

1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12



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Bible Verse

Psalm 149:3

Let them praise his
name with dancing
and make music to
him with timbrel and
harp.

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.

Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 5/1/15

Greetings!

This week we discussed forgiveness and who has the right or authority to forgive somebody that has wronged somebody. We agreed that the only one person who has the authority to truly forgive is the one who was wronged.

We looked at the story in **Mark 2:1-12** where Jesus heals the paralyzed man. We noticed that the first thing Jesus does is to forgive the man's sins. This tells us two things.

First, the man's friends brought him to Jesus to be physically healed yet Jesus forgives the man for his sins instead. This shows us that spiritual healing (forgiveness of sins) is more important than physical healing. Being physically healed would mean nothing without first being spiritually healed.

Second, since sin is considered a "wrong" against God that would lead to God being the only one who could forgive sins. Jesus makes it very clear to everyone there, including the angry Pharisees, that He has authority on Earth to forgive sins meaning that He is God.

Jesus also physically heals the man and tells him to get up and walk, showing His authority over the physical aspects on Earth as well as the spiritual aspects.

We talked about what it was that really healed the man, both spiritually and physically, and said that it was their **FAITH (Mark 2:5)**.

All through scripture we see Jesus telling people that by their faith they are forgiven and by their faith they are healed. We said that our faith in God is a common thread that runs through the entire Bible.

We talked about the man's life **BEFORE** meeting Jesus and concluded that he was basically dead just lying on his blanket, not being able to do anything. Then Jesus forgave him and brought him to a new life.

Upon being healed, the man and his friends praised God and

told everyone about what had happened. We said this is exactly how we should react to what Jesus has done for us.

We looked at **Colossians 2:13-14** and saw that we were all spiritually dead in our sin until Jesus took it all from us on the cross and forgave all our sins to bring us to a new life, by our faith, so we could have a relationship with him.

Our response to God's grace in bringing us from death to life by the forgiveness of our sins should be to regularly praise God, expressing our thankfulness and telling everyone about what happened.

Join us next time as we continue our Thread Series when Jesus "feeds the 5000".

Upcoming Events!

LWA Summer Movie Series

LWA will be having a monthly Saturday night movie series for the Summer months. Our first movie is "Born to Win" (see below) on **Saturday, May 21st**.



Born to Win

The Youth will be selling popcorn, drinks, etc. to help raise money for upcoming Youth events. More details coming soon. Please sign up in the youth room if you can volunteer to work concessions.

CPS Community Service Saturday May 21st



Our monthly community service at Child Protective Services will be Saturday, May 21st. We meet at LWA at 9:30am and return after lunch.

Please call 602-684-1820 or [email us](#) with any questions.

Bible verses referenced in this lesson: Mark 2:1-12, Colossians 2:13-14

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

