# CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY NEWSLETTER MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE



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.

#### **LifeWay Kids Free Curriculum**

An excellent resource that has become available during this time is LifeWay Kids. This digital tool can be used by any church or in the home to keep children and families engaged in Scripture. LifeWay Kids Director of Operations Chuck Peters has decided to allow this curriculum to be free of cost globally from March 13 to May 31. Users will have access to video content from "Bible Studies for Life for Kids" worship hour, Bible story teachings, life application, and kids talking about the week's topic. To accommodate families that have children of different ages, the "LifeWay Kids at Home" content is geared toward first through sixth graders. Find out more here.

#### God Never Changes But My Family Always Does

In this book, Elizabeth Smith, Program Head of Children & Family Ministry at MBI, proves having a God-informed, developmentally-educated view of the child will lead to wise parenting. From infancy through young adulthood, become practically equipped to know how you and your children will better know and grow in God through each life stage. Biblical, practical, and relevant, this book will help you develop a new mindset with powerful principles and tips whether you are a parent or work with children in a school or church. This book is available for purchase here. You can find more of Elizabeth Smith's writing in her blog, Teachable Moments, at https://elizabethsmith.faith

## **TECHNOLOGY**

#### Pastor Carter Brown, MBI Youth Ministry Alumnus

Pastor Carter Brown, Children and Youth Pastor at Cedar Heights Baptist Church in Iowa, has created a YouTube channel for children and families during this time of social distancing. Carter uploads a new episode of this series daily so that families can enjoy creative, sometimes crazy and always fun ways to grow together. You can find this resource <a href="https://example.com/here-based-en-line-based-en-

#### **Christ in Youth Zoom Games**

One way to engage children in your ministry is through creative Zoom games. CIY (Christ in Youth) provides 12 fun, interactive, and ice-breaking games to get your kids started on a small group Zoom call. These games are a great way to engage children in a new way while helping to facilitate conversations and questions. You can find this resource here.





## EARLY CHILDHOOD

#### **Mission Bible Class**

How do we guide babies' spiritual development? This website provides free resources and curriculum to teach infants and toddlers biblical truth. It provides tips on child development and age appropriate teaching methods. Find out more here.

#### <u>Christian Preschool</u> Printables

This resource offers quick and fun ways to teach preschoolers Bible stories while they color along with free and printable pictures. For a relatively low cost, you can also purchase memory verse packs and holiday activity books. You can find this resource here.



### **MISSIONS**

# <u>Missionary Stories</u> <u>Archives - BGU's College</u> of Missions

This website shares the Gospel, reaching many people all around the world. Through providing missionary stories, it gives inspiration and encouragement to all of its readers, reminding us that God is the one who was, is, and will impact the world for His name's sake. Find out more here.

## Christian Missions & Evangelism Poetry

This website contains life-changing poetry from a variety of authors related to mission and evangelism. You can find this resource <a href="https://example.com/here/be/here/">here</a>.



## **ARTS & CRAFTS**

## 49 Outstanding Christian Crafts

This website offers a variety of at home Bible crafts to do with your elementary kids. From Bible verse candle holders to a Fishers of Men tackle box, you will discover many ways for your children to have fun while learning about the Bible. Find out more here.

#### **Bible Activities**

Childrensministry.com offers activities, object lessons, games, crafts, snacks and devotions, organized both by either age or key word. You will never run out of ideas with this resource. You can find this resource here.

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FOR IN PROSPERITY WE FORGET GOD."