

MOUNT VERNON KIDS NEWS

Mark Your Calendar!

More info & sign ups:
mountvernon.church/kids

**VBS and Kamp JAM
 Registration opens
 Sunday, March 22, 2026**

**Easter Story Walk &
 Petting Zoo
 Saturday, April 4
 10am-1pm
 Beginning in the Sanctuary lobby**

**Mother & Daughter
 Gathering
 Saturday, May 2
 11am-12:30pm
 For girls Kindergarten-5th grade with
 mom, grandma or mother figure.
 Tickets on sale March 8-April 26.
 \$20/ pair + \$5 additional child**

**Parent Child Dedication
 Service
 Sunday, May 10, 2026
 9am & 10:30am Services
 Sign up by April 26**

Dear Mount Vernon Kids & Families,

This spring our Mount Vernon Kids will live out Matthew 6:33, when Jesus tells us "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

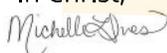
In March, we will seek to understand more about the teachings of Jesus and how we can apply them to our lives today.

In April, we will focus on salvation that came through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We look forward to celebrating Easter together through the Easter Story Walk and Sunday School lessons.

In May, we will study the early church and follow along as the apostles shared the truth about Jesus with the world around them. We will see how the Holy Spirit helps us share the gospel with our community and our world.

We encourage you to take advantage of the many upcoming kids and family events to help you and your children seek first the kingdom of God.

In Christ,



Michelle Ives, Minister for Children & Families

A Peek Inside Awana



Sunday School lessons this spring (elementary kids/ preschool kids, if different)

MARCH

1-Jesus talked with the teachers (*Luke 2:41-52*)

8-Jesus taught to love God and others (*Matthew 5:1-2, 43-38; Mark 12:28-34*)

15- Jesus taught us not to worry (*Matthew 6:25-34*)/ Jesus healed a woman (*Luke 13:10-17*)

22- Jesus taught about giving (*Mark 12:41-44*)

29- The Triumphal Entry (*Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-38*)

APRIL

5-Crucifixion and Resurrection (*Matthew 26:36-28:10*)/ Jesus is alive! (*John 20:1-18*)

12- Thomas believed (*John 20:19-31*)

19-Jesus restored Peter (*John 18:15-18, 25-27; 21:1-19*)/ Jesus helped His disciples (*John 21:1-19*)

26- Jesus returned to Heaven (*Acts 1:4-11*)/ Jesus taught two men (*Luke 24:13-35*)

MAY

3-Peter preached at Pentecost (*Acts 2:1-15, 22-24, 36-41*)

10- Paul and Barnabas became missionaries (*Acts 13:1-15, 42-49*)

17- Paul listened to God (*Acts 15:36-16:12*)

24-Paul taught in Athens (*Acts 17:16-34*)

31- Paul preached to an angry crowd (*Acts 21:15-22:29*)/ Paul and Silas sang to God (*Acts 16:16-34*)

FAMILY RESOURCES

BIG CHURCH

Attending as a family

We love spending time with our Mount Vernon kids in Sunday School each week! Reading the Bible and learning about Jesus in an age-appropriate way is such an important step in each child's growing relationship with Jesus. We love Sunday School so much that sometimes it can be hard to venture out.

Let us encourage you to prioritize attending "big church" together as a family, in addition to Sunday School.

Why?

God's word clearly identifies parents as the primary disciplinators of children (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). The lessons our kids learn in "big church", and continue to apply throughout the week, go even beyond the sermon that is preached.

Children learn so much about following Jesus by standing beside their family as they praise through song, seeing up close how their mother or father takes communion, and praying together with the whole family of God.

When?

You know your children best! If your child can sit and attend to an activity independently for 10-15 minutes, then they are likely ready to attend the Worship Service (possibly still needing a little extra support from family). Many kids are ready to participate in the worship service around kindergarten or 1st grade. Some children may be ready to join for the worship songs before they're ready to sit through the entire message. You are welcome to bring them to worship and then bring them to their class once they need a little more room to wiggle.

How?

You can prepare your family for success in worship by bringing along some items that can keep hands busy and ears open. That may be a notebook to take notes, a sketch pad to draw, a fidget toy or stuffed animal.

As kids get older, help them attend with a simple activity like identifying key words (trust, love, Jesus, heaven, etc.) and challenging them to tally how many times that word is said or encouraging them to draw a picture in response to the message.

For more Family Discipleship Resources:
mountvernon.church/onlineresourcesforchristianparenting



Volunteer Spotlight

Mrs. Michelle



9:00 Sunday School 3rd Grade class
VBS Leadership team

Tell us about your family!

My husband David and I have been married for 32 years with 3 children. My two oldest are married and my youngest is in grad school.

What is your favorite meal of the day?

Breakfast - I enjoy a nice cup of coffee before anyone wakes. It is my quiet time where I start the day in God's word.

Tell us a hidden talent.

I love to sew! Embroidery and cross stitch are my favorite but would love to learn to knit!

Can you tell us about a time God really amazed you?

When my husband accepted a job in Richmond and moved us away from our family, I was nervous about relocating to a place I had never even visited and where we didn't know a single person. Twenty-four years later, we proudly call Virginia home.

Why do you love Mount Vernon Kids?

As a teacher, working with children has always been very important to me. I truly enjoy partnering with the students here as we help them learn and grow in God's Word. I'm continually impressed by how much Bible knowledge they already have and how naturally they share God's stories with one another.

Tell us a scripture that is special to you:

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13

Spring 2026