

Family Picture

We will be taking a family picture that will be used for one of our Saturday family activities. Each family needs to make sure their family picture is taken on Friday night. If you are unable to come on Friday, your picture needs to be taken on Saturday by 11:00 AM. There will be a designated area for this on the second floor of our meeting area in District 1.

Memory Verses

We are praying that all families would spend time in the Word this week and work on memorizing verses together! When your family signs in, each child will receive a memory verse card based on his age level. Please, help your child memorize the verses and go with him/her to recite the verse at the Memory Verse table. The Memory Verse table will be open during mealtimes. The last opportunity to recite verses will be Saturday before our last session. We will have prizes for those who memorize even one verse!

Family Activities

We will have different opportunities for the family to work together on Friday and Saturday. These times are for all the members of the family to work together. Find ways to distribute the tasks among each member of the family.

Schedule

Friday, August 25th

5:45 PM: Registration and family picture

6:00 PM: Dinner

7:00 PM: Session 1 and family activity

Saturday, August 26th

10:45 AM: Registration and family picture (for those absent on Friday)

11:00 AM: Session 2

12:15 PM: Lunch

12:55 PM: Family activity

1:20 PM: Games

2:00 PM: Session 3

2:45 PM: Prizes and final announcements

3:00 PM: Cleaning

I AM AWESOMELY AND WONDERFULLY MADE

2023 FAMILY CAMP

CHURCHES IN ANAHEIM, CYPRESS AND ORANGE

Parent's Orientation Guide

“I will praise You, for I am awesomely and
wonderfully made; / Your works are
wonderful, / And my soul knows it well.”

Psalm 139:14

My family's last name is:

Welcome to our 2023 Family Camp!

This guide is intended for parents and burdened saints who will be joining us for the Family Camp. We hope all of you will take a few minutes to read and know the burden for this family time and also some practical points in order to have an enjoyable time with all the children. May the Lord grant us all a memorable time together! Our burden during the Family Camp is that the entire household would participate in both days to get continuity of the theme and the full benefit. Our subject this year is **“I am awesomely and wonderfully made.”**

In Psalm 139:13-14, David writes, “For it was You who created my inward parts; / You wove me together in my mother’s womb. / I will praise You, for I am awesomely and wonderfully made...” Awesomely, when translated from the Hebrew, means “with great reverence, heartfelt interest, and with respect.”

Our humanity is precious to God and to us because He Himself wove us in our mother’s womb and awesomely and wonderfully made us. We should appreciate how God created us, male and female. We must thank and praise Him for our humanity and do our utmost to preserve it.

Since there is such a swift downward current in our society today, we must preserve our children’s humanity by presenting to them the truth in the Bible regarding how God awesomely and wonderfully made them male and female. May the Lord use the burden presented in this time to help instill this truth into our younger ones to preserve them from the chaos in our society.

During our three sessions together, we want to convey that God created each one of us perfectly. We have no need to change our appearance! God formed us in our mother’s womb, and He decided if we were a boy or a girl. We are all children, but some are boys, and some are girls. Boys and girls look different and are different from each other in many ways. A baby boy grows up to be a boy and later a man. In the same way, a baby girl grows up to be a girl and then a woman. God created boys and girls because he wanted them to grow and later in life get married and form a family for His expression and to fulfill His plan. This is what makes God happy!

As families growing together in the church in the localities of Anaheim, Cypress and Orange, our prayer is that we, parents, will cooperate with the Lord in raising up the next generation for the church life, and even more, for His coming back.

Guidelines

How can our children see that they were awesomely and wonderfully made in a practical way? Please encourage more discussion and personal testimonies of your own to one another during these days with your children. These times can be done not only with just your family on Friday night or Saturday morning at home, but also and corporately with other families during our mealtimes. Consider the following questions:

If you have children in preschool, kindergarten or first grade, consider:

1. Sharing a personal story of when you were in awe of how God made you (i.e. why your nose was placed upside down, how you were made to stand on two feet and walk, how you have hands to grab and handle things, skin color, hair texture, etc.)
2. Sharing a personal story about a time when you were grateful you were born a boy or a girl.
3. Having a time to show them pictures of when you were a baby girl or boy and as a grown-up woman or man, pictures of your wedding, when you were pregnant or with a newborn. During this time inspire your children to be thankful for how God made you and them.

If you have children in second or third grade, consider:

1. Sharing a personal story of a time you were not that happy with how you looked, but realized God made you that way and more than accepting it, you started to be grateful for how you looked.
2. Having a conversation with them in which they are encouraged to see how both boys and girls are needed, and how boys and girls were created differently.
3. Exploring with them healthy ways they can develop as a boy or girl and later as teenagers to grow in the best way.

If you have children in fourth through sixth grades, consider:

1. Exploring with them ways to guard themselves from looking at/listening to/reading things that would attempt to put doubts in their minds and hearts regarding how they look or how God made them.
2. Guiding them to have a personal conviction that God’s ways are always best. The way they look, the God-given gender is God’s perfect way, and He did not make a mistake.
3. Guiding them to make some personal goals about how they will take care of their entire body and make a vow to grow in the best way to cooperate with God to guard and protect themselves.

May the Lord greatly bless our times together!