



November 1, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

What a great start to our In-Person Classes at Mt Pleasant.

I have already heard how excited the kids were coming into class and going home with so much to tell their family! I want you to know how well behaved your children are – some even thanked the teachers for having classes again!

Last Sunday, the children learned WHY we serve, this week they learned “HOW we serve.”

This was the idea we wanted to teach the children this week: ***We serve by following Jesus’ example – the way He did it, what He said about it.***

- We used statements that come from the Bible that confirms real service to others is first found in how we actually serve Jesus. Jesus said, “If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him” (John 12:26).
- We read about a widow who gave to God as a sacrifice (just like Jesus did for us) – giving all she had, even though the amount was not much (Luke 21:1-4).
- Here is a breakdown to help you know the age appropriate message behind this theme:

For kids 5 years-old through 1st grade: “People can follow Jesus’ example by following God.”

For Kids in 2nd and 3rd grade: “People can follow the examples, teachings, and commands of Jesus.”

For kids in 4th through 6th grade: “People can take deliberate actions to grow to be like Jesus.”

You are the most important part of these spiritual discoveries. So, here are three ideas for you to use at home for them to best understand its value and importance:

1. **Plan to pray with your child**, giving God thanks for loving us so much that He sacrificed His only Son, Jesus, to die so we could live forever in heaven.
2. **Talk with your child** – tell them of times when you helped someone who had a need – even when it cost you something to do so.
3. **Plan a “service” experience this week** – together, do something or give something away, that will not be easy, but will benefit someone else in a great way. God will be honored in your genuine interest in helping someone to have a better life-experience.

Service is a basic premise of Christianity. Children are taught that it is right to serve others, but do we teach them the importance of proper motives and attitudes in doing so? We must be careful to understand and teach that serving others is not a chore to be checked off a to-do-list, but a way of life – a natural outflow of worship of our God and faithful obedience to Him.

Thank you, again, for letting us be the visible evidence of who Jesus is and to be trusted with your challenges. Let us continue to offer services to help make the best possible version of your family life a reality. How can we serve you this week?

Loving God - Serving others,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Dunaway". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Pastor John Dunaway
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