



# the Parent LINK

Children's Ministry Edition



**May & June  
2012**

## **New Hope Kids**

**New Hope Church, 584 Colonial Club Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17112**

**Church office 545-3400**

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

**Vacation Bible School Meeting  
June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

*Crew leaders are needed to take preschool and elementary crews to the different stations at VBS. Please sign up to help in the church lobby and plan on attending the VBS meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup> to learn more!*



**Vacation Bible School  
June 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>  
Monday to Friday  
6:30 to 8:30**

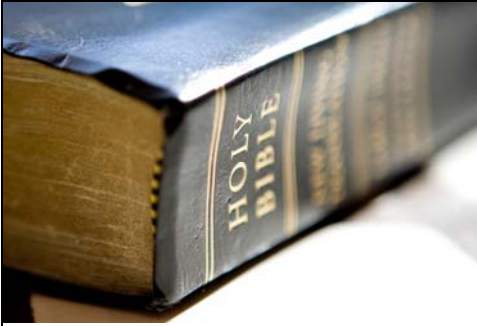
### **Vacation Bible School: Sky!**

Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? At Sky VBS, kids discover that *everything* is possible with God! Sky is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences that kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Team-building games, fun crafts, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the Sky activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life – something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!

Your kids will also participate in a mission project for Swaziland, Africa. We will be collecting coins (and bills!) to send kids in Swaziland to school. In the United States, we take going to school for granted. But in Swaziland, each elementary kid needs \$100 for their tuition, which is unattainable for many. Our challenge is to see how many kids we can send to school!!

Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us in "First Class Seating" section each day at 8:10, because that's when we'll be having our Fly Away Finale – a daily celebration of God's love you won't want to miss.

So mark these dates on your calendar: **Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**. The fun starts at 6:30 and ends at 8:30. Please register your children early for this life-changing adventure. Forms can be found in the church lobby and can be given to Nancy Ritchie, Jen Noll, or the church office (one form per child please).



“I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors, for you have given me wisdom and strength. You have told me what we asked of you and revealed to us what the king demanded.” (Daniel 2:23)

Although King Nebuchadnezzar’s astrologers said his dream was “impossible” to interpret, Daniel received answers from God in a vision. Then the king praised God!

## TEACHABLE MOMENTS

**1. “I Can’t” Jar**—When children say they can’t do something, write down the problem and pray about it together. When the problem or obstacle has been overcome, put the slip of paper in the jar as a visual reminder of what God helps us accomplish.

**2. Calm and Collected**—Model for children how to react to bad or scary news. Don’t use worst-case scenarios or exaggerate risks just to make a point. Instead, provide accurate, age-appropriate information. Empower kids and give them a sense of control by brainstorming solutions with them.

**3. Stand Together**—Remind children that everyone has weaknesses and that God puts us in families to support one another. Practice using “I” statements to speak out for what you need, whether it’s help or hugs.



## Start a conversation about problem-solving by asking these questions:

1. When you can’t figure out something, how do you feel? How do you usually react, and why?
2. Where do you look for answers to your problems?
3. What lessons have you learned from dealing with different problems? What have you learned about yourself in the process?

## FAMILY EXPERIENCE

Use these fun activities, adapted from Group’s *Hands-On Bible*, to show how God helps us solve problems:

• **Falling Walls**—Read aloud Joshua 6:1-20, when God knocks down the walls of Jericho without force. Say: “Does this sound impossible? Let’s try it!” Break graham crackers into fourths and spread marshmallow creme on one side of each section. Stack the crackers on top of each other, using the creme as cement. Line up several stacks to form a wall. Say: “Let’s shout at our wall as loudly as we can.” Afterward, ask what happened. Say: “That’s right—nothing! It isn’t easy to bring down a wall with just noise, but God did it. God is awesome!” As you eat each section of the wall, discuss times when you need God’s power. Close in prayer, asking God to help you with all your problems and challenges.

• **Strength to Fly**—Ask: “Ever wish you could fly?” Read aloud Isaiah 40:31. Say: “That verse isn’t talking about people flying. But it’s a promise that if we trust God, he’ll give us new strength.” Have family members each try this cool trick as a reminder to trust God when problems arise. Stand in a doorway. Press the backs of your hands against the door frame as hard as you can. Count to 25. Then move away from the doorway, relax your arms, and discuss what happens. Say: “You found new strength! When you stopped pressing so hard, your arms wanted to fly up. God promises to renew our strength when we trust him, even when we’re tired and troubled. Next time things gets tough, just remember that God promises to give us new strength.”



**PROMISELAND CORNER (Grades 1-6)**  
*Where learning God's promises is fun!*

## KIDS CLUB: CELEBRATING WHAT GOD HAS DONE



Kids, coaches, and parents enjoyed our Awards Ceremony for the Pioneer Clubs program on April 25<sup>th</sup>. All kids in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> were given Pioneer Club badges for being a part of Kids Club. We enjoyed reminiscing about the year with a slide show and heard special music from Zoey Dippery and Ally Yoder. Jonah Hancock, Molly Weiman, Megan Fry, and Ali Chrisemer shared testimonies. The coaches were honored for their service to Kids Club. It was wonderful to celebrate what God has done in the lives of our children this year at Kids Club. We look forward to starting up again in September!

### Questions? Feel free to contact us any time

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## FOOD PANTRY ITEMS



Kids in Grades 1-6 can bring in the following non-perishable items for the Harrisburg BIC Food Pantry:

**May:** any item beginning with "M"  
(Mini-wheats, macaroni, etc)

**June:** any item beginning with "J"  
(Jello, juice boxes, etc)

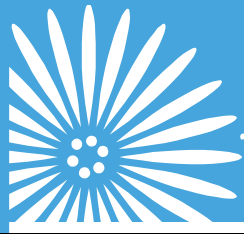
## PROMISELAND

### OFFERING

Kids in grades 1-6 who bring in offering money can place it in the offering container in Promiseland. Our offering will help kids in Swaziland.



A reminder to kids in the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade class to sit with your parents/guardians for communion for the first week of each month. Thanks!



# May



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <i>Happy birthday Sara Bruckner!</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>Kids Church 8:45 &amp; 10:30</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Kids Club Coaches Mtg 6:00</b>	<b>10</b> <i>Happy birthday Isaac Hancock!</i>	<b>11</b> <i>Happy birthday Alison Chrisemer!</i>	<b>12</b> <b>Girlfriends Tea Party 2:00</b> <i>Happy birthday Jason Cole!</i>
<b>13</b> <b>Kids Church 8:45 &amp; 10:30</b>  <b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <i>Happy birthday Raymond Garcia!</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>Happy birthday Alyssa Zeiders!</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Happy birthday Josh Soulliard!</i>	<b>19</b> <b>Chicken BBQ 10-?</b>
<b>20</b> <b>Kids Church 8:45 &amp; 10:30</b>	<b>21</b> <i>Happy birthday Evan Grogan!</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <i>Happy birthday Ashley Fry!</i>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>Kids Church 8:45 &amp; 10:30</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <i>Happy birthday Cara Kegereis!</i>	<i>Did we miss your child's birthday? We apologize! Please contact Jen Noll at <a href="mailto:kjnoll@comcast.net">kjnoll@comcast.net</a> to let us know.</i>	

# June



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> <i>Happy birthday Skylar!</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Happy birthday Jeremiah Craig!</i>
<b>3</b> <b>Kids Church 8:45 &amp; 10:30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>VBS Meeting 7:00</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <i>Happy birthday Cody Lambert!</i>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Kids Church 8:45 &amp; 10:30</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <i>Happy birthday Charlie Fortney!</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <i>Happy birthday Madison Neumyer!</i>
<b>17</b> <b>Kids Church 8:45 &amp; 10:30</b> <i>Happy birthday Hayley Shuey!</i> <b>Father's Day</b>	<b>18</b> <i>Happy birthday Becca Noll!</i>	<b>19</b> <i>Happy birthday Gabriella Bowman!</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <i>Happy birthday Laila Cobb!</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>Kids Church 8:45 &amp; 10:30</b>	<b>25</b> <b>VBS 6:30-8:30</b>	<b>26</b> <b>VBS 6:30-8:30</b> <i>Happy birthday Kyler Burd!</i>	<b>27</b> <b>VBS 6:30-8:30</b> <i>Happy birthday Elizabeth Wise!</i>	<b>28</b> <b>VBS 6:30-8:30</b>	<b>29</b> <b>VBS 6:30-8:30</b>	<b>30</b>