

Sandpoint Stake Primary Newsletter

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Quick Answers about Children & Youth

Do you need easy access to all the information and resources on the new Children and Youth activity program? Have you seen the FAQ's? We've gathered the pertinent Primary links on our local website at <https://www.sandpointstakecommunications.com/primary-activities.html>

FAQ's (shortened for Primary only):

- * Bishops visit with rings & temple picture
- * Ordering rings
- * Activity leaders plan service and activities...balanced among the four areas of growth.
- * An activity may occasionally support an individual, family, or group goal.
- * Articles of Faith?

This newsletter is to assist Primary Presidencies as they instruct their Music Leaders, Teachers and Children and Youth Activity Leaders!

Meeting the Needs of the Children's Goals

- The Newport ward just asked the parents individually during the ward break the fast.
- The Sandpoint ward sent a questionnaire to parents.
- Perhaps parents and leaders could join the bishop in his welcome visit and also discuss goals.

Please share how your ward or branch is supporting goals.

Protection Training for All Adults Working With Children

Please remember to make sure all adults have completed the online protection training before working with children.

Activity Idea: Staying Safe from Germs

With the flu season in full swing and mounting concerns about the China Coronavirus, now would be a relevant time for this lesson when children and families are interested in staying healthy. It's also a good example of how to do an effective weekday activity in three easy parts.

- Short Intro: Define and discuss the need to wash often with soap to protect against germs.
- Most of the meeting: Choose adaptations for your group, such as:
 - ⇒ Washing and singing for 20-30 seconds
 - ⇒ Germ tag
 - ⇒ Pepper experiment
 - ⇒ Cleaning nursery toys
- Brief Ending: Discuss a gospel question, such as:
 - ⇒ How can keeping our bodies safe help us serve Jesus Christ and others?
 - ⇒ Just like we want to stay safe from germs that can harm our bodies, how can we stay safe from things that could harm our spirits?



This lesson is under Physical Activity ideas at <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/youth/childrenandyouth/for-children?lang=eng> along with many other lessons.

Summer Stake Primary Activity?

Primary Presidents, please counsel with your presidency members and new Children and Youth Primary activity leaders about the following:

Would a stake primary activity over the summer meet the needs of your LEADERS, CHILDREN and their FAMILIES

If so, what kinds of activities would meet their needs?

****Will you please counsel and let us know your answers by email or phone/text by Feb 9th.****

Newport Fishing

The children in the Newport ward loved fishing as a way to review songs at the end of the month! While the children were gathering, Sister King caught their attention by placing laminated paper fish on the floor. The children were anxious to use a stick with a magnet to fish for songs!

The Lord's Battalion

Last year, children in Newport had personalized armor and could move up a "rank" as they completed each generation of family history. Because they loved it so much, this year children can move up in rank as they read the Book of Mormon. What a great way to help with their Come Follow Me study of the Book of Mormon at home!



April Leadership Training Counsel Assignments

In preparation for April Leadership training, a member of the Primary presidency needs to attend one of the new Children and Youth Primary Activities and return and report the following, including a picture or short video clip, if able:

- How does the activity meet the needs of the children in your ward/branch?
- What makes the activity FUN and ACTIVE?
- Is the activity simple and inexpensive? Did your leaders submit their receipts?
- What is the spiritual moment with a gospel focus?

We will use this information as a basis as we counsel in our April Stake training to help wards and branches with the adjustment to the new Children and Youth Activities for the children. Please report by mid-March.

Donate Scout Shirts:

Please donate scout shirts of all sizes to the BSA. Shirts can be given to any member of the Stake Primary Presidency to pass along.

