



# Kids on the Hill

## Spring Theater Workshop Back by Popular Demand

A "Mini-version" of the spring theater workshop will culminate on Easter Sunday with a musical presentation by the Kids on the Hill performing "Alive Forever". We invite all our "grads" from the last theater workshop to come back and join us for this one special event which will be part of the 9:30 a.m. Easter Celebration Service. If your Kindergartener through high schooler would like to be a part of "Alive Forever!" you can e-mail Lottie or sign up at church. Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons beginning February 28th, following the second service. A light lunch/snack will be provided.



## sunday mornings



Sunday morning line-up shifts gears as we travel back from space and into..

That's right! We will learn lessons from the animals of the bible about how we should follow God's instructions. The new Elevate Program begins the end of February.

9:30- Game Time and Fellowship in the gym

10:00-Small Groups K-1, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th

10:45-Kid's Church K-3rd Grade Only  
(4th/5th attends Casual Service)



## the great golden egg hunt

The Great Golden Egg Hunt is coming up the first weekend in April - the Saturday before Easter. Plan to hunt for stuffed eggs and search for the special golden eggs on the hill April 3rd from 10 a.m. to noon.



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## But Why?

Children change so much physically, intellectually, and emotionally every month. They are masters of change and new beginnings. Every meal, nap, and activity is an opportunity for a wide range of emotional and physical experiences. Young children are changing spiritually as well. As logical as this is, too often we do not appreciate spiritual development as separate from intellectual. It is in a category of its own and possibly the most influential in life. The reality is that preschoolers not only have the ability to relate to God but also a compelling desire to relate to Him.

They become quite focused on Him right around age 3. They de-

velop an image of God for themselves in this time that operates from their subconscious for the rest of their lives. What are the signs of this developing image? Sadly, there are none that can be used in a comfortable, printable formula; however, the evidence is found in that all encompassing, ever asked (often asked over and over again) question: "But why?"

As a people who love the kids in our lives, we try to answer that question. I'm willing to bet most of us try some kind of intellectual answer first, only to be confounded by "BUT WHY?" yet again. In a valiant attempt to come up with an answer that will satisfy, we eventually end this teaching moment with "Because I said so, that's why!" For the record, this is a respectable and healthy response to give the children you love. Permission granted to use it but do so sparingly. Maybe next time try something much more satisfying to your young one -- "Because God wanted it that way." Three through five year olds just don't buy our scientific and intellectual answers. They do readily accept that God exists and that He is responsible for what is.

The Lord himself tells us how to teach His children about Him in Deuteronomy 6:5-9. "Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead and write them on the door posts of your house and on your gates."

*But WHY* do we spend time and money teaching very young children about God? Because HE said so! - Jean Sidor, Director

