

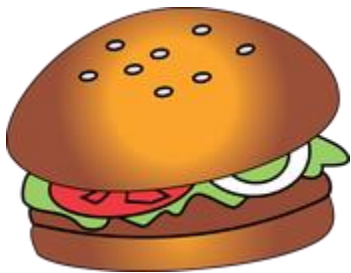
Central Faith Families

December 2016



Elf on the Shelf

The families seem to really be enjoying looking for "Faith" everyday! This is a fun tradition. I encourage you to start some traditions with your children while they are young! What is your best holiday memory from childhood? Is it something that you want to start with your child? Maybe it is baking cookies, adopting a needy family, maybe attending the Christmas Eve service at church. Think about what is important to you.



**Last Chance
for
Wednesday**



**Great
Stocking
Stuffer!**

The card is a great deal because you can get the fab drinks for only 99 cents. You can share



Reviews

If you are happy with our service, take a minute and write us a review on Facebook, Google or Yahoo.

If you are not happy, call or email Courtney or Linda today.

Nights This Year

The food and fellowship is awesome! There are classes for adults and children beginning at 6 p.m. and ending at 8 p.m. Invite your friends and join in the fun!

Dinner from 5 until 6:30.

Music is from 6 until 7 p.m.

Bible study from 7 until 8.

December:

7 Cheeseburger

14 Meatloaf

21, 28 and January 4 off for

Christmas Holidays

lunch with a friend with all the buy one, get one free products! The card is only \$5.00. Get yours today before they are all gone!

(Sonic is basically across the street, so easy pick up when you are in a hurry!)

Book Exchange

Scholastic Book Fair will be here the week of December 12th. You can get all of the children on your shopping list a new book for Christmas!

On Friday, December the 16th each child in attendance will be given a book from Central Faith for Christmas! Be sure to ask your child to show you their book.



Puppet Show

Friday, December 2nd a puppeteer will come to present a Christmas show in the church sanctuary.



Santa

Santa will be here on Tuesday, December 6th for pictures! There will be a school photographer here to take the pics. They will be printed and sent home with each child. They will also be posted to the Facebook page if you would like additional copies. Thank you to Christie Gilliam & Natalie Morphew for supporting this event!



Christmas Around the World

Our area supervisors and office staff will present "Christmas in other Countries" to each of the classes on Friday, December 9th. Be sure to ask your child about what they learned!

Central Tree

Thank you to everyone that is helping get gifts and necessities for the children and families at Central Faith. This is our 6th year and every year is better! Our school is blessed to have so many willing to help others!



THANKS FOR BEING PART OF THE CENTRAL FAMILY!

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Holidays

Our school will be closed on the 23rd & 26th for Christmas break. New Year's Day will be observed on Monday, January 2nd.



Safe Travel

If your family is traveling this holiday season, please drive safe. Concentrate on the road conditions. Always be on the defense as you never know the focus of other drivers.



Tax Statements

As the year comes to a close, you may be thinking about tax season. If you would like a summary of child car paid, please call and request it. Your statement will be sent via email as long as your account is current.

From the Family Resource Book

Remember to send your child a jacket. Outdoor play is scheduled in the morning and afternoon. It is required by state licensing that children go out unless it is raining.

Fire evacuation, severe weather and intruder drills are practiced frequently. For all the details, see the full handbook on our website.

School holidays are: New Year's, Good Friday, Memorial, Independence, Labor, Thanksgiving break, and Christmas break.

In case of bad weather, check the Facebook page, website, email or text.

It is the responsibility of the staff and families at Central Faith to report any sign of child abuse to the proper authorities. If your child receives any type of injury an accident form will be completed. If an injury happens at home, please let the teacher know and complete the "ouch" from home form. Under the Texas Penal Code, any area within 1000 feet of a child care center is a gang free zone, where criminal offenses related to organized criminal activity are subject to harsher penalty. Information from the Two Weeks written notice is required for the withdrawal of a student.

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From Frog Street Press

DID YOU KNOW?

Kindergarten readiness might be more important than you think. The academic success of children in later years depends heavily upon their kindergarten readiness. The first few years of education and preparedness are the most crucial to establishing a solid foundation from which children can adapt to school systems and learn successfully. During this period, children develop primary skills that form the foundations of reading, counting, and social interaction.

The Story of Baby Jesus by Sharla Guenther

A long time ago, in the town of Nazareth, lived a young woman named Mary. Mary did her chores, was kind to others, and loved God very much. She was engaged to be married to Joseph, who was a carpenter. One day, while Mary was at home cleaning her room, an angel suddenly appeared. Before Mary could say anything the angel told Mary that she was favored by God, and that God was with her. Mary was surprised. She was trying not to be afraid,

From Conscious Discipline

Read this before you put your Elf on the Shelf!!!

The Elf on the Shelf will soon be making regular visits to honor classrooms all over the world! His job is to watch and listen and report back to Santa who's been naughty and who's been nice.

Are you willing to give a Conscious Discipline® twist to this tradition? If yes, here's how:

Remind your elf about the Power of Attention: What you focus on grows more of. There is an abundance of research that supports the power of attention to focus on behaviors we want to see from children instead of those we don't. At any given time, in classrooms all over the world, there are children being helpful and some being unhelpful. Which ones will get your elf's attention? Where do you want to put your attention?

Allow your elf to be the vehicle that retrains your eyes to see the power of positivity that surrounds you. You can help the children in your classroom by seeing the glass as half full instead of half empty. We can all help children that when there is an oops, it is an opportunity to learn a solution and find the beauty in the situation.

So! How can the Elf on the Shelf tradition be tweaked to focus on helpfulness? Here are some suggestions:

1. Read the book Shubert Sees the Best with your class or family.
2. Present each child with his/her own pair of heart shaped glasses.

but she had never seen an angel before. After all, Mary was just a regular lady like you or I. Why was this angel visiting her? What did the angel want?

The angel quickly tried to reassure Mary. "Do not be afraid!" the angel said.

"God has found favor with you. You will have a baby boy, and are to give him the name Jesus."

Mary was confused; she was not yet married to Joseph, so how could she have a baby? The angel thought that this might concern Mary so he said, "The Holy Spirit will perform a miracle, and because of this your baby will be called the Son of God."

To Mary's surprise, the angel had more exciting news: "Even your cousin Elizabeth is going to have a son in her old age. Many thought that she couldn't have children, but she is already pregnant. Nothing is impossible with God." Mary couldn't believe what she was hearing; she didn't know what to say. She realized that she was trembling, and knelt down. When she was finally able to speak she said, "I am the Lord's servant, and I hope everything you have said will come true."

Then the angel disappeared, and Mary was left alone.

Soon after, Joseph found out that Mary was going to have a baby. Joseph was confused and upset by this, but an angel came to him in a dream and said, "Joseph do not be afraid to take

decorate. Click here for a FREE printable:

http://consciousdiscipline.com/resources/shuberts_heart_sh

3. Everyone color and decorate their own pair of heart-shaped glasses like Shubert's!

4. Once decorated, everyone put the glasses on and have a meeting to talk about what it means to see the best in others!

5. Tell the children that the Elf on the Shelf will be seeing the best in them too! Make sure your elf is wearing his very own pair of heart-shaped glasses everyday that he visits!

6. Create a bulletin board (school) or poster board (home) titled "_____ Helps Us See the Best!" Cut snowflake shapes out of white paper and put them in a basket near the board. Explain that whenever you notice someone being helpful or kind, they can write that person's name on a snowflake and tape it to the board. Make sure the Elf on the Shelf is wearing his snowflakes to the bulletin board!

7. Have the Elf leave little notes that contain encouraging words about helpfulness: "You _____ (describe what the child did) so (describe how they contributed to others). That was helpful!"

Examples:

You cleaned up the race cars so no one would fall. That was helpful!

You reminded your Mom to put on her seatbelt so she would be safe. That was helpful!

You raised your hand quietly so others can learn. That was helpful!

As always, we wish you well!

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Mary as your wife. The child Mary is going to have is God's son, and you are to give him the name Jesus."

When Joseph woke up he remembered what the angel had said. He knew that everything was okay, and he wasn't upset anymore.

In those days, the government decided that they should count everyone that lived in that area of the world. So Joseph had to take Mary to his town of Bethlehem to register.

It took Mary and Joseph a long time to get to Bethlehem. They didn't have cars back then, so it probably took them a lot longer to get there. This was very tiring for Mary because she was soon going to have a baby.

When they reached the town, all the hotels were full and there was nowhere that they could stay.

Finally, someone felt bad for them and offered them a place to stay.

The Bible doesn't say for sure where they stayed but most people think that they stayed in a small barn where animals were kept.

In any case, doesn't it seem strange that Jesus, the King of the Jews wasn't born in a fancy palace or even a hospital?

Mary and Joseph were thankful that they at least had a place to lie down. It was warm, and there was plenty of straw to lay on.

That night an exciting, wonderful thing happened: Mary and Joseph had a baby! But this wasn't just

any baby, he was Baby
Jesus! The creator of the
whole world, the King of
Kings, and the one who
would save the world.

The little baby boy fell
asleep in Mary's arms. She
wrapped him in cloths and
laid him in a manger on
some clean straw.

Mary and Joseph soon fell
asleep; they were so glad
to have this special baby
join their family.
