



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REPORT

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Upcoming or recently ongoing items to praise God for

1. "Destination Dig" Summer VBS camp

Summer is approaching. The Children's ministry of ECBC is excited to introduce "Destination Dig" Summer VBS Camp for **ages 4 to 13** from **August 9 to August 20, 2021, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm or 4:00 pm**. Our team of passionate and enthusiastic individuals are looking forward to welcoming your children for two weeks of laughter and learning.

Let's pack our bags and grab our gear! VBS 2021 is headed to present-day Israel where discovery awaits at Destination Dig. Kids will unearth more than dirt as they dig up exciting evidence that proves Biblical events were not just stories. As junior archaeologists, kids will explore real-life archaeological finds that have helped to uncover the truth about Jesus! Stories from the Bible will leap off the pages as kids explore where Jesus walked and examine artifacts that bring the world of the Bible to life. They begin each morning at "Mess Tent" with our head chef, where they will be guided through a delicious breakfast! The trek will continue at "Worship Rally Dig Site" and "Bible Study Tent" where we will dig into God's truth. Along the way, they will create crafts, participate in fun fitness activities/games, sing and dance to cool songs, and explore missions, all through the Zoom platform. In these two weeks, they'll discover the truth of Jeremiah 29:13, that God reveals Himself to us when we seek and search for Him with all our hearts.

Just as we did last year, we will have outdoor field trips in the afternoons from **2-4 pm** if the weather permits. Social distancing regulations will be reinforced; each child will wear a mask and bring hand sanitizer for safety. More information will be provided about the field trips' locations and activities at a later date. At the end of the camp, there will be a Virtual Day Camp celebration on Sunday, August 22! Children will showcase what they have been learning in our musical presentation. Families and friends are all cordially invited to join us virtually as we celebrate our children's success.

We are looking into the possibilities of having in-person VBS this year with some adjustments. Don't miss out on this Summer's amazing expeditions as we excavate the truth about Jesus! Join us at Destination Dig! For more info, contact Pastor Hanna Ng at 780-720-7297 or Karine Chan (VBS director) at 587-591-4274. Online registration is on our website or <https://forms.gle/knAofnaQwAnpPwLu5>

2. Fathers' Day

Happy Fathers' Day! Blessed is the father who shares his heart, lives his faith, gives his time and loves his family. We would like to honor our fathers with our June packages. With the help of Katherine Wai, who is passionate and skillful, our Fathers' Day gifts are on the way. All the drivers can pick up their bags to deliver this weekend and distribute next weekend. We will be delivering materials to the children who have attended our virtual worships. Praise God for adding more new children to join us every Sunday. The bags are filled with materials to make Fathers' Day cards and gifts (teas for Preschoolers' dads, Nuts for grades 1-3, special needs and children who share cameras during worship, and potato chips for grade 4-6 dads). Stay tuned for instructions to make these interesting crafts with Yivana, Ivana, Lydia and some other teachers on Fathers' Day Zoom programs. In addition to the gifts attached to the child-made cards, the fathers will also receive the Gospel tracks "Father's Love Letter", DVDs, and Daily Bread devotionals. We also offer some other ideas for the children to celebrate with their fathers, such as baking with Olivia, cooking with Jimmy, and three magic tricks with Shevana Au Yang, which can be found on our website: www.ecbchurch.org/children.

We have included our quarterly activity pages that consist of activities for the children to do during our virtual programs, devotional guides, and story of the week. To acknowledge their participation so far, we have made nice certificates with small prizes, and we also have library books for them to read during summer holidays. Some of the older children can also read to younger children, record it and send it to us to upload on our website. Thank you again to Katherine Wong for organizing this book club. Our collection of Christian books has been expanded. Please be sure to return the books so other children can read them as well.

A great appreciation to Steven Ma and all the drivers (Alice Ma, Katherine Wai, Bryan Wai, Danny Szeto, Josephine Fung, Grace Chan, Helena Wong, Miao Ling, Joseph Li, Cindy Li, and Rev. Ng) for lending a hand to extend our love to all the fathers. With the deliveries, we hope to communicate our respect to all the fathers for their important and God-given role in training the children and being embraced by the love of God and His church.

3. ESL for Adults

Praise God for expanding our virtual ESL ministry from one class last November to a second class starting on April 12. The Lord has provided us with Cedric and Heidi Wong to teach the parents. Cedric teaches the new **Beginner's class at 11 am** and Heidi teaches the **intermediate** class on **Mondays at 1 pm**. Please contact **Steven Ma at 780-803-5055** to register for the Beginner's class and **Hanna Ng at 780-720-7297** to register for the Intermediate ESL. We welcome all adults to join either of these classes **until the end of June before we take a summer break**.

Completed events (between May 10 and June 4) we want to praise God for...

1. Children's Ministry Meeting

We had a children's ministry meeting on May 29 to evaluate, plan, explore new ideas to expand the ministry, and pray for the upcoming ministry. We are planning to reach children through teaching Mandarin and Cantonese online during the summer. Some other ideas are still under prayerful planning for resources. Thanks to Cindy Li for leading the meeting, Josephine Fung for sharing the devotional, and Katherine Wai for taking minutes. Praise God for the privilege of serving the Lord together.

Blessings,

Hanna Ng

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