



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REPORT

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### 1. TRUNK OR TREAT

A vital part of Children's Ministry is helping children become equipped to share the Gospel. Children can be used by God to share His plan of Salvation just like adults can. Since they had watched missionary videos on how to share information about the Savior every Sunday, the next step was providing them with opportunities to live like missionaries.

Praise God for using Trunk or Treat to share the Love of Jesus which is very much needed in this unprecedented time. Even COVID-19 cannot weaken who we are and what Jesus means to us. Parents, teachers, teens, and children worked together to carry out the Great Commission. Olivia, Jolene and Mary were the three children who impressed many with their creativity decorating the trunk with Bible themes to share with others. This evangelistic evening began with supper in our cars at 6:00 pm and then followed by worship on Zoom at 6:30 pm. From 7:00 to 8:00 pm we started giving out treats, observing social distance and COVID-19 regulations, in our parking lot!

In addition, the courageous support and cooperation of the children's servant leaders and the following brothers and sisters helped to make this event a huge success:

1. Pastor Nie, Lydia and Mary Nie for decorating the trunks and helping with preparation.
2. Pastor Peter Ng and Johanna Ng for decorating the trunks, donating treats, and helping with preparation.
3. Nickel Wong, Helena, Kezia and Jolene Wong for decorating the trunks, leading worship, helping with preparation, donating and giving out treats.
4. Vincent Che for decorating the trunks and handing out treats.
5. Nancy Ng for decorating the trunks, donating, and giving out treats.
6. Hetta Chau for decorating the trunks, donating, and giving out treats.
7. Miao Ling, Johnny Lin, and Olivia Lin for decorating the trunks, donating, and giving out treats.
8. Priscilla Or, Cindy Wong, Harmonie and Theo Wong for decorating the trunks, donating, and giving out treats.
9. Cristy and Moses Lam for decorating the trunks, donating, and giving out treats.
10. Michelle and Helen Mah for donating the treats and helping with preparation.
11. Cindy and Joseph Li for decorating the trunks, donating, and giving out treats.
12. Patrick Wong, Isabella, Michele, Abigail and Shiphrah for donating and giving out treats.
13. Steven and Alice Ma for donating treats.
14. Mrs. Fung for preparing food.

15. Katherine Wong, Felix Chen and Anthony Chan for helping with preparation.

A total of 11 Christian-themed trunks were prepared, and volunteers participated in giving out treats along with Bible verses, Gospel tracts, and the story of Jesus restoring a demon-possessed man. What a joyful time meeting with our neighbors and friends. It was an evening of hard work that was memorable and meaningful. After the Trunk or Treat, some of those involved said, "Praise the Lord for making impossible things possible and I am glad to be part of it." We all agreed when one sister said that "God is amazing. He used a small church with limited resources during a pandemic to reach out to the community." The children said, "It was really fun and we felt good!"

## **2. FAMILY WORSHIP**

CCCOWE Canada and Centre for Leadership Studies at CCST presented *The General Survey of Chinese Churches in Canada (2019)* on November 3, 2020. Dr. Enoch Wong, Dr. Tommy Tsui, and Dr. Wes Wong presented their analyses of the significant challenges facing both local churches and the Canadian Chinese Church as a whole, based on the data they collected. In their Zoom presentation, they highlighted the importance of having a family altar or regular family worship. Praise God that ECBC holds interactive family worship services every Sunday. At 3 pm for preschoolers and 5 pm for children. Parents are encouraged to participate with their children. May we work together to build His church and do what God wants us to do: pass down our spiritual legacy to the next generation. It is our mission from the Lord to tell the next generation about the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done (Psalm 78:4).

## **3. CHILDREN'S LIBRARY**

Many thanks to Bernadette Chan who has served as children's librarian for the past eight years. We are so excited that our Children's Library will be reestablished after being inoperative for several years due to the lack of human resources and space. Now Katherine Wong has been arranging, organizing and cataloguing the books. The room next to the nursery will be used to temporarily display about 600 books. Our plan is to have it ready for the children so they can read Christian books during the Christmas break. We want to give opportunities for children to learn even further when they are eager to read about our faith.

## **4. CHRISTMAS**

We are planning to minister and reach out to more kids through Christmas variety programs on Zoom. Stay tuned! A schedule will be provided after a servant leaders' meeting next week.

In His Service,

Hanna Ng