

January 2016

Week 1 – Ms. Janine

Showing Hospitality – being welcomed

Scripture: Luke 14:13-14

But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed.

Each child received two brown paper bags sealed, each bag contained one milk chocolate truffle, one for themselves and the other to give away. They were asked to place the candy in their mouths but while doing so to close their eyes to experience the taste and texture. Then they were asked to tell us what they sensed, saw, or heard in their thoughts about how that piece of chocolate made them feel. Our hopes in this application would leave them to feel like it was a good experience, that they would feel welcomed and to recognize the voice of Papa God.

The children were then asked to pray over the second bag prior to giving it away, to pray a blessing over it. We shared that we too pray a blessing into the pot of soup that is prepared each Sunday.

The second piece of candy was to give to someone else in hopes they too would be able to experience that they too are being cared for. When we welcome others (hospitality) we are joining with God in caring for people. Thank you Papa!

Week 2 – Mrs. Melissa

Topic: Love

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13

Going deeper in love for 2016, each child was asked what is something they love in addition to Jesus.

Week 3 – Mr. Steve

Topic: Discipline

Scripture: Hebrews; Proverbs 22:6

Our parents want us to do well.

Tough love. If our parents love is enough to discipline us it's because they want us to be a success. Train us with values.

Activities: The children colored cars for Kids Church. While the kids were coloring Janine went around the room and prayed a blessing over each child.

Week 4 – Mrs. Anna

Theme: Love and giving

Project: Construction paper penguins

Memory Verse: 1 John 3:18

Challenge: To give one heart taffy to someone you would not normally give to.

It cannot be any of your friends or family, or someone you favor.

Quote: *"Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand".*

Mother Teresa

What does love look like? What does it mean to give? In what ways can we give? (time, money, talents, friendship)