



Planting Faith,  
Growing Faith

## Children's Ministry



April 2018

I hope you all had a great spring break and that each of you has a very Happy Easter!

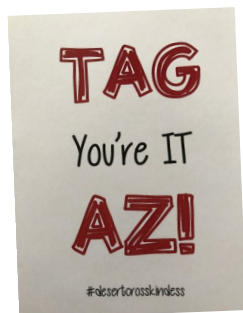
**Education:** It's hard to believe the school year is starting to wind down, but we still want you to attend and be involved! Gilbert Kids are singing in Worship on Easter Sunday. Tempe 4th/5th graders have their Acolyte training on the 22nd and Pre-Confirmation class on the 29th.

**Service Sunday:** Our last Service Sunday for the school year will be Saturday, May 5th. We will meet at Feed My Starving Children to do a packing event. Mark your calendar and see the back of the newsletter for more info!

### Desert Cross

#### Kindness Tag:

Last year at this time we set out with our kindness tags to do Random Acts of Kindness for others and tag them to continue the kindness. We have extra tags at both sites...so set out this spring to throw kindness like confetti! Let's color the world with kindness!



Here is a list of "Spring Acts of Kindness" that give some great ideas...

- ♥ Package up crayons and coloring books.
- ♥ Weed a flower bed for someone.
- ♥ Buy a spring themed book for someone or your local library.
- ♥ Drop off a plant at the police or fire department.

- ♥ Leave a bookmark in a local library.
- ♥ Make May Day Baskets for neighbors.
- ♥ Leave bottles of bubbles at the playground.
- ♥ Take some flowers to someone.
- ♥ Deliver treats to someone.
- ♥ Help a senior wash their windows or clean their yard.



### Tempe Acolyte Training:

4th-6th graders will receive their acolyte training during their education time on April 22nd. Current Acolytes will help lead the training!

#### Important dates:

- ☺ April 1st: Easter Sunday (No Education) Worship Tempe: 6:30am, 8:00am, 9:30am Gilbert: 9:00, 10:30am
- ☺ April 22nd: Tempe Acolyte training
- ☺ April 25th: Family Night in Gilbert 5:30
- ☺ April 29th: Tempe: 4th/5th graders bring a parent to class! This is our last pre-confirmation class this year.
- ☺ May 5th: Feed My Starving Children packing event
- ☺ May 13th: Last day of Education
- ☺ June 4-8th VBS!

## Come join the fun!

Bring your flock to the fun!



### FAMILY NIGHT

Wednesday,  
April 25th  
5:30-7:00pm  
Gilbert



April 15th  
1:00-2:30pm

Kids connect is a time for Kindergarten-5th graders to gather with friends and have fun with icebreakers, games, and arts and crafts. These youth groups give children an opportunity to play, grow, and learn in a safe, faith-based environment.

Questions? Contact

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Come join the fun before this program breaks for the summer!

**Joyful Noises** is our parent/tot program. Join us Wednesdays in Gilbert in suite 106 from 9:00-10:00am.

For more information on any of these programs check the website [www.desertcross.org](http://www.desertcross.org).

Fun for the whole family! This month come to Gilbert to learn about Family Faith Practices with Pastor Andrea. Discover simple ways to practice awareness of God's presence to bring spiritual balance in the busyness of our daily lives. Nancy Zine will help us make Creation Prayer Beads for each child to help families unite our hands and hearts to connect with God."

Please RSVP so we can plan for food and supplies. Shannon:

[sfossett@desertcross.org](mailto:sfossett@desertcross.org)

## Service Sunday...Mark your calendars!

Feed My Starving Children  
Packing Event

Saturday, May 5th  
2-4pm

FMSC Packing site in  
Mesa

Grab your family  
and join us for a  
time of service  
that is FUN!



This a great opportunity for your family to serve together!

Children 5 years old and up are welcome to attend with an adult.

Space is limited so contact Denise McClellan to sign up: [dmcclellan@desertcross.org](mailto:dmcclellan@desertcross.org)

## Vacation Bible School

Get ready to make a splash this summer and mark your calendars...**VBS** is scheduled for **June 4-8th**.

Our adventure will be "Shipwrecked, Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms.



We need lots of volunteers for this program, thank you for considering!

Registration and volunteer forms are on the website. [www.desertcross.org](http://www.desertcross.org)