

EAGLES NEST CLUB REPORT: 2009

Word of Life Club

January through May, the Wednesday evening children's ministry was using the Word of Life curriculum. In January and February, we brought in many boxes of non-perishable food items for Manna. The first Wednesday in May, we had our closing party and each child received a book and a CD. (Jessica Finley was given a special Bible for completing all of her quiet time journal and memorizing all of the verses. Way to go, Jessica!) The average attendance at that time was 55.

We had an ice cream social for the workers the following week which included a wrap-up meeting. At that meeting, we took a survey of those serving in the ministry. Most commented about the lack of flexibility the Word of Life curriculum provided. The curriculum was more of a lecture style than we would have preferred. We decided at that time to find a new curriculum that would be a better fit for this ministry. After much research, we found Group Publishing to provide a more hands-on approach. This curriculum also would allow us to expand the ministry by adding a three and four year old class.

Eagles Nest Club

In September of 2009, we began our Eagles Nest Clubs. After the first week of using the new curriculum, the crew members said they enjoyed it more, and parents were even posting on Facebook about the lessons their children were teaching them on the way home. Parents still come in on Wednesdays and tell us about good things that are happening at home because of what God is doing in the ministry.

Once a month, we do a theme night that is fun for the children and gives them opportunities to be creative. September's theme was crazy glasses and unique book marks. October's theme was fall crazy hats. We also did a service project for the pastors to honor them during Pastor Appreciation Month. The children all made cards for each pastor and the crew members made or bought something to put in the baskets with the cards. The children presented them on the last Sunday in October during the second service. November's theme was to dress like Pilgrims and Indians. The children also participated in the Operation Christmas Child collection by bringing in over 100 shoe boxes to share with children in other countries who probably would not have received anything. December's theme was to dress like a walking Christmas tree; we were amazed with their creativity. One little boy's father rigged him up with a battery so he could actually light up. We also had our annual Christmas party where every child received an Eagles Nest Club t-shirt along with some small prizes and candy.

We praise the Lord for His love and mercy; this past year, we witnessed 10 children pray to receive Christ. We continued to watch them grow in their faith. The average attendance from September through December was 70 kids.

We would like to thank God who gave us the direction we felt we needed, and who continues to guide us each week. Also we would like to thank all those who came along side us to faithfully serve throughout the year.

- Word of Life Volunteers:

Jennifer Broom, Colleen Volpone, Esther Oehlenschlager, Amy Finley, Jon Moon, Connie Moschell, John Scacco, Lisa Scacco, Laura Miles, Larinda Harnist, Anne Hathy, Renee Myers, Maaike Jenkins. Ellie Sprague, Amanda Dietrich, Roni Guerini, Jessica Bailey, Becky Robinson, Andrea Stevens, Mandi Forristal, Gaylenne Loftus, Julie Smith, and Melv ia Carter

- Eagles Nest Club Volunteers:

Nursery... Ellie Sprague, Kathy Logsdon, Monika Logsdon, Mikayla Lingo
Itty Bittie (3 - 4 year olds): Maaike Jenkins, Jennifer Donathan, Angie Fenslage
Hatchlings (4 year olds - kindergarten)... Roni Guerini, Becky Robinson, Jessica Bailey, Andrea Stevens, Gaylenne Loftus, Heidi Furlon, Alaina Jamison, Nicole Guerini, Katlynn Guerini, Kylie Corp, Monika Logsdon, Jessica Finley, Chris Otto
Eagles (1st grade – 5th grade)... Jennifer Broom, Colleen Volpone, Esther Oehlenschlager, Amy Finley, Connie Moschell, John Scacco, Lisa Scacco, Anne Hathy, Misty Hoffman, Sami Leighner, Michelle Otto

It is been very rewarding serving with these dedicated crew members while serving the children. God has blessed this ministry in many ways. We thank God for allow us to be a part of His church.

Resting in God's grace,
Lori Jamison, Carrie Pawlowski, and
Stacey Reese