

# THE BOLDNESS NEWSLETTER

"THE WICKED RUN AWAY WHEN NO ONE IS CHASING THEM, BUT THE GODLY ARE AS BOLD AS LIONS."  
PROVERBS 28:1



"Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ."  
1 Corinthians 11:1

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## THE IMITATION GAME

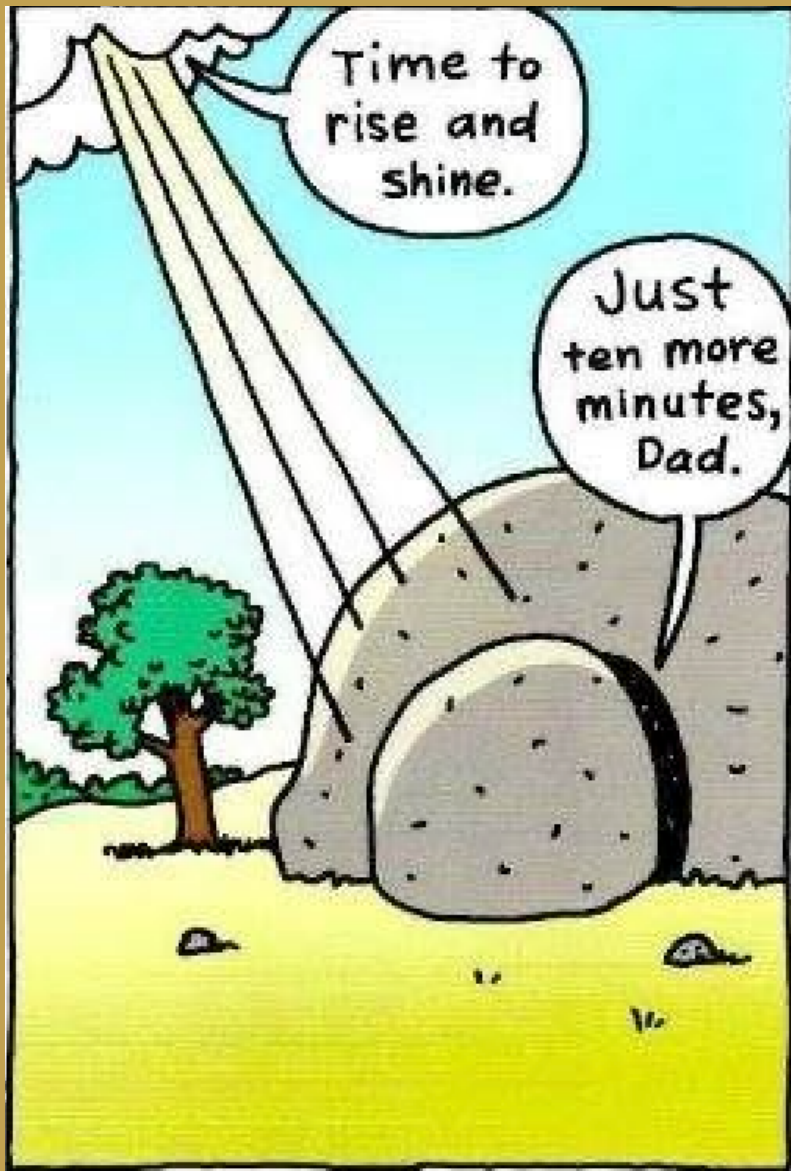
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Raising children is an incredible blessing. For those that have had the opportunity of either witnessing the miracle of birth or being the birth-giver yourself, you understand how powerful and beautiful it is to bring life into the world. When my wife, Sydney (Mrs. Rodriguez, 4th grade aide), and I brought our daughter, Audrey, into the world in 2022, we could not have fully realized the weight and responsibility of raising a human being, yet we knew we wanted to fully embrace that challenge. We have now come to understand how true the phrase is: "It is not what you say, it is what you do that is the greatest teacher."

Well, there is a term often shared amongst those who raise young children, and that is known as "the terrible twos"- an unpleasant phase in childhood development marked by frequent tantrums and ongoing battles for independence. When our daughter Audrey had graciously blossomed into this era she had also been in a series of tantrums and meltdowns for a period of many days. In one particular instance, I was addressing Audrey because she was not listening to us, and almost immediately she began to display words and characteristics that were not her own. She was aggressively crossing her arms, with a deep scowl in her brow and shouted: "NO, BAD, BAD!" This was shocking to both Sydney and I as we do not use that kind of tone or language with her. We learned later that this was a behavior she picked up from a child at one of the other daycare providers that she often frequents. Children often do not learn as much from what we say, but rather they learn from what we do.

According to psychological studies of infants, "In the second half of the first year a child will imitate the expressive movements of others—for example, raising of the arms, smiling, and attempts at speech. In the second year the child begins imitating other people's reactions to objects." We learn our language, slang, culture, even our first interests from those who raised us. As parents, guardians, teachers, coaches, pastors, and leaders we forget that while what we say is important, it is what we do that is imitated. Paul writes to the Corinthian church in 1st Corinthians chapter eleven verse one: "Imitate me, as I imitate Christ." Raising and influencing children is a wonderful experience, but if we seek to imitate Christ then our children will imitate Him as well. I have obligation to lead with my voice, but I have a responsibility to lead with my actions. The closer I am to Christ, the more I will reflect His Glory, and the more I reflect Him, the more those whom I lead will also imitate Him. Be encouraged to lead like Christ, imitate Him and the ones you lead will also imitate Him.





# Roary's Corner

Dear Roary: What are some faith based activities I can do with my family over spring break?

Here are few ideas I have for your family this upcoming spring break. I hope you enjoy them!

**Chalk Your Walk:** Decorate your driveway with Easter drawings that represent Jesus. Add scripture too! Then share your illustrations with your family members.

**Rock Your Neighborhood:** Paint rocks with symbols or words that tell about Jesus. Place them around your neighborhood to spread Jesus' love.

**Grow in God:** Pick out spring flower seeds and plant them together. Talk about why it is so important for every one of us to continue growing in God. This growth should never stop, because we will never arrive at all that God has for us in this world. It takes effort to grow. It doesn't happen immediately. And, when we make mistakes, we can repent of them and continue to grow.

*Love, 🐾 Roary*

Did you complete one of Roary's faith based spring break activities? Email a picture to [TheBoldness@lodichristianschool.org](mailto:TheBoldness@lodichristianschool.org) for a chance to win a gift card for your family.

## Easter Bible Trivia

**Q: Who was the first person to see the risen Christ?**

**A. Mary Magdalene**

**Q: Where did the angel tell the women to go and see the risen Savior?**

**A. Galilee**

## Roary's Resources



**Christian Parenting:** Practical ways that we can have tough conversations with our kids.



**Focus on the Family:** Giving your preschooler a good foundation.

## PARENT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

April 2nd @ 6:15pm

Michele Silva and Alison McGregor

How to navigate hard discussions with your kids! Take home tangible communication tips, equipping you in these hard discussions.

Childcare is free for all ages.



### SCRIPTURE ON GROWING IN YOUR FAITH:

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."

2 Peter 3:18

"And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God:"

Colossians 1:9-10