



## May 2012 Newsletter

Service Times  
9:30 & 11:00



### What We Are Learning

**May 6th- Bible Story** Naaman and the search for a cure 2 Kings 5

**Main Point** I will accept help from others! **Memory Verse** "Two are better than one, because they have good return for their work." Ecclesiastes 4:9

**May 13th - Bible Story** Elisha and the case of the missing axe head 2 Kings 6

**Main Point** I'm not too important to help others! **Memory Verse** "If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself." Galatians 6:3

**May 20th- Bible Story** Daniel and the case of the King's dream Daniel 4 **Main Point** I will worship God and not myself! **Memory Verse** "Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.'" Luke 4:8b

**May 27th- Bible Story** King Saul and the case of the missing Shepherd 1 Samuel 24 **Main Point** I will show mercy to others! **Memory Verse** "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." Matthew 5:7

*Every week there is a parent page sent home which will help you review with them the lessons talked about. You can also go to [www.elevatehome.com](http://www.elevatehome.com) for more activities to do with your family.*

**Move up date- June 3rd:** All elementary school aged kids will move up to the next grade in PowerZone.

*Nursery age kids wait to move up until they turn 4 years old. Those graduating into Impact, we will miss you!*

### Offering

**Why do we take an offering?**

We want to teach the kids many of the different ways we can worship. Giving an offering is one of the ways we worship God.

**What will be our offering focus for April and May:**



All money collected from our offering for the months of April and May will go to Samaritan's Purse for the tornado victims.

*If we could make one suggestion: Have your kids earn their offering by doing chores. In this way, they can take ownership in this offering, rather than just asking Dad or Mom for pocket change.*

*So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

### Songs We Are Singing

Each Sunday we begin our kid's worship time with praise and worship. Here are the songs we are singing this month.

That's the Book for Me - By Elevation Church

You can find Never Let Go on Youtube.  
Never Let Go—By Matt Redman

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xn1EboKcd9A>

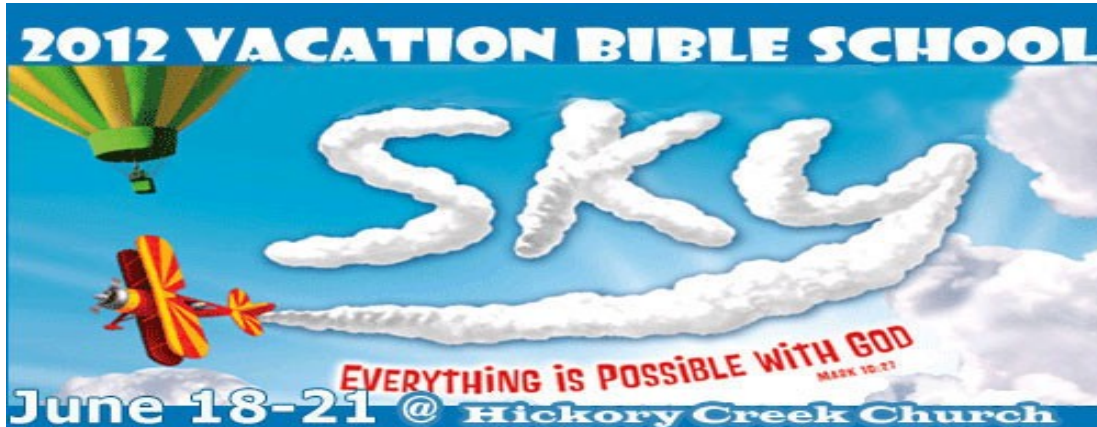
For any questions or concerns please contact:  
PowerZone *kids ages 4 through 5th grade.*  
Penny Knott at [penny@hickorycreekchurch.org](mailto:penny@hickorycreekchurch.org)  
Or 815-469-9496  
Nursery ages *birth through 3 years old.*  
Laura Kircher at [laura@hickorycreekchurch.org](mailto:laura@hickorycreekchurch.org)

## **Volunteer Needs**

If you are interested in volunteering in  
*PowerZone*

please contact Penny Knott  
[penny@hickorycreekchurch.org](mailto:penny@hickorycreekchurch.org)

We are currently looking for 2 people who would be willing to run the computer during large group time. Training is easy and available. Serving commitment is 1 Sunday per month, both services, during large group time.



We have an exciting **Vacation Bible School** planned this summer for kids age 4 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We would love to have your child join us for an action-packed week of Bible lessons, fun games, contests, crafts, tasty snacks, lively dramas, and music to help children learn how to step out in faith, connect with Jesus and to share the message of Christ with their world.

**Monday, June 18th – Friday, June 21st**  
**1:00 pm to 3:30 pm**

Hickory Creek Community Church  
10660 Lincoln Hwy  
Frankfort, IL 60423  
815-469-9496

Register is free and available on-line at  
[www.hickorycreekchurch.org](http://www.hickorycreekchurch.org)  
*Please register early – Space is limited*

## **Volunteer for VBS**

Monday, June 18th, through Thursday June 21st, kids 4yrs through 6th grade.

*We are in need of extra helpers for snacks and crafts. Please contact Holly Williams [hollyscottwill@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hollyscottwill@sbcglobal.net)/815-806-8228 or Kristy Lullo 708-906-9989 if you are interested in volunteering in this year's VBS!*

**Other Ministries for kids here at  
Hickory Creek Church**



Our group will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from September through May. 9:15 to 11:15 AM. At MOPS meetings there is a time for fellowship with mom, caring through small groups, guest speakers, and a craft while the children enjoy the MOPPETS program. Teaching about womanhood, marriage, and family is presented by women experienced in rearing children as well as by professionals from related fields. For more information, please contact Sara Sturm at saraann\_27@yahoo.com or 815-463-0056



Awana is on break for the summer.  
Awana will resume in the Fall

**HICKORY CREEK COMMUNITY  
CHURCH**

Each Club night includes three basic elements: Game Time for fun and energetic team competitions, Handbook Time for Clubbers to meet in small groups with leaders to recite sections, and Large Group Time for Bible stories and messages to focus on how to practically apply the truths which clubbers learn through their handbooks. There are fun and exciting events throughout the year also.

**AWANA CLUB COMMANDER:  
JILL KRAISS  
708-525-8725**



Moms, if you have a desire and a heart to pray, become part of the worldwide community of mothers praying for their children and schools. For more information please contact Sue Crumb at 815-272-7113 or suecrumb@comcast.net.

**Parent Resources**

**My goal of sharing parent resources is simple; to work together to help all of us become better parents, and to find tools that can be shared in training up our kids to be awesome disciples of Christ. My prayer is that we can find some things that we can all glean from. I hope you enjoy reading this article that I have found called 10 Ways to Love Your Kids - by Rachel Jankovic on the following page.**

**Penny Knott  
PowerZone Leader**



By Rachel Jankovic

**1) EAGERLY, HUMBLY SUBMIT TO THE WORD OF GOD.**

When you sin in front of your children, confess it. When you assert your authority over them, your children should clearly see the authority that you are submitting to. Your submission to God is your qualification to teach them. Let them see it, and they will know that you aren't a petty tyrant.

**2) DON'T PIGEONHOLE YOUR CHILDREN.**

Seemingly harmless things like calling your children "the artistic one," "the athletic one," or "the loving one" can make your children feel like their value to you is tied up in one characteristic. It can further invite sibling rivalry and resentments. Moreover, sets you up to stop trying to learn about them, as you begin to interpret everything through that expectation and sets them up to think that that's the only part of them you appreciate.

**3) DISCIPLINE BIBLICALLY.**

When you discipline, make sure it has a biblical category. A godly parent can't discipline for "being annoying," "making a mess," or "squirming." Instead, look to correct disobeying, lying, or something that you can support with Scripture, Proverbs and Ephesians in particular. If there isn't a biblical principle and name behind it, don't discipline for it.

**4) SET CLEAR EXPECTATIONS.**

Explain to your children in advance what you expect from them and what they can expect from you. Make sure they understand. This will greatly aid you in #3, as well as giving them the security of knowing what you want.

**5) RECOGNIZE OBEDIENCE.**

Talk to your children when you aren't correcting them. Talk about the things they do right. Tell them about specific things that you love about them. Let them know that you know them, that you think of them, and that you enjoy them.

**6) LISTEN TO THE WHOLE STORY FIRST.**

With little kids you actually might have to take some time to get the story out. Don't try to hustle past your children in an effort to quickly discipline them. The discipline is for their benefit, not yours. Make sure that they understand and that they know you are interacting with them.

**7) HONOR YOUR SPOUSE IN FRONT OF THEM.**

Show love to each other in front of your children. Don't be short, snarky, or snide with each other in their presence (or out of it for that matter). Children need to see Mom and Dad as one. Parents in fellowship with each other is one of the most basic elements for a secure home.

**8) DON'T CHANGE YOUR BEHAVIOR TOWARD YOUR CHILDREN IN PUBLIC.**

Don't correct them for things just because someone is watching. Security for a child means knowing that their parent is for them, and that when one of them corrects the child, it is for his or her benefit, and not so that others will think the parents have it all together.

**9) DON'T TAKE YOUR CHILDREN'S SINS AS A PERSONAL INSULT.**

Never discipline with a break in fellowship. Don't be "mad" at your children. Be anxious to have things reconciled.

**10) FORGIVE. FOR REAL.**

If breaking the window has been forgiven, act like it. Forget it. Do not hold past incidents over your children, especially if you've told them you've forgiven them. Let it go all the way, every time, "as far as the east is from the west" (Psalm 103:12).