

THE BOLDNESS NEWSLETTER

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



Above all else,
guard your
heart, for
everything you
do flows from it.
Proverbs 4:23

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TRAIN THEM UP

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My Tuesday nights are fairly predictable. Family dinner at my mom and dad's house starts at 6:30pm and ends at 9pm. My siblings and their families are always invited, and we can expect Mom to do the cooking. She may ask for us to pick up a dessert, but that is a small price to pay for the home-cooked meal and time spent with family. How did my parents pull off this weekly feat of scheduling amongst the busyness? Well, it started much earlier in our lives when my mother would emphasize the importance of eating dinner together each evening, even with the busyness of extra-curriculars. We all want our children to grow up to be successful in what they do and setting them up for spiritual success is no different. Just as the priority I place on family dinner was instilled in me by my parents from an early age, so too is it with the faith of our kids. What we instill in them now develops patterns and priorities that they will carry on into the future and hopefully for the rest of their lives.

Proverbs 22:6 says this: "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Training is not merely teaching and instructing, it is also putting into practice what is learned. It is a discipleship relationship and you, the parent, are the primary disciple maker when it comes to your family. I know very well that my job as a pastor is to equip, lead, and guide, but discipling your children will always be one of your primary roles as their parent. They spend most of their week with you, and they are watching and learning from what you do and say!

If you have made it this far, this is the part where I challenge you with some self-reflection by asking some questions (I am a pastor, after all). Take a moment to think about what patterns and priorities you have been instilling in your children lately. What lessons and habits might they be learning by watching how you pray or read your Bible? What might they be learning about prioritizing going to Church together? When they watch how you worship on Sundays, what messages about what it means to worship are they silently jotting down? Are you teaching and showing them the importance of selflessness when you serve together?

Of course, there will come a time when your kids no longer listen to you; but my hope is that when they do, they will choose to make the faith that you handed down to them their own.



Jonah Mad Libs

A long time ago, there was a _____ named Jonah. His
(occupation)
 job was to bring God's _____ to the people.
(noun, plural)
 One day God told Jonah to go to the _____ of
(something alive, plural)
 Ninevah and tell them to stop being bad and start being _____.
(adjective)
 Jonah didn't want to go, so he headed in the opposite direction, got on
 a _____, and tried to _____ away
(form of transportation) (action verb – something you can do)
 from God. After awhile, a huge _____ came up. The
(noun)
 _____ was blowing and the _____ were
(noun) (noun, plural)
 crashing and the _____ were very afraid.
(an occupation, plural)
 Jonah knew that it was his fault and he asked them to throw him into
 the _____. They didn't want to, but things kept getting
(something large)
 worse, so finally they agreed. Immediately, everything stopped and
 was calm. The people were _____ and gave
(an emotion)
 _____ to God for saving them. Meanwhile, Jonah
(a noun, plural)
 was sinking down into the _____, about to _____.
(something that starts with "W") (action verb)
 But God sent a big _____ which swallowed Jonah.
(something alive)
 Jonah spent _____ days in its _____,
(a number) (a body part)
 praying and thanking God for saving him. After awhile, the creature
 _____ Jonah onto dry _____.
(verb, something you can do to someone) (noun)
 this time Jonah went straight to Ninevah to do what God had told him
 to do. The Ninevites listened to Jonah and started being _____.
(adjective)
 God had given them a _____ chance, just as he had
(numbers +st/nd/th)
 with Jonah.

Laughter is good medicine

Q: What did the pirates call Noah's Boat?

A. The Arrrrrk

Q: What did Jonah's family say when he told them about what happened before reaching Nineveh?

A. Hmmm, sounds fishy.

Roary's Resources



- **Family Devotion:** The Very Best, Hands-On, Kinda Dangerous Family Devotions: 52 Activities Your Kids Will Never Forget



- **Parent Article:** Focus on the Family, 100+ Family Traditions

Roary's Corner

Dear Roary: I know it is important to be involved in church, but we have so much going on. How can we get involved when we already are doing so much?

The pull of having so many things to do on the weekend is REAL! Families often juggle sports, birthday parties, appointments, events, and family gatherings along with resting and going to church. I don't anticipate God creating an 8th day, so the 48 hours we have are so important. If we shift our thinking from "cramming in as much as possible", to prioritizing a church service during the weekend, it will show to our families, and others, where our priorities are. It may also be helpful to look at church as being the beginning of your week. When Moses was in the presence of God one of the commands He shared was "Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. You have six days each week for your ordinary work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath day of rest dedicated to the Lord your God." We aim to meet in community weekly, with our brothers and sisters, to keep our eyes on the Lord.

If you are looking to be a part of a church community, here is a list of some local churches, their websites, and service times available.



How many times is the word GOD mentioned in this newsletter? Email your answer to TheBoldness@lodichristianschool.org for a chance to win a gift card for your family.

EVENTS

Parent Fellowship Night

Guest Speakers: Kevin Brown and Michele Silva

Tuesday, November 7th 6:15PM

Childcare is free for all ages



SCRIPTURE ON TRAINING AND TRADITIONS :

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correction, and training in righteousness."

2 Timothy 3:16

"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you."

1 Corinthians 11:1-2