

When I first began my work in children's ministry, I had one mission: tell kids that Jesus loved them. Over the years, I have tried my best to stay true to that original mission but my secondary purpose is to help my kids know Jesus more. You see, eventually, they will need to know God themselves and not simply through me or Mum or Dad.

Knowing Jesus comes through maturity in the Lord but we can help kids along by teaching them practical, yet spiritual ways to get to know Jesus.

Here's some great ideas, some from the Bible:

Imagine him. "I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds." Psalm 77:12 One way to get to know Jesus better is to think about him. I like to imagine what he might smell like or look like. What his heartbeat would sound like if I laid my head on his chest. Thinking about these things helps me to know him more.

Talk to him. When you talk to Jesus every day, he comes around more! It's true! It's called praying but you can talk to him when you are walking, standing or riding in a car. You can talk to him with your mouth or with your mind. He's always there, ready to listen.

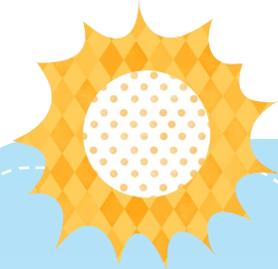
Tell him you love him. Jesus loves it when you tell him you love him and mean it. He has deep feelings and emotions. He can feel love in a very powerful way. Don't just sing "Jesus Loves Me" but say to him, "I love YOU Jesus!"

Read about him. Spend time reading the Bible if you want to get to know Jesus. The stories in the New Testament are true stories and many of them are the miracles Jesus did when he was on the earth. Read a verse or two every day!

Look for him. Matthew 7:7 says, "Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find". On this seeking part, Jesus promises that if you look for him, you will find him. When you go to bed at night and you feel afraid, ask in your heart, "Are you there, Jesus?" When we do that, he promises to appear.

Read more from Mimi by visiting her blog at Tools for Kids Church.

<https://ministry-to-children.com/?s=teaching+kids+to+know+Jesus+more&orderby=relevance&order=DESC>



Important Dates

Emergency drill practice in preschool session
Gp 1 Tues 3th March
Gp 2 Weds 4th March

Public Holiday for Adelaide Cup 9th March

AGM meeting at 7pm, at preschool 10th March

Gp 1 some children have Healthchecks (CAHFS) on Mon 16 March

STARNIGHT!!!

Gp 1 Mon 16th March

Gp 2 Tues 17th March



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The **Annual General Meeting of Zion Preschool** will be held on **Tuesday March 10th at 7pm on the Zion Preschool site**. All are welcome.

We are not seeking new people to be on the Council at this time as we have enough members. **We would love for interested people to be directly involved with the fundraising group and the operational side of the preschool. Speak to either Jasmyn or Angela at the Preschool if you want more information.**



In week 5 we celebrated with the preschool children and some families our first Worship Service for the year. We were very blessed by the generosity of the Gawler Lutheran Church Community who provided every preschool child their very own Beginner's Bible. A BIG thank you to everyone who kindly donated. Here are some pictures from our service.



A friendly reminder to families:

It is wonderful to see children with amazing healthy choices for lunch. Please send any tinned foods such as tuna, in plastic containers as tins can sometimes have sharp edges. In a busy preschool containers are a safer option. Thank you



Last Tuesday and Wednesday we celebrated Pancake day. The children learned about some of the Christian traditions of Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. We made some delicious pancakes and enjoyed eating them too!

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Please ensure you place your child's name in reference section.



YOU'RE INVITED

Are you interested in finding out what the Christian faith is all about?
Join Pastor Anthony for a series of sessions and have your questions answered.
Starts Wednesday 4 March, at

Immanuel Lutheran School 9-10.45am or
Gawler Lutheran Church, at the Immanuel Hall 7-9pm.
Phone Pastor Anthony for more information
on 0410 983 269.



Star Night

Star Night is one of the special fundraising events held by the Zion Lutheran Preschool. It is a night where we celebrate each child's individuality and where each child can express their unique personality and sense of style; it is not just a 'dress up night'. It is a night where they, the children are the stars. There is no dress code for our Star Night. The only requirement is that your child must feel loved and special in whatever they choose to wear.

This could mean dressing up as Batman, Elsa or a favourite animal. It could be wearing their favourite sports outfit or a special dance costume or it could even be as uncomplicated as wearing their favourite shirt.

At Zion Lutheran Preschool, we praise God and share with the children his amazing creations, from the elephant, to the birds, and even the platypus. Each animal is as unique and special and loved as the next, just like each one of us.



Star Night gives each individual child the opportunity to be the star, they will be able to walk a parade type walk down the aisle, while the teacher shares a brief profile of their personality (likes, dislikes etc.) This opportunity aims to celebrate each child, helping them to feel connected to their preschool and share in their achievement of being so courageous in front of their peers, friends and families.



We hope to see you all there. It's one of our favourite nights of the year!

Please don't forget to return your star night form

Family tickets are \$5

There will be a sausage sizzle, drinks and cupcakes

for sale on the night