



# Children's Education

*And Jesus grew in body and spirit, blessed by both God & people. —Luke 2:52*

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## FAMILY WORSHIP

**KATIE WEBSTER, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The first Sunday of nearly every month is Communion at our Sunday services. On those days, we do not hold regular Sunday School, but instead celebrate “Family Worship” together. We believe it is important for families to spend time together in worship—experiencing the music, prayers, fellowship, and life of the church as a whole. It is also important for the rest of the congregation to see our children!

In addition, special celebration Sundays are also Family Worship opportunities where regular Sunday School will not be held.

We invite you to note these special dates, and enjoy time together in worship as a family!

“Give ear, O my people, to my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth...We will not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done...**That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born, That they may arise and declare them to their children, That they may set their hope in God...**” -Psalm 78:1-7

Family Worship:

- February 5: Communion
- March 4: Communion
- April 1: Palm Sunday
- April 8: Easter
- May 6: Communion
- May 13: Mother's Day



## **PETER MCCORY: THE ONE MAN BAND!**

**Sunday, February 26  
4PM**

Join us for a free children's concert—for children of all ages!

Invite a neighbor or friend.

Peter's music has won local & national recognition—and his concerts are well known to amuse & delight.

Sing along with familiar tunes—and learn a few new ones—all performed by a one man band!

We hope to see you there. (For more information about his music, visit [www.petermccory.com](http://www.petermccory.com))



**CLARA BISWAS**

Did you know that our weekly Sunday School offering goes to support the work of Clara Biswas, our covenant missionary in Cambodia?

Clara Mridula Biswas is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving as a community worker in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Ms. Biswas works with the ‘poorest of the poor’ in slum areas and garbage dumps to facilitate their move to relocation and rehabilitation centers.

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**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**TALKING AS A FAMILY**

Consider chatting with your kids about the Lord’s Prayer, and breaking it into sections. Ask questions—and listen to what they are thinking, experiencing, or wondering.

**PRAISE**

“Our father...”

Q: What are ways we can praise God?

**GROWTH**

“Your Kingdom Come...”

Q: What are some ways we can create Heaven where we are? Maybe in how we treat people, or how we act like Jesus?

**GOD’S WILL**

“Your will be done...”

Q: What is God’s will? How does He want us to act? What does he want us to do?

**THINGS**

“Give us this day...”

Q: What is the difference between want and need? What are things we need? What does God invite us to ask for? Why is that hard sometimes?

**FORGIVENESS**

“And forgive us...”

Q: Why is God willing to forgive us? What makes it hard for us to forgive other people sometimes?

**PROTECTION**

“And lead us...”

Q: Did you know we can ask God for help in everything we do? What are some ways we need God’s help?

**GOD IS AMAZING!**

“For yours is the power and the glory...”

Q: What do you love about God? Let’s think of all the amazing things we can say about who He is.

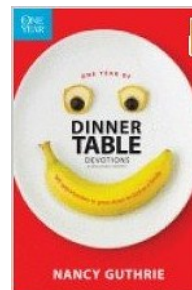
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**QUOTATIONS**

*Every child comes with the message that God is not yet discouraged of man. -Rabindranath Tagore*

*Children seldom misquote. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said. -Author Unknown*

*While we try to teach our children all about life, Our children teach us what life is all about. -Angela Schwindt*



*One Year of Dinner Table Devotions and Discussion Starters: 365 Opportunities to Grow Closer to God as a Family*  
by Nancy Guthrie

**DAILY DEVOTION**

There are a number of great family devotionals that may help you & your kids focus some time each day on God. A quick search on amazon.com will reveal a number of great books for kids, families, tweens, and teens. If dinner time prayers have become difficult, or something you’ve never tried, consider taking turns using a children’s prayer book. Kids love having their turn to lead the prayer!