

TREKKERS



Program Guide

It's the start of a lot of big changes in Trekkers. Read on and you'll find out about our new format, curriculum, and our new theme. You'll also find out about our special events coming soon to a planet near you.

THE VOYAGE - COLOSSIANS 3:2

Greetings Earth Parents, Captain Steve here communicating to you on behalf of Admiral Andrew and the whole Space Ranger crew in Trekkers. We are pleased to report that our 2008/2009 voyage is underway and the adventure looks to be an exciting one. If you think that was an inordinate amount of space imagery, my friend you ain't seen nothing yet (fasten your seatbelts, you are about to be launched into an asteroid field of clichés). In actuality, the space trope serves as a tool that helps the 4th and 5th graders (or Space Cadets as they are affectionately referred to) remember our theme Bible verse: Colossians 3:2 – Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things (NIV). The Trekker room and associated activities and presentation style all incorporate the idea of outer space and this serves as a metaphor for keeping one's focus on things that are “out of this world” in terms of Godly principles and values. The theme serves as a conceptual reminder every Sunday morning that we ought to be ready to leave the material distractions aside while we hone in on God's word and promises for us.

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In Trekkers, the ultimate mission is to teach the students that the Bible is God's special message for us, and it is with that focus that

we have created a two year curriculum that navigates through the entire Old and New Testaments. What makes the journey somewhat unique is that we are focusing on *how* to read the Bible in order to equip the Cadets with the tools necessary to engage in Scripture on their own. In Trailblazers, Bible stories were the norm and they have heard a few of them and began to understand what they mean. In Trekkers, the goal is to have your kids interact with God's word in a new, more independent way. As we discuss concepts like authorship, historical context, intended audience, and so forth, the idea of applying what they are reading about to their own lives becomes a more rich and robust process.

This may sound a little “heavy” in terms of content, but we in Redwood Kids are determined to make the experience educational AND fun. With interactive games, humorous media presentations, and dedicated volunteers and staff, we are excited by what has been happening so far and we look forward to continuing to build up the program. There is still much to acquire in terms of props, decorations, media, and volunteers but the foundation for fun and learning has been laid. We know that God will continue to do great things with Trekkers and we are thrilled to have your children on board as we travel beyond our earthly realm.

- Captian Steve



Captain Steve
Leading a team of capable and brave Space Rangers, Captain Steve helps your Space Cadet navigate and explore the world around them.

TREKKER STYLE - GALACTIC BIBLE

Pre-teens, Curriculum, Structure, Tools, Events

Redwood Kids is not just a classroom experience, which is why every time a Trekker comes into the Space Room we want them to feel that they are in another world. Fourth and Fifth graders will learn that **"the Bible is God's special message for us."** We strive to bring activities and events that will supercharge their interest in the Bible. Although the best way for you to see what Trekkers is all about is to actually come by and visit, here's a peek at our new program

Pre-teens

At Redwood Kids we do our best to make sure we approach children at their appropriate grade level. This is one of the reasons we love to play, discover and, sometimes, act extremely silly. We have identified 4th and 5th graders as being in a unique place. They are still children, but they are developmentally ready for the "next step". We want to honor that change. Trekkers is a fun "in between" program where we continue to play but we also prepare them for the next level (i.e. the adventures of "teens"). With this in mind we work closely with Emmaus Student Ministries to make this transition as easy as possible.

Curriculum

We are in the process of creating, developing and laying the ground work for an intensive two year curriculum designed to take your kids on an intergalactic cruise through the

entire Bible. Captain Steve, Admiral Andrew, Lieutenant Lugnut along with a great crew of Space Rangers are just the tip of the asteroid trained and recruited to make the Bible Accessible and Fun.

Structure

- Sunday Flight Plan:
 - Countdown** (connect)
 - Flight Simulator** (games)
 - Launch** (worship workshop)
 - Space Quest** (interactive lesson)
 - Escape Pods** (small groups)
 - Reentry** (announcements, tithe)

Tools

You are the most influential person in the life of your child. We promise to work hard to provide a world-class program however, no matter how good the program is it is essential that you get involved in your child's life. Therefore we'll supply your children with basic Bible Study tools they can use at home:

- Navigator** (author)
- Mission** (why the book was written)
- Log** (what happened)
- Broadcast** (application)
- Crew** (main characters)
- Time Warp** (when)
- Flight Plan** (where)



My head got stuck in this space chair.

Upcoming Events 2008-2009:

2008

- October 25 - Fall Fun Fest
- December 5 - Christmas G.A.S.
- December 7, 14, 21 - Advent for Families
- December 19 - Sven and Ole Christmas

2009

- February (TBD) - Father/Daughter Dance
- February 15 & 16 - Space Camp
- March 30 - April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4 - Girl Talk
- June 21 - Promotion Sunday
- July 5 - Summer Program begins
- August 16 - Summer Splash

MISSION: Take Home

Please look for our weekly **"Mission: Take Home"**. These will tell you about what we learned and assist you in continuing the conversation at home. Find out what they learned and reinforce these lessons at home. Don't forget, they're watching you. They will value what you value.

MISSION: Help Out

Our volunteers, "Space Rangers", are a dedicated and wonderful part of Trekkers. There is always more room for Space Rangers.



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