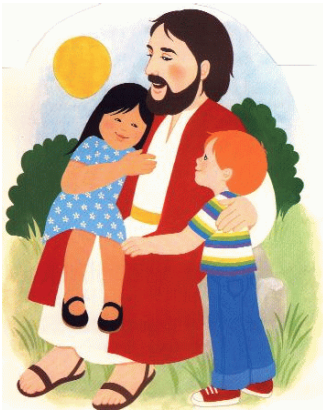


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Little Blessings – “Proclaiming the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ to children and their parents through a high quality child care program.”

August has been a bittersweet time as we wound down the summer and said goodbye to our school aged friends. Before we sent them off to school, however, we took two last trips together. The children had a great time exploring everything from science to art and music to literature at the Bettendorf Family Museum. Our fun day in the spray park was also a success. Despite the heat wave the previous week, it was a cool day to be playing in the water, but that didn't stop the kids from having a great time together.

September brings us four new bible stories to learn as we kick start a new year of curriculum. First we will learn about the Bible as God's Book. During this week the children will learn to love books and experience them through reading them, hearing them, touching them and acting out their stories. Our second story is about how God created food, including apples. When God created the earth, he also created plants that bear fruit for us to enjoy. We will learn about the many different forms, colors, sizes, and shapes of apples. The following week we will discover how God created animals, like the ones we see in the zoo. God created all different kinds of animals all over the world and the zoo gives us an opportunity to see and learn about animals we don't normally see on a farm or in our community. Our final week in September will be about Noah's Ark and Elephants. This theme is about how Noah obeyed God when he was asked to build an ark to save himself, his family, and two of each animal from the flood. One of the many animals Noah saved were two elephants. The children will learn how to describe elephants, where they live, how they communicate, and the parts of an elephant.

Apart from these bible stories we will also be focusing on the letters A and B, the numbers 1 and 2, the colors red and yellow, and finally the shape of a rectangle and square. Our nursery rhymes include “The Three Little Pigs”, “The Little Red Apple”, “Mary had a Little Lamb”, and “An Elephant Walks Like This and That”.

We will continue to sell the “Enjoy the City” coupon books this month. As a reminder, these are priced at \$20.00 per book. We still have a couple of openings in the center for both infants and toddlers who are twelve to twenty months old. If you know of any families looking for care for either of these age groups we would appreciate it if you could spread the word! Have a great month!

In Christ,
Samantha Musser - Assistant Director