



# The Kingdom Connection

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A Newsletter for the Children and their Parents of Overland Park Christian

## The Baby Jesus

One of my favorite things about the Christmas season is listening to Christmas music. For one month of the year we listen to music about snow, sledding, Santa Claus and Baby Jesus. There are definitely some fun ones out there such as "I Want A Hippopotamus For Christmas". Then there are the traditional songs that still send shivers up my spine at times like "Silent Night" and "O Come, O Come Emmanuel". One of my nontraditional favorites is "Mary, Did You Know?". Here are just a few lines from the song:

*"Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect lamb?  
This sleeping child you're holding is the great I Am."*

As I listen to the song I think about what could have been going on in Mary's thoughts as she was holding this newborn baby in her arms. You, as a parent, know the feeling of holding your newborn child for the first time. The joy, excitement, fear, and total love that comes with this new creation. To know that this little baby has been given to you and that you are responsible for another life. This tiny little life that you would give up your own for. Could Mary have had any idea how her life had suddenly changed? How did she cope with the responsibility? How did she deal with the emotions of this miraculous birth? Did Mary have the same parenting issues that we have today? Do you think Jesus ever threw a tantrum?

Christmas is such a busy time in this crazy world that we live in. We find ourselves rushing to numerous Christmas parties, winter festivals, concerts, shopping, baking, etc. The secular world keeps us rushing about and sometimes we fall into the trap of forgetting who Baby Jesus really was. This tiny baby who would grow up to walk on water, heal the sick, feed the poor and love the sinners. This tiny baby would bring God's love to earth. This tiny baby, born of Mary and Joseph, was given to us so that we may know God more fully.

This Christmas let us help our children know who Baby Jesus is. Talk about Him as well as talk to Him in prayers. I encourage you to become a spiritual mentor for your children by focusing on your own relationship with Jesus and sharing your experience with them. This season I challenge you to read the Christmas story together, to light advent candles together and to pray for peace and joy to all people.

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Merry Christmas,  
*Lisa*

*'But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."' Luke 2:10-11*



Happy Birthday,  
JESUS  
Created by  
Celeste Clodesdale  
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David T. Clodesdale

December 6  
6:00pm  
Shawnee Park  
Christian Church

We invite you to the performance of  
"The Best Christmas Present Ever!"  
Christy Reiter, Alex & Abby Horton and  
Kira & Courtney Setty will perform with  
children from Shawnee Park CC.

No Kid's Night Out in December.  
Watch the OPCC Scene about Family  
Movie Night information and future  
Kid's Night Out dates.



**Thank you for your  
donations to  
Operation  
Christmas Child  
We collected 22 boxes!**

## Children's Christmas Project

On December 13 we'll collect and deliver a basket of goodies to the Fire Station across the street from the church. We invite families to bring home made goodies, crafts and other items you think the people at the fire station would enjoy. We'll be making cards at the beginning of the month during Kid's Worship to include in the basket.

After we have the basket of goodies assembled we'll walk together to deliver the basket and wish them a Merry Christmas! Parents are welcome to join us. Please make sure your child has a coat/jacket for our adventure!

Thank you in advance for your help on this project!

### **PARENTING THE EARLY YEARS**

**10 BIBLICAL TRAITS YOUR KIDS WILL REMEMBER YOU FOR**

Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott are best selling authors, who have sold over one million copies of their books. They are a very solid Christian couple that has been featured on Christianity Today, ABC's Good Morning America, Focus on the Family, The New York Times and they've even made their way on to Oprah.

When your kids are all grown up, how will they remember you?

Parenting starts with who you are. If you develop positive qualities in your own life, your children will see these and possibly copy them. Rather than seeking ways to manipulate your kids to behave better, look for ways to improve your own character-and that may filter down through your family.

In six sessions, Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott will take you through a parenting approach you won't find in any other parenting resource. They'll give us a sneak peek at the real-life parenting moments and vulnerable questions from 20 families. You will discover 10 biblical traits that will make you a better person and a better parent. Then, you will begin to intentionally pass on these key traits to your kids.

Classes will be held on Sunday evenings beginning January 31 from 6-7:30pm in the Fireside Room at Overland Park Christian Church. There will be no charge for the class except for the price of the workbook which is \$12.99. Childcare will be provided by reservation only.

Please enroll for the class by calling Lisa Setty at 913-677-4646 ext. 228 or by email at [lisa@opccdoc.org](mailto:lisa@opccdoc.org).

# Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to you..  
Happy birthday to you..  
Happy birthday God's Children.  
Happy birthday to you!



Courtney Setty	Dec. 2
Ali Robinson	Dec. 7
Kira Setty	Dec. 25
Graham Lee	Jan. 6
Ella Perry	Feb. 23



**Sundays**

**9:30-  
10:30**

## YOU ARE INVITED TO A BIRTHDAY PARTY!

DECEMBER 20, 2009  
FIRESIDE ROOM at 12:15 PM

### GUEST OF HONOR: JESUS

Join us for lunch and birthday cake.  
Main dish and cake will be provided.  
Please bring a side dish to share.

Following lunch the children will be invited  
to make fun Christmas crafts with  
their families while the youth  
are invited to participate in a  
white elephant gift exchange  
in The Underground.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY,  
*Jesus!*

Our next Family Life  
Commission Meeting is  
scheduled for January 24  
We will meet in the Fireside Room  
following late worship.  
If you have a passion for children,  
youth and families this is the place to be!



Family Life  
Commission

# Christmas Fun

What do elves learn in school?  
(The elf-abet.)

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?  
(Frosted Flakes)

What do snowmen wear on their heads?  
(Ice caps)

Knock, Knock  
Who's there?  
Donut.

Donut who?

Donut open till Christmas!

What's red, white and blue at  
Christmas time?  
(A sad candy cane.)

What do you call the fear of getting  
stuck in a chimney?  
(Santaclostrophobia)

Why does rain drop but snow fall?

Why does Santa have 3 gardens?  
(So he can ho-ho-ho!)



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