

# Sunday School

## PARENTS CORNER

### Murphy's Message to the Kids

Hi kids! It's me Murphy! I am so excited that Easter is coming. Aren't you? I know that we get kind of lost in the bunnies, candy and egg hunts—but I am excited because Jesus Loves Me!

We have been preparing to celebrate Easter by taking our journey to the cross. So, don't forget on Palm Sunday we will see what is in the last of our nesting eggs and Pastor will tell us what mysteries are revealed on Easter morning ... clue, what is the word when you open something and there is nothing in it? Hummmm ... let's find out together!



Murphy



### The Easter Egg

Do you know why the egg represents Easter. The egg is a symbol of the Resurrection—the time when the tomb was found empty and Jesus was alive again. As a chick breaks through an egg —into life—it leaves behind the empty shell. Just as Jesus left behind the empty tomb when He arose into new life.

As we work on coloring our Easter eggs this year, we should color one egg red. Do you know why? Back when eggs were first used to represent the Resurrection they were painted red to represent the blood of Jesus. The painting of pastel colored eggs came as people connected Easter to nature's new birth in the spring.

"Birth" is defined as the start of "life"— as we celebrate, may we remember that as Jesus rose from the tomb He brought to all humanity the start of new life through grace!

### Don't Forget to Practice: Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so  
Little Ones to He belong, they are weak but He is strong  
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus Loves me  
The Bible tells me so  
Jesus loves me He who died heavens gate to open wide  
He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in  
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus Loves me  
The Bible tells me so

We hope that you and your children are enjoying our new Sunday School format. The teachers and assistants are excited to share the stories of Jesus with the children and see their joy as they join together for crafts, stories and worship time. But we would love to hear what you think? Let us know so that we can make sure that all feel comfortable.

Coming into the summer months we are starting to think of what vacation Bible school might look like. We would love to use this as an outreach to families in our area. Again we look to all of you to share some ideas on what timing might look like and what might be the best way to introduce our little church to the community.

Don't forget to check out our Family Ministry page on the Church website for weekly lessons and updates.

Your Sunday School Team

As a reminder, we are taking small offerings from the children to teach both the gift of "giving" and to allow them to see their "gifts" help others. Starting in May we will be tracking our progress to purchasing a gift through Heifer International to help those in need to be able to harvest the eggs and feed their families. As you are able, please help your children to bring a small gift for our whale bank.

Every Sunday we do crafts and welcome at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School lessons at 10:00 a.m. and we join Pastor for children's Worship after prayers of the people. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays the Praise Team leads the children in songs and joyful praise.