

Claymation Kids Connection

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"Where God's Life Shapes our Minds, Hearts and Actions."



Issue 2, February

The Ultimate Challenge

Events Calendar:

- February 1st Pinewood Derby Workshop continues
- February 26th Annual Church Called Conference at 6:00 pm
- March Events: 25th Annual Pinewood Derby

Stop and think about someone you really admire.

Are you thinking of someone? Whether that person is a teacher, coach, friend or family member, he or she is valuable to you. You recognize that this person is important because what they do impacts your life. But did you know that everyone is valuable? That's right. Your boss, your mailman, your babysitter and your neighbor—they are all valuable. Every person has value, not because of what they do, but because each and every person has been put together by God. When God created people, He made them in His image. That means every person alive today has been put together in the likeness of God. So every person has value. And it's our job to help everyone feel like they are valuable.

When we show other people how valuable they really are, we are showing them honor. There are many ways to honor someone. Moses gave us the Ten Commandments to teach us to honor our mother and father (Exodus 20:12). Paul taught us to honor the authorities who have been placed over us on earth (Romans 13:1). When Jesus was on earth, He taught us to honor everyone—even those who are overlooked and unpopular.

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February's Virtue:

Honor—

Letting someone know you see how valuable they really are.

Each Week in Review:

- February 5th – Honor those who are overlooked.
 February 12th – Honor others more than yourself.
 February 19th – Honor those who are over you.
 February 26th – Honor God in front of others.



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Jesus showed other people how valuable they really were by spending time with them. He ate dinner with people who usually ate alone. He served people who were used to doing the serving. He paid attention to people who normally didn't get a lot of attention. If Jesus thought it was important to honor everyone, then we should follow His example.

This February, we're taking on the **Ultimate Challenge** of showing the highest degree of honor. We'll be looking to David as a mentor and exploring his life in 1 and 2 Samuel, and we will define honor as "**letting someone know you see how valuable they really are.**"

In week 1, we're looking at how God chooses the next king from an unexpected place—the youngest boy watching sheep in the fields (**1 Samuel 16:1-13**). We'll notice that God doesn't see as the world sees; He looks at the heart instead. **Bottom line: Honor those who are overlooked.**

This Bible story sets up the month and God's pattern to honor people in unexpected ways and encouraging us to do

the same. To do this, it will help to memorize our monthly verse: "Love each other deeply. Honor others more than yourselves," **Romans 12:10, NIrV.**

In week 2, we're discovering that honor can also be shown between friends. In this Bible story, we're introduced to the current king, Saul, and his son, Jonathan. These two may be related, but they have very different responses to David's role in their lives and his rising popularity (**1 Samuel 18:1-4 & 5-9**).

Saul is increasingly more concerned about his own status and power. But Jonathan values his relationship with David more. He doesn't just say so in words, but also through his actions, sharing important things like his armor and weapons. **Bottom Line: Honor others more than yourself.**

In week 3, we're discovering that it's important to honor the people in charge of you. If you don't and you dishonor them, it usually doesn't end well. Often, people get hurt. Just ask King David's son, Absalom. He rebels because he thinks he'd make a better king (**2 Samuel 15:1-16a, 18:5-7, 15, 31-33**).

His dad tried to protect him, but the natural consequences of

showing dishonor led to a real tragedy. That's why it's best to **Bottom Line: Honor those who are over you.**

In week 4, we're discovering that another way to show honor is through worship. In some cultures, dancing is a special way of expressing honor to someone important. In this Bible story, King David is so excited that the ark of the covenant—and God's presence—is finally coming to his city, that he dances on and off the whole way there! (**2 Samuel 6:12b-22a**) He dances out of his joy, for an audience of One—not caring what others might think.

When we really love God, it's natural to **Bottom Line: Honor God in front of others.** We just can't help ourselves really! It doesn't matter if others think we might be embarrassing ourselves. This month, we're not only looking for ways to show others how valuable they really are, but also for opportunities to share publicly who God is, what He means to you and how He's shown up in your life. Who can argue with that?

I can't wait to see what happens in February when we take on the **Ultimate Challenge** of showing the highest degree of honor!

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Allow God's Life to . . .



shape your child's
mind...

With God's word during
Sunday school – 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church –
10:30 a.m.



their hearts...

As they learn how the
Bible applies to their life at
Kid's Club – 6:00 p.m.
(snacks are served)



And their actions...

With our service projects
and outreach
opportunities in the Boy's
and Girl's Clubs – 7:00
p.m.

Partnering with Parents:

Upcoming Events:

PINEWOOD DERBY WORKSHOP CONTINUES:

Date – February 1st at 7:00 pm

Details – This year's annual pinewood derby will continue each Wednesday night at 7 pm. Make sure that you are coming out to your car ready for this year's 25th annual race. This month we will also begin raising funds for the mission's project that goes hand in hand with the mission of our race. Derby will be held on March 4th at 5:00 pm

ANNUAL CHURCH CALLED CONFERENCE:

Date – February 26th at 6 pm

Details – All church members and regular attendees should make plans to attend this annual budgetary meeting. Plans for 2012 will be announced and the budgets will be ratified by the voting body.

SPECIAL SCHEDULES:

CKM ASSISTANT SCHEDULE:

12th: Zachary B., Chase B., Kadison C., Carlie G., Carla C.

19th: Brandon P., Bret B., Austin K., Kaitlin S., Tyler W., Jessica K.

26th: Zachary B., Joci K., Sandra B., Gregory E., Danielle P.

***Practice for the Drama Team is back. Thursday at 7 pm!!**

How can you help CKM?

SUPPLIES: We are always in need of various items for our snacks, craft time, and more. Please call the church @ 252-235-5885 or email ckm@midcog.org if you are able to purchase some of these items.

Service Opportunities:

SUNDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUPS: As our program continues to grow, we are looking for qualified individuals who would be willing to lead one of our children's small groups. The groups are divided by grade (K-1, 2-3, & 4-5). Opportunities exist at every level. Please contact Pastor Sam if interested.

NURSERY: We need volunteers for Sunday and Wednesday rotations for ages 2 and under!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB: We are looking to expand our boys and girls club teachers. As more students join us on Wednesday night, the demand continues to grow. If you have a passion for boys and girls ministries then please contact Pastors Sam or Erin for more details

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