

Dear Parents,

Doesn't time fly when you are having fun! We have been working hard with the team to improve the experience for kids at the Forge and so sorry that it has been a while since we have sent a message to you.



November's Uptown Kids Teaching Series

This month's theme is 'Building Blocks' and will be looking at 4 key building blocks for our faith. We will look at each building block through a different parable that Jesus taught. Each week we will invite someone from the church to sit on our 'Hotseat' to be interviewed by the children about their faith and how they use the building block of the week. Imagine the children chanting 'hotseat, hotseat' to introduction music and you can picture the atmosphere.

	Building Block	Story
5 th November	The Bible	The Parable of the Wise & Foolish Builders
12 th November	Prayer	The Parable of the Persistent Widow
19 th November	The Church	The Parable of the Good Samaritan
26 th November	Telling others about Jesus	The Parable of the Sower

New Environment at Uptown Kids

'Wow' was the word from children at Debenham as they walked through the door at Uptown Debenham this week as they saw the new mats, banners and bean bags. That afternoon at Thurston and Eye, the new mats and banners caused the same response, 'cool'. Bean bags will follow soon at Eye & Thurston, once we have arranged storage. What a cool place to learn how to 'find and follow Jesus'.



Follow the Star

On 17th December we will have a Kids & Families Christmas Service entitled 'Follow the Star'. This will be for Little Village and Uptown Kids and any of their family that want to join us. Join us as characters from the Christmas story tell their account of the impact of that bright shining star as it

moved over each character's home that night. Follow the star and take part in activities at each station. More details to follow soon

Debenham – 10.30am; Thurston 4pm; Eye 4pm



Little Village

In November we will be looking at

12th November – Jonah

19th November – Daniel – eating fruit

26th November – Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego

On 3rd, 10th December we will be looking at the Christmas story and on 17th December we will join Uptown Kids for the 'Follow the Star'.



September saw the re-launch of The Edge, Debenham. This is for school years 3 to 6 and is held at Debenham Primary School on Wednesdays from 6.30 to 7.30pm. Games, craft, drink and biscuits means we have a lot of fun together. The Edge, Thurston, started on

31st October at Thurston Primary School. Every Tuesday, 5.30 to 6.30pm and is again for school years 3 to 6.

Everyone is welcome as Forge Kids gets involved in the local community. We are keen to grow our small team of volunteers who run 'The Edge'. If you think that you can help, please contact us.

New to the Team

One of the reasons that we are growing the great work for Kids@TheForge is because we have a great team of volunteers. We are pleased to announce the following people have joined us. In Uptown Kids we welcome the following to the team: Nicki Snell (Uptown Debenham); Michelle Ling and Jess Thomas (Uptown Thurston); Sarah Jocelyn (Uptown Eye); Leah Golding (Uptown Debenham) and Graham Humphries (Edge Debenham). Laura Rogers has taken on our admin support role to keep our database up to date and to support us contacting volunteers and parents. Our thanks to the team joining Karen Austen who prepare our resources for Uptown Kids.

@forgekids Twitter

Do you follow us? @Forgekids has updates and comments to help Forge Kids and parents. Please follow us and retweet us.

Parents of ForgeKids

How can we help you as parents? Please email us if there is anything you would like us to consider as we plan support for Forge Kids and their parents. Please email us at kids@forgechurch.com to let us your thoughts.

Job Page

We have some tremendous Kids volunteers but we have the following vacancies and we would love to hear from you if you are interested. You can also try taste and see to check that it is for you.

Kids Church (Sunday)

We have vacancies at Eye, Debenham & Thurston. This involves working with a small group of children and all teaching material and resources are already prepared. Time commitment can vary from 1 to 4 Sundays a month. Vacancies in Tot Street (0-2); Little Village (3-5); Uptown Kids (5-11)

Please email us at kids@forgechurch.com to request a 'taste and see' to visit to see if a role is for you.

Edge

Can you help midweek in one of our clubs? We have some great leaders but we need more helpers at Debenham and Thurston. We want to launch one at Eye soon and so could you help? This involves supervising, having fun and playing games with children.

Please email us at kids@forgechurch.com to request a 'taste and see' to visit to see if a role is for you.

We hope that this has helped to update you on Forge Kids. We love working with your children.

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