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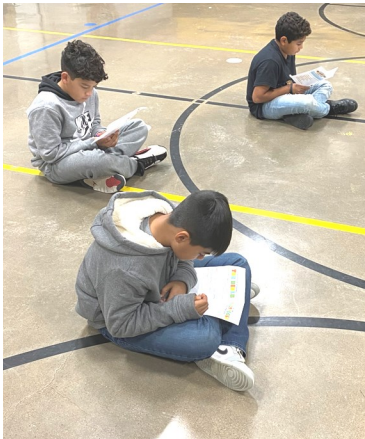
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Taking JESUS to neighborhood children, youth, and families

Practicing Holy Habits

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At the beginning of this school year, our curriculum development team felt the Lord's leading to be teaching our students the spiritual disciplines. We incorporated that into our kick-off unit, "The Sower", but now we are excited to be creating and teaching a brand NEW unit

completely focused on this idea! This unit is called **"Holy Habits"** and is built around helping students develop habits in their lives that will draw them closer to the Lord, building holiness in their own walk with Jesus.

Our theme verse is **1 Peter 1:14-16** (NIV) — "As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'"

God's standard of holiness is an overwhelming goal! As we break it down into simple habits, then it is something we can put into action. We are teaching both the children and the youth habits of prayer, studying God's Word, and worship. These **Holy Habits** form the foundation of a life that is pursuing holiness "in all you do!"

Each lesson goes in depth into a specific habit, exploring what the Bible has to say about why, when, and how to practice each one. Since we don't want to just talk about these **Holy Habits**, but actually equip our students to DO them, every lesson ends with some practice time. Each teaching group has the freedom to implement this time in a way that best suits their situation and age group, with various ideas presented in the lesson. **This has led to some really sweet moments with our students!**

The first lesson was on prayer, and in my group of 3rd-5th grade girls I had them all pair up to pray. It was so precious to see and hear them earnestly praying for each other! At my other Backyard Bible Club, with our group of tiny PK-1st grade students, we did a "Prayer Walk" where they echoed prayers led by a leader or fellow student as they walked the basketball court at their school. Such a powerful moment!

We are grateful for the support of so many people, through prayer and donations, empowering us to give our House of Faith students hands-on experience in practicing **Holy Habits**! Please join us in praying for these students to keep building Holy Habits in their lives as they grow to be mighty men and women of God, holy in all they do!



Thank you

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House of Faith students sang the National Anthem at the Cowboy Gathering

Thank You

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Pictured at one of House of Faith's Backyard Bible Clubs are House of Faith Executive Director Marci Menchaca and Tucker Foundation President Terry Mikeska



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