

**Our mission is to: Know, Love, and Follow Jesus****“Deep and Wide” Thoughts from Doug**

On March 11, 2017 the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids' Choice Awards was held in Los Angeles. It is an annual show airing on the kid-focused Nickelodeon channel. The winners are determined by the kids who are Nickelodeon viewers.

The Kids' Choice Awards give us a glimpse into the culture of kids and how to connect them. In a recent blog the author gives us fifteen takeaways from which all parents and children's ministries can benefit. I will divide these up among three newsletters and make brief comments on each.

**#1 - If you want to find out what kids like, then ask them.** One of the best parts of children's and youth ministry is getting to know kids. I can read tons of books and go to many seminars but the best is to listen and love.

**#2 - Stay current with technology.** This doesn't mean we have to know everything or be on all the mediums but it does help when we care enough to ask questions and learn a little more, both for conversation and for safety.

**#3 - Kids love slapstick comedy.** I love it when kids giggle and it doesn't take much depending on their age. They love it when we are playful and willing to laugh at ourselves.

**#4 - Kids care about social causes.** This is a direct quote from the blog, “Kids want to make a difference in the world and will partner with others to do so. Show kids how God can use them to make a difference in the world now and as they grow up. Give them opportunities to make a difference and they will readily respond.”

**#5 - Kids like sports.** Playing games with kids is not only good for the physical health but it also teaches them a keep part of Sabbath in their lives: re-creating.

What are some ways you could implement these in your own homes or ways you see we could apply them in our FM KIDS programming?

(Ideas taken from <http://www.relevantchildrensministry.com>)

Going wider and deeper,  
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## COMING EVENTS

**May 11** – Parent Seminar

**May 14** – JOURNEY class for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders

**May 21** – JOURNEY class for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders

**June 4** – Pentecost Baptism service

**June 25** – “Sunday’s Cool”

**July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** – “Sunday’s Cool”



## SUNDAY’S COOL

Sunday’s will be cool this summer when we do a six week series for kids Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade from 9:30am-10:30am in the youth room. Don’t miss this great time of singing, learning, crafts, games, snacks and more! We are scheduled for Sunday, June 25. More details are coming.

## THIS MONTH ON SUNDAY MORNING

Here are the main points for Sundays in May. This will help you to know what your kids are learning and open the door for follow-up discussion!

**May 7**      **PRE-SCHOOL:** “God helps us to love everybody” 2 Kings 6:8-23

**KINDERGARTEN-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:** “God works through the small and powerless” 2 Kings 5:1-19

**May 14**      **PRE-SCHOOL:** “God wants us to care for those in need” Matthew 25:34-40

**KINDERGARTEN-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:** “God wants us to care for those in need” Matthew 25:31-36

**May 21**      **PRE-SCHOOL:** “Treat everybody with kindness” James 2:1-8

**KINDERGARTEN-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:** “Jesus tells us how to be great” Mark 9:33-37

**May 28**      **PRE-SCHOOL:** “God helps us to be people of peace” Zechariah 8:1-8

**KINDERGARTEN-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:** “Jesus calls us to be compassionate” Luke 6:1-11

## NEW HELP FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

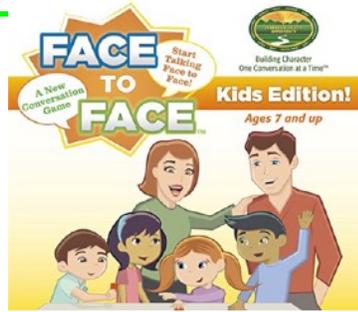
We love our FM KIDS and we want to give them the very best. This only happens when volunteers and parents of all ages are willing to jump in and help our kids to know, love and follow Jesus through teaching and encouragement. It takes many team members to be our best. Maybe you can’t give every Sunday but what could you give? Talk to Doug about all the options and ways we can shepherd and nurture kids to walk with Christ all of their lives.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“In order that we may function adequately as parents to an adolescent (child), new skills have to be developed. But they are not the skills of parenting that can be packaged and purchased: they are the skills of being a person which are only developed in a community of persons who share a common task and rely on a common faith. The worshiping church provides this community”

**Eugene H. Peterson, LIKE DEW YOUR YOUTH, Eerdmans Publishing 1994**

## RESOURCE



### FACE TO FACE KIDS EDITION CARD GAME –

Here is the description from Amazon: “Face to Face KIDS Edition helps to strengthen the critical life skill of effective “Face to Face” communication. The game helps kids and adults start great conversations on real-life issues, in real time, with friends and family. The game also reinforces the importance of building character through principle-based decision making.” See more [here](#)



### “JOURNEY” (Confirmation class for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders)

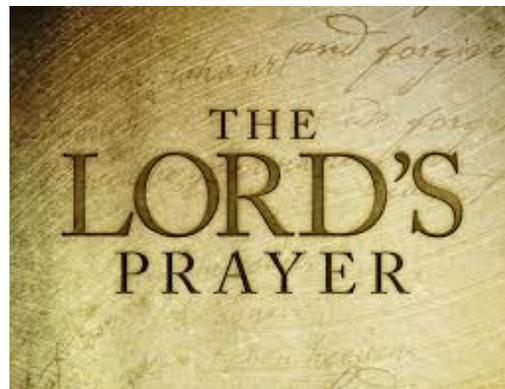
“JOURNEY” (formerly known as confirmation) is a time of intentional preparation giving 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders the opportunity to reflect on the most fundamental beliefs of our faith and offering them a safe environment to ask questions. This confirmation time helps our kids to investigate the depths of the faith and helps them begin to understand what it means to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ and to make their first public profession of faith through baptism. During this time our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders “make firm” what has gone before: God's prevenient grace, the teaching, and witness of parents and other persons of faith, the teachings, and life together in the church, the student's growing faith.

I will be teaching this class on two consecutive Sundays, May 14 and May 21<sup>st</sup>, during the 9:30 am hour. Even if your child has done this class before, there will always be new material and parts worth repeating. For those who are ready to be baptized or re-affirm their infant baptism, we will be having a service on Sunday, June 4.

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup>-grade children are learning the Lord’s prayer on Sunday mornings. The next time they are in the communion service, they won’t even have to look at the slide!! Here is the version they are learning if you want to practice with them:

“Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”





**Celia Howen**

## PARENT SEMINAR

“If Men are from Mars and Women are from Venus, then What Planet is my Child from?

Or

Personality and Family Dynamics”

Thursday, May 11

5:30-7:30pm

Upper Fellowship Room

Dinner and childcare provided

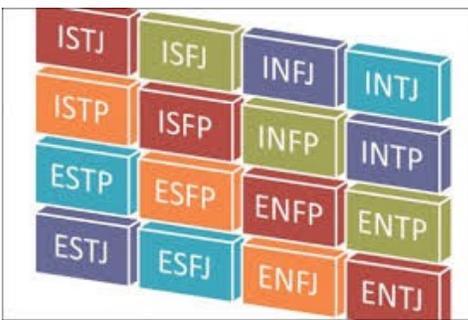
Sign up with Cara Emerson [cara@fmcsb.org](mailto:cara@fmcsb.org)

A seminar to help you celebrate differences between you and your children. Have you noticed that your child is very different from you?

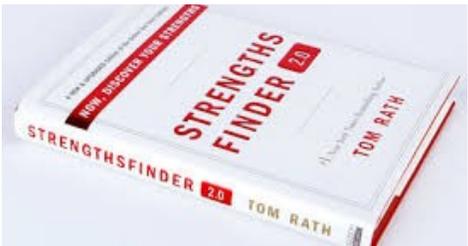
When family members know and understand one another’s preferences and personality, they are less likely to assume they are "right" and others are "wrong." This is true across many issues including management of time, approaches to schoolwork, decision-making, recreational activities, vacations, and even rules of the household.

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# Parent Seminar



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**PLEASE CALL ME (Doug) if you want to talk about how your child is doing, if you have any questions about helping you and your child grow deeper in your faith, or if you just want to talk. I am here for you! My cell phone is 805- 252-3216.**