

Children's Ministry

Planting Faith,
Growing Faith



Happy New Year! I hope your family had a wonderful Christmas full of Joy and that 2018 is a year full of fun and blessings!

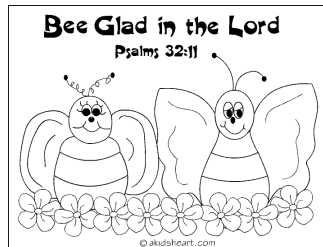
Both sites did an amazing job on their Christmas Program/Adevent Celebration! We are so proud of them! Thanks again to the families for sharing your precious kids with us, all our amazing teachers, and those extra people who helped make the events possible.

Check the list of dates on the right for all the important dates and times this month.



Family and Faith:

Good-bye 2017...hello new year! How will this year be different for your family? What will this year bring? What new memories will you create? As we read in the book of Ecclesiastes, there is a time for everything. Yet the thing most of us wish for is more "time." God gives us 24 hours to live each day to the fullest. How will you use your time this year?



Talk about your family goals for this year and how we can "Bee what God Wants us to Bee"!

Have you signed up to receive the "Stories of Joy" blog?

Go to the website <https://storiesofjoy.org/> and click the FOLLOW button in the lower right hand corner. Then share with your friends. We can all us a little more JOY in our life!

If you are not already involved in programming...you are invited! Join us on Sundays for WE \ddagger together Worship and Education, Family Nights, Joyful Noises, kids choirs, and Kids Connect!

For more information on any children's ministry programs, check the bulletin boards in the Community Center and Ed. Buildings or contact

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2018**

Important dates:

- ☉ Jan 3rd: No Joyful Noises
- ☉ Jan 7th: No Education
- ☉ Jan 10th: Joyful Noises Resumes
- ☉ Jan 14th: WE \ddagger together Education resumes
- ☉ Jan 21st: Kids Connect meets 1:00-2:30 in Tempe
- ☉ Jan 21st: National Hugging Day! Give someone a hug and make their day... and remember that God loves you very much!
- ☉ Jan 24th: Family Night in TEMPE at 5:30pm

Upcoming Dates:

- * Feb 4th: Service Sunday at both sites
- * March 4th: Transportation Day



**February 4th
following WE \ddagger together
worship at both sites!**

Join us as we explore the adventures of mission and service! The whole congregation is invited to join us and **serve together!**



February 4th join us in the Fellowship Halls at both sites as "WE \ddagger together Serve the hungry." We want the **WHOLE** congregation (not just those with children) to join us for some fun as serve together!

YOU ARE INVITED...



January 21st
1:00-2:30
Tempe Ed Building

It's a new year...grab your friends and come have fun at Kids Connect! We will have an event once a month for all ages (kindergarten-5th grade) to come enjoy together!

Kindergartners through 5th graders join us for some fun! Bring a friend!

Questions or interested: contact Kristen Roehling at kroehling@desertcross.org

Family Night
Wednesday, January 24th
5:30-7:00pm
TEMPE

Fun for the whole family! We alternate sites...we want families to commit to once a month—no matter the location! Cooking with kids is BACK! Bring your whole family and get ready for some hands-on fun!

Come join us!



**Please note that Pastor Andrea's Family Faith Practices has been re-scheduled for April! Mark your calendars!

Nursery is offered for ages 2 and under and youth are invited to help.

Please **RSVP** so we can plan for dinner and supplies.

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Bring your flock to the fun!



Parent/Tot

Come join us for 60 minutes of fun with your little one. This interactive parent/tot class includes music, snack, story, games, crafts, play time, fellowship, and... *it's free!*

Resumes January 10th

*Wednesdays at 9:00 in Gilbert in suite 106

Transportation Day in Gilbert



Our 9th Annual event is scheduled for March 4th. This is a fun day where kids can investigate, sit in, and take pictures by all kinds of transportation. So, save the date and keep an eye out for more information coming soon!

**If you have a form of transportation you would like to share or know of someone who does (motorcycle, boat, tractor, limo, horse, RV, etc) please contact Shannon Fossett at sfossett@desertcross.org

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Sunday, March 4th in Gilbert

