



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REPORT

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### Upcoming, recent, and ongoing items to praise God for....

#### 1. "Spark Studios" Day Camp (August 8-20)

We are thrilled to present to you "Spark Studios" day camp on August 8-20 from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. In this 2-week Day Camp, children will learn that God's creativity didn't stop in Genesis. The Master Artist is working to redeem, reclaim, and transform us – His creation – to the design He planned for us. Kids will have fun, all while learning that we are His workmanship (Eph. 2:10) and a masterpiece in process.



This camp is about so much more than just painting, sculpting, crafting, or creating. It's a chance to praise our infinitely creative Maker and to give Him glory. You'll see conversations about Jesus happen in a natural setting and hearts changed for an eternity. The children will ignite their days with culinary creativity while making breakfast at their kitchen with our Dietetics student and an experienced chef/teacher, Karine Chan. Throughout the weeks, children will get to explore their creative side in every rotation such as Worship, Music, Crafts, Recreation, Mission, Bible study, and field trips. The registration for "Spark Studios" has reached our limited capacity. We are looking forward to creating lifelong memories this summer.

#### 2. Band Camp (July 25-29)

We are excited to announce another week of summer programs this year in addition to 2 weeks of "Spark Studios" VBS. We would like to introduce "Band Camp" for a small group of children in grades 1-6 on July 25-29 from 10 am to 3:30 pm. This program is designed for children who enjoy playing musical instruments, singing, creating arts, and acting in drama. We will train them to serve God through their creativity and talents.



To register for "Band Camp" you will need to first register for our "Spark Studios" VBS which is in August. The participants will have the opportunity to show and serve God during the "Spark Studios" and Christmas Joint Worship. The cost per child is only \$30 per person. Dateline for registration is July 1, 2022. Check our website for further information and registration @ [www.ecbchurch.org/children](http://www.ecbchurch.org/children).



#### 3. Volunteers (Adults and Youth)

Each and every one of us is creative since we are made in God's image. That doesn't mean we're all artists or musicians. But creativity is so much bigger than that! You might be a creative thinker, a creative organizer, or a gifted administrator. Those are definitely skills you'll put to good use at VBS. You can be part of this wonderful time as we reflect with the children on God's attributes, which include being creative. You can serve the Lord, develop your gifts, change a child's life, and be part of our life-changing program. As you help kids discover that God made them, loves them, designed them just the way they are, and has a plan for them, you will be making a huge impact on their lives. The investment you'll make in the lives of boys and girls this summer is of eternal consequences!

Youth from grades 7 to 12 can be part of our Youth Internship Program under the instruction of Professor Isabella Wong. They will also get first-hand experience at guiding the younger children and making creative contributions. We need many volunteer adults, chefs, leaders, workers, prayer warriors, etc. to run our summer programs successfully. Contact pastor Hanna Ng @ 780-720-7297 to find out all the different volunteer positions available to fit your time, gifts, and calling. To sign up, go to: [www.ecbchurch.org/children](http://www.ecbchurch.org/children)



#### **4. Canada Summer Job Grant**

Praise God that our application for two Summer Job Grants have been successfully approved by the Government of Canada. Much appreciation to Bryan Wai for doing great work in applying for these needed grants. We have received several résumés for the positions of Camp Director and Field Trip (Outdoor Recreation) Coordinator. Interviews will be conducted by next week.

#### **5. Special Needs**

We are blessed by the opportunities to minister to people with special needs at ECBC. Mary Nie and Olivia Lin are two sixth-graders who are happy to learn with a special-needs friend and have been doing so since the first Sunday of May, using a curriculum that is designed for people with special needs, on Sunday at 11 am. This arrangement nurtures the love of Christ through serving one another. The Lord bless their efforts to minister.

#### **6. Summer's focus teaching**

In the month of June, kids will hear about how they can become Christians! They will learn that God's Word teaches us all we need to know about God. Kids also will learn that people are saved from the penalty of sin by trusting Jesus as Savior and Lord.

The next month will remind us that because of God's great love for us, He will always provide what we need. God created us and He loves us. Kids will hear accounts from God's Word about how He has helped and provided for people.

The final unit speaks of one of the greatest gifts God has given us on this earth: family! Keep in mind that many kids may not have families that look exactly as God meant for families to look; that's part of living in a broken world. However, these sessions provide great suggestions for how families can love and serve God by obeying His commands.

First, John 4:7 tells us to love one another. After learning more about how to become a Christian, how God loves and provides for us, and God's gift of family, our prayer is that kids will have a better foundation of God's love and that they can share His love with others!

**We want to praise God for...** (completed blessings between April 11 and June 9, 2022)

#### **7. Children's Ministry meeting**

The Children's Ministry had its monthly meeting, led by Cindy Li, on May 14 to plan for the VBS and Band Camp, and to discuss other issues.

#### **8. Special needs ministered to the homeless**

Rev. Peter Ng and I took some of the special-needs teenagers to minister to the homeless on May 25. Praise God for the opportunity to work with the Tea House Cafe that provided more than 40 lunch boxes. We also provided water, goodies, tracts, etc. It was an eye-opening experience for the teens to share God's love with some of most vulnerable people in our community.

#### **9. ESL**

God provided Steven Ma to pick up the baton of teaching ESL when Cedric needed eye surgery, until the end of April. Two of the ESL classes are on a summer break between May and September. Many thanks

to Cedric Wong, Heidi Wong, and Steven Ma for their faithfulness in teaching the English language and ministering to the students beyond teaching ESL. We are incredibly grateful for and humbled by their efforts.