

God's Glory Garden

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Faith Church Nursery News

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Parent Edition

I give you a new commandment: that you should love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you too should love one another. [John 13: 34](#)



Love Grows in God's Glory Garden!

If you would like to help with the cultivation, see [Connie Martin](#) or [Sandy Howard](#) in the children's wing on Sunday morning or email cmartin@faithchurch.net.

Parental Example: Powerful Teaching for Toddlers

Scripture makes it clear that it is God's plan for parents to be responsible for the spiritual training and nurture of their children. There are two basic ways to "bring children up in the training and instruction of the Lord"—by example, and by direct instruction and teaching. For children under two, teaching by example is the more effective method.

- We can never teach our children to walk in God's ways by merely telling them that they should. We must demonstrate with our lives the reality of Christianity.
- Even secular psychologists recognize the power of human behavior to communicate values.

J.A. Hadfield, a British psychologist who observed the growth patterns of thousands of children, made the following observation: "We see that it is by a perfectly natural process that the child develops standards of behavior and a moral sense. If you never taught a child one single moral maxim, he would nevertheless develop moral—or immoral—standards of right and wrong by the process of identification."

- The most powerful way to teach young children is by parental example. If we show that we enjoy being with our children, if our children feel comfortable with us, they naturally—particularly as they enter the third year of life—want to be

Getting to Know Glory Gardener...

Judy Hershey



Judy Hershey is no stranger to Faith's nursery. When our present building was opened, Judy served as nursery coordinator for several years. She loved to work with the children. Then, when her youngest child entered college, Judy decided to put her devotion to kids to work: she became a nanny. That was eight years ago. Having been nanny for ten children over the years, Judy was recently featured as Cincinnati's Nanny of the Month. In her interview for

CincyNanny, Judy was asked, How do you prepare for your nanny position? She said, "I pray for my family. On the way to work I pray that the day will go well and that everyone will be safe. I pray that God will give me the patience and wisdom to handle what will come my way that day. It is a tremendous responsibility to care for the children entrusted to me and I am constantly aware of this." It was not until Judy married her husband Bill that she realized that she could be saved and have a personal relationship with the Lord. She had attended Catholic church, but had no idea what salvation meant. Today, Judy recognizes God working in her life and getting her through the rough times. She is also now praising Him for a third grandchild! We are so happy to have Nanny Judy in our ministry. For more on Judy, see the *CincyNanny* website: <http://cincynanny.blogspot.com/2010/09/meet-nanny-judy.html>.

February Blessings

Grace Holman
February 1

Nolan Zimmerman
February 6

Wyatt Zimmerman
February 11

Nathan Adams
February 17



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Glory Garden Volunteer Melanie Simms supervises snack time in the Pansy classroom on Sunday morning. Pansies range in age from 12 to 24 months. So big!!

Jesus did not come to make God's love possible, but to make God's love visible.

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like us. They will talk like us; even their tone of voice will sound like ours. If we're loud and boisterous and yell a lot, our children will do the same. If we are sensitive, honest and understanding, they will learn to live by those values. Putting it simply, if we want our children to reflect Jesus Christ in their lifestyle, we must be good examples of Jesus

In the one-year-old room this month: "God Gives us Families." (See Psalm 68:6.) This month we will help your child:

- begin to associate God and Jesus with loving people at home and at church;
- respond to demonstrations of affection.

A great activity to reinforce the concept of family is to pull out all the Christmas and/or Thanksgiving photos. The holidays should be recent enough that your toddler will still closely resemble him/herself. And you can have fun with him naming family members and telling him how much Grandma Smith or Cousin Gregg loves him. Of course, remind him/her that God made families for us so that we can love and be loved just as we are now part of God's Christian family.

In the two-year-old room this month:

"Jesus Helps People Know God"

This month the children will begin to see the adult Jesus interacting with people in His earthly ministry. They will hear about His love for all as well as His concern for their physical and emotional well being. He will walk on water, calm the storm, feed the hungry, search for the lost, heal the sick, teach about God, and love the children. This will be our focus in February, March, and April.

A note from the Nursery Coordinator

Connie Martin

What Did He Just Say?!

Ever heard the words, "Kids say the darndest things"? In the 50's and 60's, a popular TV "reality show" went by the same name. Hosted by grandfatherly Art Linkletter, the show was based on a very simple idea: ask children questions and wait for their spontaneous answers! On live TV! Responses were almost always "PG" but they were definitely frank, funny, and insightful.

I know that your little ones surprise you every day with responses that tickle your funny bone or wow you with amazement. So, I invite you to email your best church-friendly story(s) to me at cmartin@faithchurch.net. I will print some, if not all, in upcoming issues so that we all can marvel at the way our littlest ones see God's world. Here is an example:

When my younger son Brad was 4 or 5 years old, he and his older brother Gregg, Charly, and I would have little evening devotions. One night it was my turn to lead; I said we would be listening to the words of some hymns about Jesus.

"What's that, Mommy?" asked Brad.

"You know, like at church, Brad. Don't you remember any hymns from church?"

Brad smiled and pointed to his dad. "Oh, yea! Like Daddy—a HIM!"