

Young Family Weekly Email

Thank you so much for sending in pictures of your families celebrating Easter! I loved seeing them and I know the entire congregation will too in the Sunday worship video. This week, we have a special treat. Jeanne LeBlond (Sunday School teacher for the kindergarten/ first grade class) reads a book to the children. There are two crafts, a mini book and a cross craft, to go with the book. You will also find a Doubting Thomas lesson and video that goes with the adult worship scripture for the week. This week we are also starting a pen pal program for children and older adults in our congregation.

- Easter Video
 - Easter mini book
 - Cross Craft
 - Doubting Thomas video, activity and coloring sheets
 - Pen Pals
 - Family Mission Project: Power Packs
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Jeanne LeBlond

This is the Mystery of Easter

This is a great summary of the Easter story and guide to being a Christian. The author also released pages for your children to create their own Easter mini-book. It's two printer pages. When you do the last fold, have the pictures facing out. This sounds odd now but it will make sense when you get to this step. You'll wind up with two little books, then you can have part 1 and part 2, or connect them together with a bit of duct tape as a binding.

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[Click here for Jeanne LeBlond video](#)

Easy Cross Craft

Materials Needed:

Paper

Masking Tape

Watercolor or Kid Paints

Directions:

Cut two pieces of masking tape to form a cross and lay down on top of the sheet of paper.

Let your child paint the page! Be careful not to use too much water and make sure to paint over the entire areas surrounding the masking tape.

Once done painting, set the pages aside to dry.

Then SLOWLY peel away the masking tape.
A beautiful white cross is revealed!

Family Sunday School Doubting Thomas

This is a new free resource for families that follows the lectionary readings that are used for our Sunday worship services. The story part of the video is great! You may not like the music, but the nice thing about the video is that you can fast forward! The Doubting Thomas story begins at 3:00 in video.

Wondering Questions:

I wonder...

- If Thomas really touched Jesus.
- If the other disciples had doubts.
- What it was like to see Jesus again.

[Click here for activity page](#)

[Click here for coloring page](#)

[Click here for Doubting Thomas Video](#)

Indian Hill Church Pen Pals Bored Kids? Lonely Older Adults?

One of the greatest strengths of our church is our intergenerational community. Currently, older adults are being encouraged to stay home resulting in many isolated older adults. If your child would like to be a pen pal to an older member of our congregation, please send me an email (christianeducation@indianhillchurch.org).

How Can You Help Neighbors in Need? IPM Power Packs

Many of you have asked how you can help others during this time of need. IPM (Inter Parish Ministry) is collecting "Power Packs" in gallon-sized Ziploc bags that are then distributed to school-age children. You will find instructions below for creating Power Packs at home with your children. This is a great opportunity to teach your children about loving their neighbors.

What makes a good power pack?

1. Look for a **meal** for each bag (microwave mac and cheese, microwave ravioli, soups with pull tab, canned chicken/tuna lunch kits, Hormel shelf stable meals)
2. Add other items such as individual cereals, applesauce, fruit cups, shelf-stable puddings, oatmeal, peanut butter crackers, JIF peanut butter to go cups, raisins, chips, juice box, granola bar, pretzels, microwave popcorn, cheese crackers).

3. Seal items in a gallon Ziploc bag.
4. It is great when the bag is full of items.
5. Feel free to add an encouraging note to the child receiving the Power Pack.

Power Pack supplies can be ordered on Amazon or purchased at a grocery store. I purchased supplies at Kroger and easily found what I needed.

Power Packs can be dropped off anytime at one of three church member houses. These members have volunteered to have a bin at the front porch for power packs. **Please keep appropriate social distance when dropping off Power Packs.** No contact is necessary at drop off. You may also drop power packs at IPM pantries during specified times. **Collections can NOT be dropped off at church.** The church building is currently closed.

Church Member Drop off locations:

Michael and Jennifer Taylor's House: 6305 Graves Road, Cincinnati, OH 45243

Walt and Holly Dewees' house: 9310 Old Indian Hill Road, Cincinnati, OH 45243

Phil and Suzanne Beck's house: 9983 Walnutridge Ct, Cincinnati, OH 45242

IPM Drop Off Locations:

Monday and Tuesday 10:00 am-12:00 pm at the Newtown Pantry 3509 Debolt St, Cincinnati, OH 45244

Thursday and Friday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Amelia Pantry 1075 W Ohio Pike (on K of C Drive) Cincinnati, OH 45245

You can also donate to IPM online by clicking this

link: <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx...>