



# KID'S CLUB

Encouraging children to be the best that they can be!



ACE the Parrot



We had a cold and snowy winter. Most of you missed several days of school because of the bad weather.



Good news! Spring and warmer weather will be here soon. The flower and vegetable seeds that were planted last spring and watered, fertilized, and weeded during the summer will be budding again. The flowers that bloomed over the summer were lovely to look at and the vegetables were still being enjoyed well into the winter.



God tells us to plant and take care of the earth so that we will continue to have beautiful flowers, plants and trees to enjoy, and food to eat. Planting and harvesting is part of God's plan for the environment.



Remember what we learned about planting and harvesting in the September Newsletter. **Plant:** to put or set in the ground (soil) for growth. **Harvest:** the time for gathering in crops (from the seeds that were put in the soil). **Fertilizer:** chemical mixture used to make the soil better.

Just like planting in a garden, God expects you to plant good seeds for your future. You plant good seeds for your future by doing your very best at home and in school. You must make good decisions so that as you grow your life will be pleasing to God. He wants you to harvest all the good things that he has planned for you!

There are just a few more months left in the school year. Pretty soon you will start thinking about your summer vacation. But, before you kick your backpack under the bed for the last time, think about planting and harvesting.

Use this time to do a student self-check. What kind of grades are you getting? Is your behavior getting you detention time? Do you study for your tests or do you depend on your neighbor? If you start right now there is still time to end the school year with a report card that won't get you grounded for the summer.

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## This is your space...Star Student



My name is Ja'Da Reeves. I'm 11 years old. My birthday is August 25th.

I go to Warner Upper Elementary School in Farmington Hills. My very best friend is Ja'Nae.

When I grow up I want to be a doctor so I try my very best to be good in math and science.

I found out that I wanted to be a doctor when I was 2 years old. My Dad bought me a play doctor's set. I still have it today.

Ja'Da, you're a star!

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# Finny the Gold Fish

Kids, thanks for helping Finny solve his problem with Froggy and Turtle. They were bullying his friends in the pond. He immediately got the adults to step in to help work out the problem. Froggy said that he was sorry for all the bad things he had done, but Turtle still thinks it's okay to be mean to the pond animals. Turtle is outnumbered by all the other pond friends that know it is wrong to bully. They know that it is just a matter of time before Turtle sees he can't continue to treat others badly without getting into more serious trouble.



If you're not part of the Greater Grace Temple Elementary Sunday School family take time to stop by and see how much fun the children have learning about Jesus. They gather every Sunday in the 2nd Floor Classrooms from 9:30 until 10:45 a.m.

## Unscramble what Jesus tells you to do!

Kids, this command says not to take things that don't belong to you.

O U Y L H A L S O T N T A L E S

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Answer: You shall not steal. Exodus 20:15 NKJV

## Kid's Corner...making right choices

**Cora:** Nadeen, are you going with me to the audition for the play?

**Nadeen:** No Cora. I'm going to Ralph's house, he wants me to check out his new video game.

**Cora:** What! We've waited for months for this audition, does your Mother know? I don't think that's such a good idea.

**Nadeen:** No she doesn't, and I'm only going to be there for a little while.

**Cora:** Oh well, see you later.

**Tim:** Hey Ralph, don't forget about baseball practice after school.

**Ralph:** Nah, I don't need to practice today, I'm the star. Besides, I asked Nadeen to check out my new video game after school.

**Tim:** How'd you get her to do that? She's a babe. But Ralph, you know your Grandma don't like you bringing kids over when she's not there.

**Ralph:** Who's gonna tell her? Anyway, we're just going to play games.

Later that evening...

**Mom:** Nadeen, how was the audition?

**Nadeen:** Oh Mom, there were so many kids there that I didn't get a chance to tryout.

**Mom:** That's terrible, Nadeen. There must be another audition!

**Nadeen:** Oh Mom, I don't think so.

The next morning...

**Cora:** Nadeen, I got a part in the play, I'm so excited. Oh, how did it go at Ralph's yesterday?

**Nadeen:** It was fun we just played his new game. I'm glad you got a part in the play Cora. I wish I had gone. My Mom's going to call the school to see if I can still get an audition. She will find out that I wasn't there yesterday. I am so **busted!**



Do you think Ralph and Nadeen made good choices? Explain.



Did Cora and Tim give them good advice?



Do you think Nadeen's Mom is disappointed that she didn't tell the truth? What about Ralph's Grandma?

What can happen if Ralph and Nadeen continue to be disobedient?

## WORDS...to grow by

**Character:** the way someone thinks, feels, and behaves : someone's personality.

**Personality:** the set of emotional qualities, ways of behaving, etc., that makes a person different from other people.

**Potential:** capable of becoming real : a capacity to develop, succeed, or become something.

**Trustworthy:** able to be relied on to do or provide what is needed or right : deserving of trust.

## News You Can Use...Parent's Corner



Mae Andrew

Lord Almighty. Pastor Andrew reminds us often that "It Takes

Parents we are counting on you to join with us, your Christian Education Department, to be the Winning Team that keeps your children before the

Team Work To Make The Dream Work." Our common Dream is to raise children filled with the word of God, while helping them learn to make right and good choices on a daily basis.

Recently our fifth and sixth grade students asked questions about Electronic Video Games-- "Which games are O.K.?" After much discussion, it was clear our children need help sorting through this complex maze of electronic

video games. So many of the video games include varying degrees of profanity, bullying, suggestive adult sexual activity; extreme acts of violence, including murder. We know that constant exposure to violence will eventually have a desensitizing effect towards that act. We do not want our loved ones lulled into thinking violence and death are insignificant and unimportant.

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### ACE the Parrot Song

*We know the plans he has for you;  
We know just what you can do.  
You have the talents, you have the tools;  
Listen to Ace and stay in school.*

(Jeremiah 29:11)

**Make sure you get your parent's permission first before responding to any request that we make for information about you.**

**Sorry, the pictures submitted to Kid's Club cannot be returned to the sender.**



**ACE says to, 'Plant Good Seeds for Your Future'**

Kids if you're having trouble reading this Newsletter ask a parent and/or an older sibling to help you.

## News You Can Use...Parent's Corner (cont. from page 3)

We bring this issue to our parents, asking you to get involved. Please make a practice of first looking at the content of the games your children ask you to buy. The ratings that say for children or minors, etc., are often unreliable and may still contain graphic violence, including murder. Be careful of the games that can be purchased or downloaded on-line. Often adults will engage children by inviting them to play video games, which can lead to dangerous personal contact with strangers.

Since we know adults in the family also play video games, consider setting some limits and standards that apply to your entire household. Determine what type of games will be allowed and be consistent. We know whatever the adults and older siblings watch will eventually be seen and played by the younger family members. Parents must be willing to change their viewing habits to comply with the new household

standards. Set time limits, be clear about how much is enough and what is too much. Be very specific about when and where it is appropriate to play--including church---no playing during service. We cannot become our child's friend and forget to parent. Bishop Ellis often says, "Train Your Children!" We must correct them when necessary, and teach our children about "Order," while being responsible and accountable as parents. Please take a look at the list of popular video games. How many are in your home and accessible to your young children?

Research tells us that children are more likely to repeat and copy what they see adults do (behavior), rather than heed what the adults say to them (words). Children constantly measure the adults in their circle. Children are concerned about fairness, respect, and hypocritical behavior of those in authority. When we say to young people, "Do as I say, not as I do," it rarely works out well. Let us take the time to model behavior

for our children, show them how to select an appropriate game, and let them see you live up to the standards that you ask of them.

Controversial Violent Video Games  
Grand Theft Auto  
Mortal Kombat  
Assassins Creed  
Halo  
Call of Duty-Modern Warfare 2  
Resident Evil  
God of War  
Doom  
Death Race  
Silent Hill  
Bulletstorm  
Bioshock  
Postal 2

Guides, reviews, parent recommendations and other resources can help you make informed choices about which games your child plays, however, **it is strongly recommended that you rent or borrow a game to give it a trial run before you buy.**

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**How do you spell Love to your children? T.I.M.E.**