



Education: We have a great time in Sunday School! Make a commitment to attend every Sunday... otherwise you are missing the fun!

Education is 9:45-10:15 in Tempe. You can attend worship before or after education!

In Gilbert, Education is 10:45-11:15 following 9:30 worship and a little bit of fellowship time.

Faith Formation: The Lenten theme is "Wandering Hearts" and you can find the playlist here:

<https://dclcfaitformation.org/children-playlists/>

There will be 2 articles on the faith formation page this month...one on Grandparenting and later in the month will be on one Lenten pretzel prayers.

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Lent: We are exploring Lent in some fun hands on ways in Education. Come join us!

Family and Faith:

Lent reminds us that Jesus prayed in the wilderness and was tempted for 40 days. During Lent, we spend time praying or giving up something like a type of food or watching TV. Grab a bag Jelly Beans and follow the Jelly Bean Prayer during Lent.

Materials: Sandwich Bags, Jelly Beans divided, [Jelly Bean Prayer](#)

The Jellybean Prayer

Set out a glass jar for each child with a copy of the jellybean prayer taped to it. Each day, have them choose a jellybean to earn for their Easter basket. According to the color of the jellybean have them fulfill the appropriate task.

On Easter morning, all that should be left in their jar are white jellybeans, which represent Christ's grace. Christ's grace cannot be earned but is given freely.

Red is for the blood of Christ. Choose something to sacrifice that day to earn the red jellybean.

Green is for the palm's cool shade. Do a good deed that day to earn a green jellybean.

Yellow is for God's light so bright. Share God's light by being kind to others to earn a yellow jellybean.

Orange is for prayers at twilight. Say a bedtime prayer or read a nighttime bible story to earn an orange jellybean.

Black is for sweet rest at night. Go to bed well without fuss to earn a black jellybean.

Purple is for Jesus' days of sorrow. Apologize to anyone you may have hurt with words or actions to earn a purple jellybean.

Pink is for each new tomorrow. Forgive someone who apologized to you for hurtful behavior to earn a pink jellybean.

Blue is for the joy of knowing Jesus. Sing a favorite bible song to earn a blue jellybean.

White is for the Grace of Christ. White jellybeans cannot be earned.

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*Please note the dates Education is not meeting in the next column!!

March 2024

Important dates:

- ☺ **March 3rd:** Kids Connect and Parent's Connect in Gilbert 1:00-2:30
- ☺ **Wednesdays in March:** Midweek Lenten services Holden evening prayer 7:00 Tempe and 7:00 Gilbert (w/ 6:00 Soup supper in Gilbert)
- ☺ **March 10th:** No Education (Spring Break)
- ☺ **March 13th:** No Joyful Noises (spring break)
- ☺ **March 17th:** Donut Day! Fellowship event between services in Tempe and after worship in Gilbert. (no Education)
- ☺ **March 17th:** Easter Egg hunt in Gilbert 10:45.
- ☺ **March 24:** Education resumes
- ☺ **March 27:** No Joyful Noises during Holy Week
- ☺ **March 28th:** First Communicants Passover Potluck and kids receive their 1st communion at Maundy Thursday worship in Tempe
- ☺ **March 31st:** No Education, Easter Sunday



You are Invited...and Bring a friend!



**March 3rd
1:00-2:30**

Kinder through 5th graders join us in Gilbert suite 104 for some fun and games! Bring a friend!

Questions or interested:

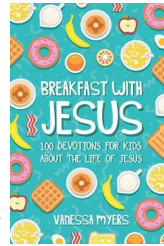
Contact Natalie:

nsmith@desertcross.org

****Parent's Connect meets at the same time at a restaurant close by!**

Faith Luggage

This year each family will have the opportunity to take home our faith luggage for a week. It's called Breakfast with Jesus and it has devotions, games, and fun things to do with your family.



This month Gilbert families will begin taking it home!

We can't wait for you to have "Breakfast with Jesus!"

JOYFUL NOISES



Parent/Tot

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

Wednesdays at 9:00 in Gilbert in suite 104.

***Not meeting March 13th (spring break) and March 27th (Holy Week)**

Upcoming Events/Save the Dates

**Fellowship Event:
Donut Day!
March 17th**



We love gathering all generations to serve, celebrate, and just hang out together! Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 17th. There will be no Education that day and we will gather in the fellowship hall at both sites (during our normal education time) for a donut day!

**Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, March 17th
10:45 am to 11:30 am
Gilbert site**

Get ready for an egg-citing Easter celebration! We're thrilled to invite you and your little ones to join us for a joyous Easter egg hunt right after worship on Sunday, March 17th, from 10:45 am to 11:30 am at the Desert Cross Gilbert campus.



But wait, there's more! We need your help to make this event egg-ceptional. We're seeking donations of candy (non-chocolate preferred) and other delightful treats to fill our eggs with surprises.

Please consider contributing before March 10th, and we'll gather to stuff the eggs during fellowship on the 10th.

Invite your friends, families, neighbors, and even strangers to join in the festivities.

Vacation Bible School

**Mark your calendars...
VBS is scheduled for
June 10-14.**



This VBS is going to be FIN-tastic! At SCUBA VBS, we will dive into friendship with God!

We need lots of volunteers, thank you for considering!

More information to come and registration forms up soon!