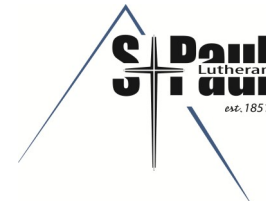


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March 6, 2026

*"For the Lord is good and his love endures forever. His faithfulness continues through all generations."
Psalm 100:5*

Is there a catch?

How many of you are looking forward to the start of Daylight Savings Time? If you are like me, you count down to this upcoming weekend starting in November already. I absolutely love the extra hour of sunlight we get at the end of the day. No longer do many of us come to work in the dark and go home in the dark. Extra daylight just seems to lift my spirits.

There is a catch though. Saturday night before we go to bed we move our clocks forward by an hour. What does that mean? One less hour of sleep; and sleep, well, that is something that I cherish. For many it takes 3 - 7 days to adjust to the time change with some needing two weeks to get on a "normal" schedule. We know we'll see the effects of the time change Monday when kids come back to school.

This concept has drawn me to Jesus' conversations with his disciples about his upcoming death and how the disciples will turn from him. Despite knowing that Jesus' closest friends will deny him, he leaves them with these words: "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

Can there be a catch in following Jesus? There are times when we are persecuted for our faith and for our convictions. We are not promised a perfect life; this is the result of sin. But please know, there is no "catch" in believing in Jesus. There is just the promise that through Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension, this sinful life will one day be gone and we will live eternally in heaven with our Lord and Savior. That day when Jesus takes us home will be a glorious day where we won't need to worry about sunlight, sleep, or the troubles of this world.

Mr. Yurk
Principal



MARCH

6	Fri	End of 2 nd Trimester Interest Day – 11:40am Dismissal NO 3&4PK PM Classes Panther Parent Skateland Event
11	Wed	Chapel—Camp LuWiSoMo
14	Sat	St. Paul Archery Tournament
18	Wed	Chapel—1st Grade (Pingel)
20	Fri	March Madness (6pm)
24	Tue	Gr. K-2 Field Trip to North Shore
25	Wed	Chapel – 4 th Grade (Anderson)
3/30-4/6 Mo-Mo Spring Break – NO SCHOOL		

APRIL

7	Tue	Classes Resume
9	Thu	CUNE Music Assembly Panther Parent Meeting
14	Tue	End Session IV Middle School
15	Wed	Chapel – 2 nd Grade (Shull)
22	Wed	Chapel – 3 rd Grade (Haas)
23	Thu	Parent-Teacher Conferences by appt.

Notes from the Principal:



1. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make Interest Day such an exciting day for our students. The partnership with our St. Paul community and community at large makes attending St. Paul so unique and special.
2. Friday was the close of the second trimester of the 2025-26 school year.
3. March 31 is the deadline to have Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2025 donated to a non-profit organization. St. Paul Lutheran School and Church are both designated non-profits with Thrivent. Please consider us if you have Thrivent Dollars allocated to you for donating.
4. Enrollment for 2026-27 school year is now open. There are some grade levels that are being moved to waiting lists. If you know of someone looking for a school, please have them contact the school office and we can set up a meeting and tour.

Panther Parents invite you to:

Schools Out Skate at Skateland

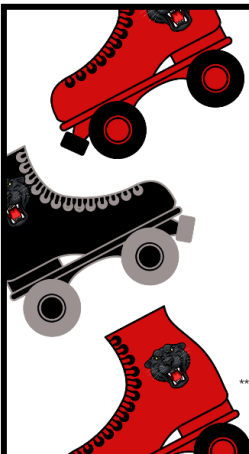
Friday March 6th 12:30pm-2:30pm

\$8 to skate

Skate rentals included

Concessions will be available for purchase

**STUDENTS 4TH GRADE AND YOUNGER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.



THE WEIGHT
SERMON SERIES

LENT 3: March 11, 2026

4:30pm & 6:30pm

The Weight of Hope Deferred

Guest Preacher:

Rev. Dr. James Kroemer

Meal Host: LERT / HMC

Meal: Taco Bar & Scoops of Cedar Crest Ice Cream

Family Life Center from 5:15-6:15pm

Freewill offering goes toward:

St. Paul Lutheran Early Response Team,
Hearts of Mercy & Compassion & Cares Ministries

College Students: Come and eat!

The freewill offering is covered on your behalf

Thank you for joining us!

Accepting Endowment Fund Grant Applications - Fiscal Year 2026/2027



In accordance with the distribution policy and bylaws of the St. Paul Endowment Fund, a total of \$45,600 will be available to distribution from the St. Paul Endowment Fund during the 2026/2027 fiscal year (July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027). Endowment grant applications are now being accepted by the St. Paul Endowment Committee. A copy of the endowment grant application is available through the St. Paul Endowment website (<https://www.splgrafton.org/church/endowment/>), in the St. Paul Finance Office, or by contacting Jason Hasenstein, Director of Finance. One of St. Paul's Boards must sponsor each endowment grant application. Please direct any questions regarding endowment grant applications and/or submit any grant applications to jason.hasenstein@splgrafton.org. Grant funds will be distributed as long as endowment funds remain available in the fiscal year.

Christian Day School Singing Schedule



Sun.	Mar. 8	11:00 am	PraisePower
Wed.	Mar. 11	4:30 pm	JuBellate
Sun.	Mar. 15	9:30 am	JIVE
Sat.	Mar. 21	5:00 pm	Gr. 6-8 Sing w/ Concert Band
Wed.	Mar. 25	4:30 pm	Children's Choir
Sun.	Apr. 19	8:00 am	(K-8) Last name L-Z Sing With JuBellate
		10:30 am	(K-8) Last name A-K Sing With Concert Band

Approved Calendar Dates 2026-27 School Year

Date	Event
Aug 14	Teachers Report
Aug 20(Thu)	Orientation Day
Aug 25 (Tue)	First Day of Classes
Sept 4	No School (Labor Day Weekend)
Sept 7	Labor Day No School
Sept 28-30	Outdoor Education (7 th)
Oct 30 (Fri)	No School
Nov 20	End of 1 st Trimester
Nov 23-27	Thanksgiving Break – No School
Dec 21–Jan 1	Christmas Break – No School
Jan 22	Parent/Teacher Conferences – No classes
Feb 19	Half Day – 11:40 dismissal – Winter Break
Feb 22	No School – Winter Break
Mar 5	End of 2 nd Trimester / Interest Day
Mar 22-29	Spring Break / Easter Monday – No School
Apr 24-28	8th Grade Washington DC Trip
May 3 (Mon)	No School
May 28	Half Day – 11:40 dismissal
May 28	PreK Closing Service
May 31	Memorial Day – No School
June 4	K-8 Closing Service /10am dismissal / Graduation
June 11	Teachers Last Day

MARCH Baptism Remembrance

Richard Babler
Parker Collins
Nora Gavin
Graham Gierach
Jack Hansen
Hailey Hasenstein
Brayden Holmes
Ember Kohlwey
Rhyan Konitzer
Beckett Olejniczak
Piper Palabrica
Bennett Pegelow
Emma Richison
Deacon Rusch
Skylar Small
Emma Stoller

Quinn Wellna
Elsie Wiech
Faith Zeller
Mrs. Haas
Mrs. Yurk





SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School runs Sundays September-May from 9:30-10:30am, and is open to children ages 3 thru 6th Grade. We also have a teen Bible study group that meets at 9:30am. To have your child join us for

this year's Sunday School or the teen Bible study please fill out the registration form at the following link: tinyurl.com/SSregister25. If you have any questions, please contact tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org.

3/8: This week's Bible story is from James 2:1-13, James warns against favoritism. We will be learning that we show kindness to everyone.

3/15: This week we will be learning that we worship Jesus. We will read Matthew 21:1-11 as we look at the story of Palm Sunday.

Sunday School Volunteers

SUNDAY SCHOOL
HELPERS NEEDED!



Our Sunday school is growing! In order to make Sunday school a success we are looking for extra volunteers to help with teaching and assisting. Provided lessons are simple to prepare and lead. To sign up here to help: tinyurl.com/SSvolunteers25. For more information contact Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org.

Middle School Youth

All 6-8 graders are invited to join us for middle school youth. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month September through May from 3-4:30pm in the youth room. Please watch for email updates and reminders throughout the year. For more information contact Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org. Hope to see you there.



3/8: This week we will be playing 9 square in the air, sharing a devotion, and enjoying snacks together. Hope to see you there!

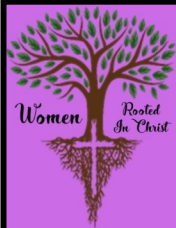
3/22: We will be playing kickball, sharing a devotion, and munching on some animal crackers. Don't miss out on the fun!

Hello St. Paul Member!

St. Paul is once again gracious enough to host some of the Lutheran Sports Association basketball games for the Tournament of



Champions State Championships. LSA thanks St. Paul for its generosity. LSA will have games here March 6-7. We are in need of help to man the admissions table and the concessions stand. Please click on the [link](#) or reach out to Jenny Clemens at jennifer.clemens@splgraffton.org to sign up. We really appreciate your help!



Lenten Breakfast with Rooted Women!

Saturday March 14, 2026

8:30-10:00 AM Youth Room

Join us as we gather for food and fellowship to honor the Lenten season and anticipate the joy of Easter together!

Please sign up here-
<https://tinyurl.com/LentenBreak26>



EASTER EGG HUNT

This year's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Saturday, April 4 beginning at 10am** in the gym. Everyone is invited! Please sign up to participate at <https://tinyurl.com/Easteregg2026>.



If you would like to make a donation of candy or other items to place in eggs, or prizes for the prize table, please take one or more of the donation eggs from the board in the Gathering Hall. All items donated should be returned no later than Sunday, March 22.

Volunteers are needed to help with stuffing eggs on Sunday, March 22 and with setup, running crafts/games, and helping with the egg hunt on Saturday, April 4. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/Eggvolunteers26>. If you have any questions, please contact Tracy at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org. Thanks for your help with this event!

VEGGIES & ICE CREAM

Families are invited to come join us on **Friday, March 13 from 6-7pm** as we watch *Lord of the Beans*. We will also be making some fun crafts and enjoying some ice cream. Signup here to join the fun: <https://tinyurl.com/VeggiesMar26>.

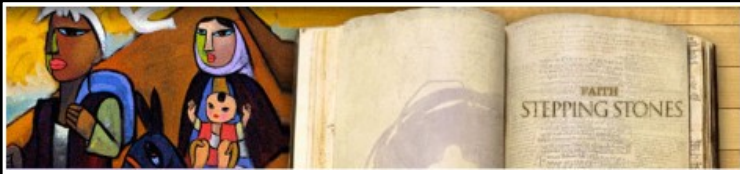


VBS Save the Date

VBS this year is June 15-19, 9am-12pm. We will start volunteer sign up in March and child registration will begin the end of April. Please contact Tracy at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org if you have any questions about VBS.



Check out the volunteer sign up form here: <https://tinyurl.com/VBSVolunteers26>



Faith Stepping Stones

Faith Stepping Stones is faith based parenting education from cradle to high school graduation through eight short-courses, which pull parents into the role of primary faith mentors for their own children every night through blessing, prayer, scripture, Highs & Lows, and faith dialogue (FAITH 5).

Stone 6: Surviving Adolescence

This class consists of three sessions on "Surviving Adolescence" where middle school youth (5-8 graders) and their parents learn and commit to talking about their faith and how they see God at work in their lives on a daily basis. Adding this to the previous faith practices of confession/absolution, Bible reading, Highs & Lows, prayer and blessing. This class will start **Wednesday, April 8 at 6pm** and run through **Wednesday, April 22** in the youth room. Signup here <https://tinyurl.com/Stone62026> or for more information contact Tracy at tracy.krueger@splgrafton.org.

St Paul is hosting TWO marvelous musical tour groups!
Mark your calendar!



Friday, March 13 at 6:30pm - Valley Lutheran HS (Saginaw, MI) Symphonic Band and Golden Voice Choir
These premier auditioned groups will share a beautiful evening of readings and songs to enhance your Lenten journey of prayer and spiritual reflection.

Thursday, April 9 at 6:30pm - Concordia University (NE) University Wind Symphony
Led by Prof. Robert Cody, former Living Word LHS music director, this auditioned group performs a wide variety of literature and has been featured on the Lutheran Hour Radio Broadcast. **(Housing will be needed—email Ms. Valerie Bremer at music@splgrafton.org)**



Applications Open

8th grade families! Apply by March 15 to receive a \$200 tuition credit with our early application deadline fast approaching!
PLUS! WE ACCEPT WISCONSIN & MILWAUKEE CHOICE & SNSP!



www.lwlhs.com/apply

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Grafton, WI

To learn more about Beverly go to LEA.org/awards



2nd-8th Grade



WRESTLING CLINIC

Hosted by the Living Word High School Wrestling Team

March 10, 17, 19, 24, 26 @ St Paul

Join us for an exciting introduction to high school-style wrestling, hosted by the Living Word Lutheran High School (LWLHS) Wrestling Team **at St Paul** Lutheran School in the Undercroft.

This **FREE clinic** is open to students in **2nd-8th grade** and offers a great opportunity to learn the basics of wrestling, participate in combative games, and experience live-action situations.

Make as many dates as you can!

3:30-5:00 PM in Undercroft @ SPG



REGISTER ONLINE

Scan QR code to fill out Google Form.

FREE TO ATTEND

Questions?
Tim Muther, Head Coach
tmuther@lwlhs.com
Or, visit:

WWW.LWLHS.COM/EVENTS



Youth Camps Summer 2026

LuWiSoMo Youth Camps provide campers with faith-growing opportunities and unique learning experiences while having fun in a beautiful Christ-centered outdoor ministry setting.

KinderCamp

For campers Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 1 preferring to spend the weekend with their parents or grandparents

JuniorCamp

For campers Kindergarten to Grade 3 ready to spend a weekend away from their parents

Youth Camp

A 5-night camp for campers in Grades 2-8
Age groups vary for each camp week

Lutheran Band Camp

A 6-night camp for students in Grades 5-9 with experience playing a band instrument

High School Camp

A 5-night camp for students in Grades 8-11

Counselor In Training (CIT)

For high school students wanting to be leaders at camp

Details & Registration Information @ www.luwisomo.org

LUNCH BAGS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES & HOMELESS IN MILWAUKEE

Our Church has volunteered to supply bag lunches for The Gathering meal site on March 26 so people can have a meal on Sundays when meal sites are not open. Please help by donating the following food items for these lunch bags:

- individual packages of tuna or chicken (these are most needed)
- individual bags of salty snacks
- individual applesauce
- individually packaged desserts
- monetary donations to purchase fruit, bread, bottled water and other needed items.



Food donations can be placed in the bin in the Welcome Center, monetary donations can be made to St. Paul with a special note that it is for The Gathering. Adult volunteers are welcomed to help pack lunches on March 26 at 3:30pm.

PLEASE DONATE BY MARCH 23

Questions? Contact Polly Morrison at pollykm40@gmail.com or 262-377-4846

SPARK SUMMER FUN AT CAMP INVENTION

LEARN MORE AT INVENT.ORG/CAMP

A fourth grader practices persistence while building and testing their unique invention.

An instructor empowers a third grader as they design their robotic copybara costumes.

A fifth grader has fun exploring hands-on physics experiments.

A TYPICAL DAY AT THE ALL-NEW 2026 CAMP INVENTION®

Led by qualified local educators, this fun, hands-on STEM summer adventure is designed to ignite creativity and boost confidence in curious kids!

A.M. BASE CAMP: Start the day with creative games.

FUR-ENSICS™
Campers build confidence and critical thinking skills as they explore forensic science and the inner mechanics of their adorable take-home robotic copybar!

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Inspired by real-world STEM superheroes, campers work together to invent creative solutions for challenges in their community and around the world.

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MAKE WAVES™
Diving into entrepreneurship, campers design an eye-catching billboard boat to hook beachgoers and practice persistence as they discover the science that keeps it afloat!

SPACE MORPHERS™
Campers build a DIY rocket and practice problem solving as they grow a dazzling crystal tree and hatch an animal egg in the Space Lab.

P.M. BASE CAMP: Wind down with problem-solving games.

All images feature actual campers enjoying our new 2026 program.

"CAMP INVENTION IS THE BEST!"
This was my first year and I can't wait to come back!
-Olivia S., Camper

SAVE \$25
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AT INVENT.ORG/CISAVE
Offer expires March 31, 2026

REGISTER AT INVENT.ORG/CISAVE OR 800-968-4332

SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!
Grades: Rising 1st - 6th
Campers are grouped by grade
Location: St. John's Lutheran School
899 South 6th Avenue, West Bend, WI 53095
Dates & Time: June 15 - 19, 2026 | 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Cost: \$285 (before discount)
Payment Plans Available up until 4/15/2026
Sibling Discounts at INVENT.ORG/CISAVE
Before and After Care Available: 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM | Additional \$100
Camp Director: Marcia Milam | mmilam@sjlsab.org

Exciting news for this location! For a more convenient program schedule, add our Before and After Care option to your cart at registration. Before and After Care hours are from 7:30AM - 5:30PM for an additional \$100 per week.

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit INVENT.ORG/CISAVE for other locations near you.


National Inventors Hall of Fame | **uspto** | **Investors in Creativity and Invention**
Army Educational Outreach Program
General Motors
Houston Corporation Foundation
Overstock Family Foundation

The Red Backpack Foundation by Sara Blahosi
Shenape Technology, LLC
U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) STEM
Walton Family Foundation
The Wissman Family Charitable Fund



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday	8-Mar	15-Mar
	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00 PraisePower sings @ 11am Middle School Youth, 3pm Daylight Savings Time Begins State Basketball Tournament	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00 JiVE sings @ 9:30
		
Monday	9-Mar	16-Mar
	Children's Choir, 3:15pm	Children's Choir, 3:15pm
Tuesday	10-Mar	17-Mar
	LWLH Wrestling Clinic, 3:30pm	LWLH Wrestling Clinic, 3:30pm
Wednesday	11-Mar	18-Mar
	CHAPEL - Camp LuWiSoMo JuBellate plays @ 4:30 Lenten Worship Services at 4:30pm & 6:30pm Dinner 5:15pm-6:15pm	CHAPEL - 1st Grade (Pingel) Lenten Worship Services at 4:30pm & 6:30pm Dinner 5:15pm-6:15pm
Thursday	12-Mar	19-Mar
		LWLH Wrestling Clinic, 3:30pm
Friday	13-Mar	20-Mar
	Veggies & Ice Cream, 6pm	End of 3rd Quarter March Madness, 6pm
Saturday	14-Mar	21-Mar
	Archery Tournament @ St. Paul Rooted Women Lenten Breakfast, 8:30am Worship at 5:00pm;	Worship at 5:00pm; Gr. 6-8 sings with Concert Band



Need a Meal? We're Here to Help.

HELPING HANDS HOMEMADE MEALS

Sponsored by the Board of Evangelism

Helping Hands homemade meals (individually packaged) are available for anyone to use if needed (surgery, shut in, financial issues). This is a program being restarted by the Board of Evangelism. The meals will be stored in the freezer up by the archives room. If anyone needs delivery to their home we will set that up as well. If you have any questions contact Lori Marien at: 414-303-3901.

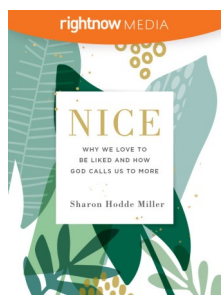
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RightNow Media is the world's largest video-streaming library of biblical resources. Every person in our church can access Biblically-based videos on topics like marriage, parenting, youth, recovery, leadership, finances and much more. You can also choose from more than 2,000 wholesome, educational, and entertaining videos in the RightNow Media library designed specially for children. Stream them at home or on the go with the RightNow Media app. To sign up via **Online Registration**:



Visit <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/splcas> to create your account. Or you can: **Text-to-Sign-Up: Text SPLCAS to 49775** and receive a direct link to the registration page. **QR Code Access:** A quick scan with your smartphone will take you directly to the registration page.

Already signed up to use RightNow Media, but looking for some ideas of what to watch?

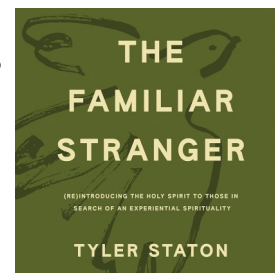


Nice by Sharon Hodde Miller—[Nice :: RightNow Media](#)

God never called us to be nice. We live in a culture that prizes niceness as one of its highest virtues. Niceness keeps the peace, wins friends, gains influence, and serves our reputations well, but it also takes the teeth out of our witness and the power out of our faith. When we choose to be nice instead of faithful, we bear fruits that are bland, bitter, empty, and rotten to the core. In this 5-session series based on her book, Sharon Hodde Miller explores the seemingly innocent idol that has crept into our faith and quietly corrupted it, producing the bad fruits of cowardice, inauthenticity, shallowness, and more. She challenges readers to cultivate a better “tree,” providing practical steps to reclaim our credibility as followers of Christ, and bear better, richer, more life-giving fruits.

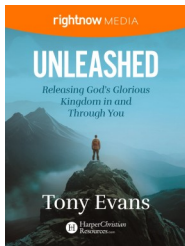
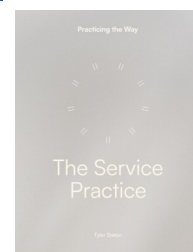
The Familiar Stranger by Tyler Staton

Have you ever felt there's a gap between the life promised in the Bible and the one you're living? For many followers of Jesus, the Holy Spirit is a familiar stranger—a rumored figure we know of, but don't truly know. We hear stories of God's power but struggle to see it in our own lives. This study guide is an invitation to close that gap. Join pastor and author Tyler Staton on a six-session journey to rediscover the most misunderstood person of the Trinity. Moving from rich theology to practical application, this study provides a framework to experience the Holy Spirit in profound, new ways. You will learn to hear God's voice by developing the practice of discernment to recognize God's whisper amidst the noise. You will learn to move in God's power by exploring the spiritual gifts of prophecy, healing, and more, not as ancient history, but as a present reality. And you will learn to redeem your pain by understanding how God meets us and works through our suffering. A vibrant relationship with the Holy Spirit starts now! [The Familiar Stranger :: RightNow Media](#)



The Service Practice by Tyler Staton

Love is the hallmark of Jesus' followers, but what does it look like? In the Way of Jesus, it means offering hidden acts of service to those right in front of us, allowing ourselves to be interrupted by unexpected needs, and overlapping our lives with those on the margins. Check out this four session study on the spiritual discipline of service. [The Service Project :: RightNow Media](#)



Unleashed by Tony Evans

Experience life to the fullest with an intentional alignment to God's rule and power. In this six-session series, bestselling author and pastor Tony Evans teaches about the Holy Spirit's power that is within us and how we can release it to greatly impact the kingdom of God both now and for eternity. As followers of Jesus, we have been transferred out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of Christ. We live in this world but are now informed by another. It's time for kingdom people to unleash kingdom work for the glory of God. [Unleashed :: RightNow Media](#)

Sing God's Word Kids Show (ages 3-12)

Seeds Kids Worship presents the Sing God's Word Kids Show! This faith-filled show was made for one purpose: To help kids sing and know God's Word! Each 30-minute episode is full of worship, an engaging devotional, a fun game, and trivia... all centered around knowing God. The worship is led by Kylie Lynch (Worship Girl) with fun hand motions to our patented word-for-word scripture songs. These fun and joyful worship songs help kids of all ages engage in worship. Then our very special guest speaker will share a powerful devotional on the theme verse. Our hope is that kids will learn the Bible, grow in their relationship with Jesus, and live out God's calling on their life. [Sing God's Word Kids Show :: RightNow Media](#)