

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL NEEDS EDITION

Welcome to our MBI Children and Family Ministry Quarantine Newsletter!

We seek to support Children and Family Ministry by providing free or inexpensive resources that inspire and educate faith in Jesus.

"Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, 'From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise'?" Matthew 21:16

BOOKS, CURRICULUM, ETC.

Helping Families With Special Needs During a Public Health Crisis

This source provides families with special needs the steps to adjust to the COVID-19 pandemic. This article includes tips for honest conversations, new routines, activities, and exercises for children and adults living with emotional, behavioral, and cognitive differences. Through these steps, families will be encouraged and equipped to adjust to stay-at-home orders. To access this source, visit [here](#).

Unbroken Faith: Spiritual Recovery for the Special Needs Parent

Written from a special needs parent, Unbroken Faith articulates unspoken doubts and fears parents of special needs children may be afraid to voice. As the daily challenges of quarantine become bigger, so do the emotional challenges. The author's Bible-based encouragement seeks to help parents understand that God's Word is completely relevant to the hardships of special needs parenting, especially during times like the Coronavirus pandemic. You can find this resource [here](#).

TECHNOLOGY

Joni and Friends: Kid's Corner

This YouTube channel by Joni and Friends teaches children about disabilities and provides parents and teachers with resources to help children learn and serve. Both children and adults can watch insightful videos that encourage relationships with people affected by disability. One video from this channel teaches ASL signs which you and your child can practice at home. You can find this video [here](#).

A Special Hope Podcast

In this challenging time of navigating the daily concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic, families will be encouraged as they are reminded in each episode that there is hope in the midst of brokenness. What a joy to be reminded that one day all things will be made new in Christ. To listen to this podcast visit [here](#).

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COVID-19

[Coronavirus 2020: A Social Story](#)

Social stories are tools that help children understand social situations and circumstances. This particular social story portrays the Coronavirus pandemic in a simple way using storytelling. You can find the link to the social story [here](#).

[Six Scriptures to Help Choose Faith Over Fear](#)

Key Ministry encourages special needs families that are struggling with fear to have faith during the Coronavirus pandemic. This resource provides six scriptures that recognize faith is bigger than fear because God is bigger than anything. Find out more [here](#).



MISSIONS

[When Things Look Bleak, Where Can We Find Hope?](#)

Follow the story of Yupin, a single mother of a child with special needs living in Thailand during the pandemic. Even during difficult circumstances, Yupin manages to find peace knowing her family is safe in God's hands. Read this story [here](#).

[Wheels for the World - Joni & Friends](#)

This organization provides life-changing mobility along with the hope of the Gospel to people around the world impacted by disabilities. They continue to serve in countries like El Salvador and Guatemala during the COVID-19 pandemic. Find out more [here](#).



ARTS & CRAFTS

[10 Easy Crafts for Kids with Motor Disabilities by Coach Art](#)

This source lists and illustrates ten versatile and creative crafts using different mediums of art. At the end of the article, there are tips on how to make adaptations to the activities for children with motor disabilities so that no child is left out. You can find the link to this article [here](#).

[Wearing a Mask Coloring Book for Children by Autism Little Learners](#)

This coloring book is a visual and kinesthetic learning tool parents can use to teach their children about the new routine of wearing masks and social changes in light of the COVID-19. This activity can be found [here](#).

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FOR IN PROSPERITY WE FORGET GOD.”**

— DWIGHT L. MOODY