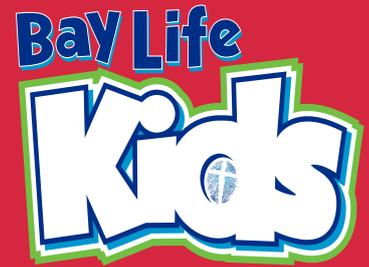


Bay Life Kid's Newsletter

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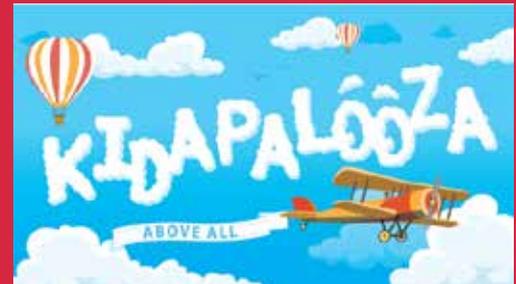
Coming Soon...

Praise Team

Next Practice 5/25

Interested?

Contact Wendy Tompkins
wtompkins@baylife.org



**Kidapalooza
is coming...**

KPA JR June 1-3 10-11:30am

KPA June 6-9 6:30-8:30pm

KPA Family Fun June 10

6:30pm

Food Trucks, Games, Worship
and Family Fun for All!

Kids First Step

Kid's First Step Classes

June 5 and June 12 at 9am

Register at baylife.org/kids

For more information about KFS
contact Betsy Lowe

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Dear Families,

School is almost out and summer is here! Growing up, summer was my favorite time of year. No school and no alarm clocks! We filled our days playing outside and taking vacations! I especially loved our family trips to New England! We stayed in an old cottage on the beach! My brothers and I would scamper over the rocks, swim in the ocean and walk the beach searching for valuable treasures like shells, rocks and weathered glass. Every year I would find the perfect rock and kept it as a reminder of my favorite place in the world! Truthfully, the rocks were fun to collect, but they were no substitute for the real thing, me walking on the beach with my feet in the cold Atlantic Ocean.

On Sunday we read in 1 Samuel, how Eli's sons attempted to use the ark of the covenant like a "good luck charm." God had given Israel the ark to remind them He was always with them. The Israelites fought against the Philistines and lost, leaving them to ask if God allowed them to lose? In their next battle, the Israelites decided to take the ark into battle with them, in hopes "it" would bring them victory. However, they lost again and thousands of Israelites died, including Eli's two sons. In this battle, the ark of the covenant was taken by the Philistines! The Philistines quickly realized the ark itself did not bring good luck and they returned it to the Israelites. As believers, our hope is not in physical things, like the ark. For those who are in Christ, our hope is placed solely in Jesus, who really lived, died and rose again so that one day we will spend forever with Him in Heaven.

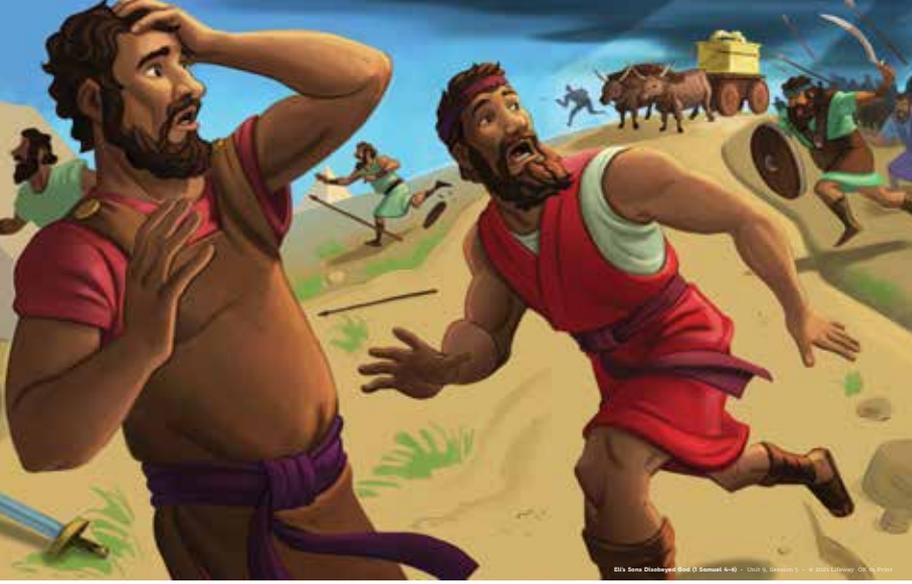
Betsy Lowe

Bay Life Kids Pastor

The Gospel Project @Home

Check out ways to disciple your family during the week based on Sunday's lesson.

@Home includes worship, Bible story videos, activities and more. Email Rebecca at rartienda@baylife.org



Eli's Sons Disobeyed God

The ark of the covenant was a physical reminder of God's tangible presence with his people. Rather than treat the ark with reverence, they treated the ark as a sort of good luck charm. In our Bible story today, we see what happened when the ark was taken from the people of Israel.

Except in times of war or when the people of Israel were on the move, the ark was kept in the holy of holies in the tabernacle. Once a year, a priest would approach the ark and sprinkle blood on the mercy seat on the ark's top for the forgiveness of the people's sins. The ark and what it represented was temporal and pointed forward to the substantial reality of God who would come and live among His people.

When we realize that Jesus lived a perfect life and then died in our place, we see that Jesus is better than the ark because He is always with us. We are filled with thankfulness.

Jesus is better than the bulls and goats whose blood was sprinkled on the ark because His sacrifice is once, for all time (Heb. 10:10). This should move us to worship.

Finally, we should be humbled and filled with confidence when we realize that Jesus, who lived perfectly in human flesh, died and then was resurrected and ascended into heaven where He, in His glorified human body, prays for us.

This should give you confidence in this life that no matter what we face, God's Holy Spirit is with us. The Son is interceding for us. Because Jesus stands between the Father and us, we can "approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us at the proper time" (Heb. 4:16). We can go before God daily because of Jesus.

Check out The Gospel Project At Home for resources designed to help you lead a family worship experience as well as suggestions for morning and evening prayer times and family activities.

STARTING POINTS to discuss with your family



1 Samuel 4-6

*Babies and Toddlers: God sent His Son, Jesus, to be with His people forever.

*Younger Preschool: The ark of God reminded the Israelites that God was with them. Many years later God sent His very own Son, Jesus, to be with His people.

*Older Preschool: The ark of God reminded the Israelites that God was with them. Many years later, God gave His people something even better to remind them that He was with them. God sent His Son, Jesus. One of Jesus' names is Immanuel, which means "God with us."

*Kids: The ark of God reminded the Israelites that God was with them. Years later, God gave His people something greater than a sign that He was with them; God gave them His Son, Jesus—God in the flesh. One of Jesus' names is Immanuel, which means "God with us."

Big Picture

Question/Answer (Biblical Truth for Unit 9)

What is fair payment for sin?

The fair payment for sin is death.

Key Passage

(Bible Verse to Memorize)

For the wages of sin is death, but
the gift of God is eternal life in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

Please contact me if you
have any questions.
Have a great week!

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