

October 2011

WPCchildren

bringing faith home: a resource guide and calendar for the families of Westminster church

Getting to Know... Whitney Beck

Whitney is WPC's Children's Program Assistant. Here are a few more things you will want to know about her:

Q: How long have you worked for WPC?

A: I was a youth helper in 2003 in the 3s class with Julie Robbs. Then I worked in the nursery from 2005-2007. After college I came back and have been in this role since 2009.

Q: What's your first memory of WPC?

A: I remember being in Mrs. Bomke's class, it must have been

3rd grade, and she brought the best snacks!

Q: So what is your favorite food?

A: It has to be cheese pizza.

Q: What's the best part of church work?

A: I love when the kids run up to me and want to share what they learned that day. I also love when the teachers share stories of their class.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: Yes! I have a 9 month old springer spaniel named Charlie. He is my cupcake eater. Two weeks ago he ate 8 cupcakes, wrappers and all!



Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 2 at 10:30am
Fire Drill for Sunday School classes.
Children are still picked up in their classrooms.

Weds, October 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 9am
Parents of Preschoolers Play Dates.
Bring your child and enjoy fellowship with other parents as the kids play together.

Sunday, October 9 at 11:30am
Mom's Group meets at Bennigans.
We'll discuss last half of *Blessing of a B Minus*. We will also vote on our next book.

Sunday, October 30 at 5pm
Harvest Festival
Wear costumes and enjoy dinner, games, crafts and a costume parade.

All events are held at WPC unless otherwise noted.

This Month In Sunday School:

Old Testament Teachings for Today

Date	Scripture	Big Idea	Take Home Teaching
October 2	Exodus 20—10 Commandments	God helps us do what is right.	Share why your family has certain rules.
October 9	1Samuel 16—David is Anointed	Anyone can serve God.	Brainstorm ways to serve (see below for help!)
October 16	1Kings 3—God Speaks to Solomon	Wisdom comes from God.	Discuss the difference between smart & wise.

Service Ideas for Kids

—deepening your child's heart from an early age—

3 Ideas for Halloween

- Most hungry families will not have candy for special occasions because it is a luxury they cannot afford so talk with your child about giving a portion of their Halloween candy to a food pantry in town. It will not only be a treat for you—they have too much candy anyway!—but a treat for needy children as well.
- Grab a UNICEF coin box from the church and take it with you when you trick-or-treat with your kids. They can share with your neighbors that the money helps children in need around the world. Bring boxes back to the church and we'll even send it in for you!
- For kids who can carry more weight or who think they are too old for trick-or-treating, it is a great idea to have them walk the neighborhood on Halloween collecting canned goods. They can say, "Rather than take all your candy, could I have a can of soup for the food pantry?"

Whatever you collect this Halloween you can either bring the items to the church and we will add it to our pantry donation or you can introduce your child to a pantry in the area and drop it by yourself.

Parent's Corner

One of the best ways to bring faith and church home is by reading to your kids. If you don't have one already, find a favorite children's Bible. *Augsburg Spark* is great and so is *The Beginner's Bible*. Read a story from it each night (or two or three!) and you will be amazed by several things: first, you will be amazed by how many stories they remember; second, you will be amazed to learn what stories end up being their favorites; and third, you will be amazed where and when these stories pop up in your children's daily lives.

Use our church library as a start. We have several Bibles you can borrow and take a test run. We also have all kinds of other books for children, young and old. It is free but the results will be priceless.

The Puzzle

Prayer of the Month

An oldie but a goodie, this sung prayer is perfect for fall harvest time.

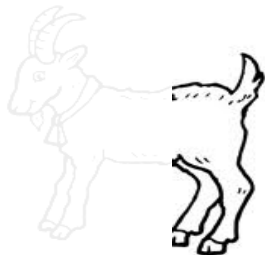
Johnny Appleseed Prayer

Ohhhhhhhhh (hold the note as long as you can!)

The Lord is good to me!
 And so I thank the Lord
 For giving me the things I need:
 The sun and the rain and the apple-seed.
 The Lord is good to me.

GOAT UPDATE

Your Heifer Project Sunday School offering is adding up and our Year of the Goat has now begun. During September alone your gifts totaled \$48 which is about 1/3 of a goat. Help us make our goat grow!



The Challenge

Exodus 20:1-21

Fill in the words from the word list to finish the Ten Commandments.

_____ your word and don't
 to what you do and say.

Don't _____ anyone—
 if you do you'll pay!

Respect God's day of rest—
 keep that _____ day!

Don't lie about anyone—
 don't _____ and all that jazz!

Don't _____ others' stuff;
 be glad for what you have!

There's only _____ God,
 He's the one to serve!

Your body's just for your mate,
 that's how to be _____!

Hey _____ in everything—
 idols throw you curves!

Don't use God's name to _____
 watch the words you say.

Don't _____ what isn't yours—
 just what your money buys!

WORD LIST:

body	gossip	take
ate	first	swear
envy	murder	
Respect	wise	

The Super Challenge

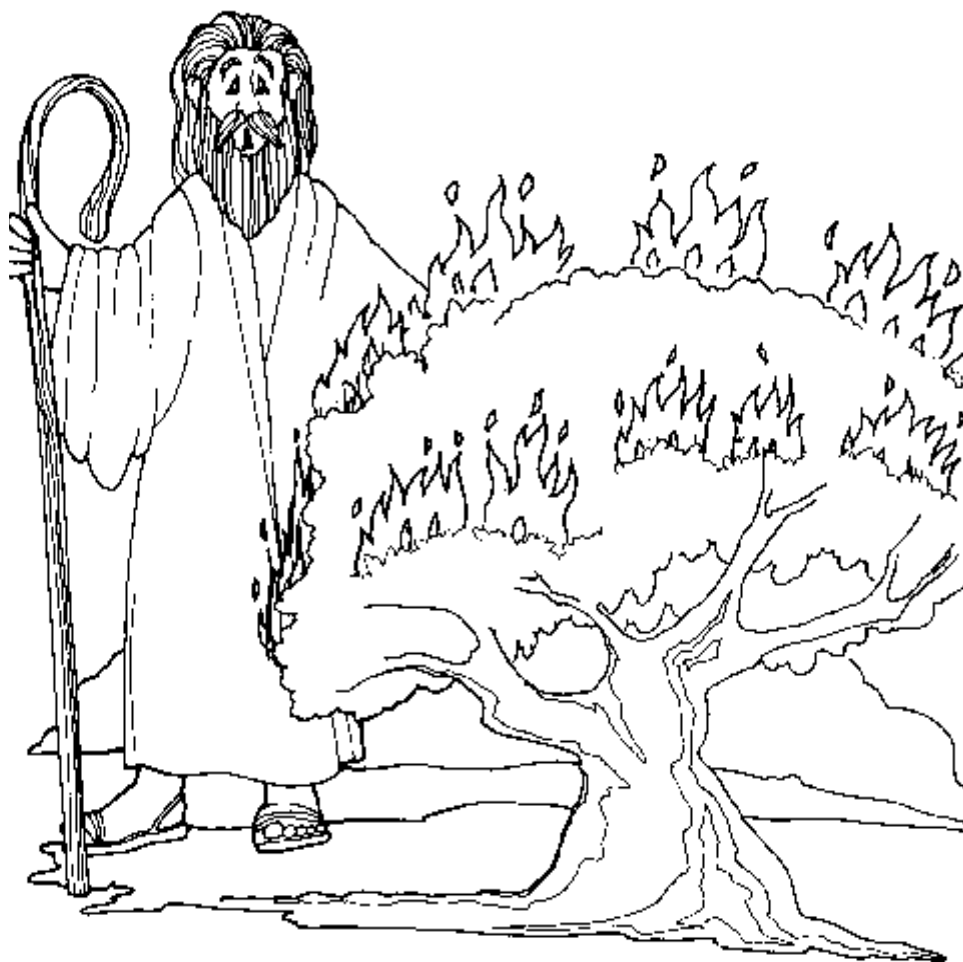
Oops! You may have realized the Ten Commandments are out of order. Put them in order and write down the corresponding letter to discover where Moses was when God gave him the commandments.

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Answers to the puzzle:
 The Challenge: respect; murder; holy; gossip; envy;
 one; wise; first; swear; take
 The Super Challenge: Mount Sinai

Moses Meets God in the Burning Bush

COLOR ME!



Happy Birthday!

- Oct 4
Calum Blackburn is 6
- Oct 8
Alex Pittman is 2
- Oct 12
Louisa Eldridge is 7
- Oct 13
Olivia Simonson is 6
- Allison Scott is 10
- Oct 14
Will Affrunti is 2
- Oct 16
Peyton Handy is 7
- Oct 17
Charlotte Beatty is 6
- Oct 21
Carter Bond is 2
- Oct 24
Ruby Klein is 3
- Emma Ridley is 4
- Olivia Pennell is 11
- Oct 30
Braden Barton is 7

Congratulations!

Want to add a birthday or submit info to the newsletter? Want to add yourself or a friend to our mailing list? No problem! Just email Rev. Blackburn at tblackburn@wpcspi.org.