousness of calling evil good or good evil.

We asked why would we call evil good knowing the consequences. We looked at Jesus' response to the young wealthy ruler in **Mark 10:17-18** and said that Jesus was basically saying that man's standard of what is good is different from Jesus' standard of good. Man bases his standard of what is good or evil on the world's standards while Jesus' standard of good is based on God.

We looked at **James 1:16-17** to get a better idea of Jesus' standard and saw that everything good comes from God. Not some good things or even most good things, EVERYTHING good. That means that ANYTHING outside of God must be evil. In other words, there is absolutely nothing good that is outside of God. That seemed to make it easier.

Then we looked at **Proverbs 14:12** and clearly saw that there are ways that may appear to be right or good but in the end, they lead to death. To us it may seem to be good but to God it is evil.

That may seem scary, especially going back to what **Isaiah 5:20** said, but thankfully we found in **Hebrews 5:14** that we can train ourselves to distinguish good from evil. We train ourselves by "constant use" of God's word.

We then went back to the very first time evil appeared and wondered how Satan was able to get Eve to go against God in the Garden of Eden when she lived in a perfect paradise in a personal relationship with God and having everything she could ever possibly need without even asking. How could Satan possibly cause Eve to defy God in such a perfect environment?

We summed it up in one word, **DOUBT**. Satan was able to cause Eve to doubt the wisdom of God and believe she knew better.

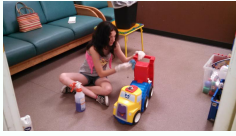
Satan starts in **Genesis 3:1** by getting Eve to focus on the one thing she does not have rather than on everything God has given them. Also, since Eve got her information from Adam rather than from the word of God, she adds her own words saying she must not touch it or she will die.

God never said anything about touching the tree or the fruit but this gave Satan a "foot in the door" and he was able to twist what Eve believed to be God's words. He twisted God's words to imply a physical death and told Eve that she certainly would not die, contradicting God and implying that He had lied to her.

In **Genesis 3:5** Satan also says the phrase "**for God knows**" which implies God

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.

Young Adult Service

Our weekly young adult service, lead by Jake, is every Thursday at 6:30pm for ages 18+.

Join us for Worship, a great lesson, fellowship, and donuts!

There will also be monthly activities as well as mission opportunities.

is hiding something from them. Eve sees that the tree is 'good', 'pleasing', and 'desirable'. Satan has succeeded in twisting God's character and in convincing Eve that God is keeping something 'good' from them.

There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.
[Proverbs 14:12]

To make matters even worse, when Eve touches the fruit, she does not die (just like Satan told her) which makes her not only doubt God's wisdom even more but also to actually even trust what Satan says.

We asked if Satan could deceive Eve into calling evil good and good evil when she lived in such a perfect environment with goodness all around, how much easier is it for us to be deceived living in a world full of sin?

The answer is it's VERY easy and Satan even uses the same method on us today that he used on Eve. He even tried to use the same method with Jesus but of course it didn't work then. Jesus kept His focus only on God rather than what He didn't have. He knew God's word and God's character and He even used God's word against Satan's temptations.

Jesus trusted God and had absolutely no doubt in God's wisdom which is what allowed Him to beat Satan. Being a man full of the Holy Spirit, just as we are, Jesus shows us that we can also do the same thing and successfully beat evil by knowing and using the true word of God against Satan and his temptations.

We finished by looking at **James 1:5** and saw that whenever we find ourselves unsure or lacking in wisdom in what to do, all we need to do is to ask God and He will give His wisdom to us generously without judgement.

Upcoming Events!

Summer Camp is coming!

Sign up now for summer camp at <http://livingwordonline.com/event/summer-camp/> High School is June 5-8 and Jr. High is June 12-15. Each camp is \$199.

Camp is a time to have a truly divine experience with God that you will remember for many years to come. Veteran camp leaders will be personally discipling the kids in small groups, creating an atmosphere of discovery and fun, delivering in-depth teachings and providing an amazing praise and worship experience. Of course, all of the camp fun is included as well.

Michelle is on the radio!

Listen for Michelle's new Uplifting & Encouraging Christian Talk Show live every Tuesday night from 7:00-8:00pm only at www.centralcityradio.com/king-fm

or listen to previous shows anytime at www.centralcityradio.com/walking-in-grace

For those on Facebook, look for her page: [walking in grace](#) for inspirational messages through the week.

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: Isaiah 5:20, Mark 10:17-18, James 1:16-17, Proverbs 14:12, Hebrews 5:14, Genesis 3:1-3, Genesis 3:4-5, Genesis 3:6, Ephesians 4:27, Ephesians 6:17, James 1:5

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

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