1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12



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Bible Verse

1 Timothy 4:12

12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

Bible Study

Come check it our midweek youth/adult Bible study every Wednesday night at LWA starting at 7:00pm.

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 10:00am at the DCS offices located at 1201 South

Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 10/28/18



Last week we talked a little bit about the upcoming Halloween holiday, it's origins, traditions, celebrations, etc.

We then talked about a few Halloween traditions that we could apply to our identity as children of God.

We looked at the expectations we have when trick-or-treating and said that we expect that people will

give us candy or some other treat.

When we have expectations of people, we are many times disappointed and we sometimes end up with a rock instead of the candy that we expect. As a matter of fact, unrealistic expectations is a major reason for poor or broken relationships. But, when we have expectations of God, as His children, we are never disappointed.

With literally thousands of God's promises given in the Bible we can faithfully expect every one of them because God never changes, is always good, and His promises are always "Yes" and "Amen".

We then talked about something else that we do on Halloween. We wear costumes and masks to hide our true identity. We noted that sometimes we all wear masks that hide our true identity on a daily basis and it doesn't even have to be Halloween. We thought about what we may be hiding behind the masks we may wear.

We talked about why people wear masks and what they're hiding beneath. Sometimes we wear masks pretending to be something we're not in order to fit in, to be accepted, or even to be what people expect us to be. We hide who we really are for many reasons. Sometimes those reasons can be harmless but other times, not so much. When we base our identity on the false identity of the mask we wear, we can forget who we truly are as children of God. We can forget the power and authority that we have to get us through anything that the

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 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.

Foster Care Teens Personal Care Items

1 Youth is 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. world (or Satan) can throw our way which can sometimes lead to tragedy.

Sometimes the masks people wear hide feelings of great sadness, hopelessness, depression, or even suicide.

We said that suicide is the 3rd leading cause of teen death in the U.S. In the East Valley alone, 30 teens have died from suicide in just the past 15 months. Teens interviewed after attempting suicide often say that the reason they wanted to kill themselves was feelings of worthlessness, hopelessness, or having no value. Many times they hide these feelings from others behind a mask.

Always remember that God's Word says that you are each a masterpiece, unique, amazing, fearfully & wonderfully made, created by God in His image and filled with the Holy Spirit to accomplish God's purpose for you. You have the Power and the Authority to overcome whatever life throws at you.

Another thing that wearing a mask can do is hiding our identity as Christians. Jesus tells us that we are the light of the world that should not be hidden but should be shown to the world sharing God's love everywhere we can to bring others to His saving Grace.

If you know someone or see someone who may be hiding behind a mask or even openly showing feelings of hopelessness, despair, or depression, take a moment to show them the love of God and let your light shine on them.

So, **Take Off Your Mask**, be who you are, be who God created you to be, receive the power and authority given to you and let the world see who you really are as a Child of God and let your light shine bright on a hill for all to see.

Watch for our next event here!

If you haven't already heard, **Winter Jam** is sadly NOT coming out our way this year.

We are planning on putting together some Friday, movie nights in the near future and possibly looking into some different concerts.

Bible verses referenced in this lesson: Hebrews 13:8, James 1:17, 2 Corinthians 1:20, John 13:35, Matthew 5:14-16, Genesis 1:27-28, Mark 5:6-8, Matthew 28:18-20

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,
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