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# WELLSHIRE FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

## NOTE FROM KENDAL

Life is different now and, if you are like me, your resilience is being tested. I am slowly learning that there are no answers and I must be ok with that. Rather, I must rest in those things, that over the last 5+ months, I have come to know more than ever.

I know we are loved deeply by God and God is with us on our good days and on our bad days. When my mental health is waning, when I break down in tears because I am completely overwhelmed, God is with me.

I know the decisions I make for school for my children are not the right decisions for others, and I know some parents do not have a choice at all. We are called to support one another and not judge. I know God loves us through all those decisions, and I pray you experience God's peace.

I know that we are called by God into loving community. That community looks different for all, but loving community means we are going to work together to see our way through this.

I hope you too have come to know of God's love and found confidence in your decisions and love in community during this season. I'd be grateful to hear from you about what you now know.

## FAITH CONVERSATION

At dinner or bedtime each night discuss: Where did you see God today?

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

<b>September 13</b>	- Sunday Drive By 10:15—12:00
	- Club 45 (4:00—5:00)
	- First Snuggle Up Bible Bed Time Story podcast released
<b>September 20</b>	Family Check-In (10:00—10:30)

## DID YOU KNOW?

Take a Sunday Drive on September 13 to the North Parking Lot to have a donut, donate canned foods and, special for children and families, get a family Bible to read along with Snuggle Up Bible Bedtime Stories (see the next page for more details).

## FAMILY/PARENTING RESOURCES—WORSHIP AT HOME

### WORSHIP AT HOME

When a family that includes children worships at home, it will look different than what happens in other homes. At a minimum, it will be more active. Children explore God's word with eyes, voices, hands and even feet as well as their ears.

### HOW TO WORSHIP

If you like, turn on Wellshire's worship, available on Facebook or YouTube on Sundays, anytime after 9:00am. Make your own worship space to let your children use their many senses as they worship. At home worship spaces may include a Bible, a candle, a flower, PlayDoh, Legos, coloring paper and crayons. This can go on a special table or wherever you gather.

### CALL YOURSELVES TO WORSHIP

Let your family know it is time to start by saying "Come, let us worship God together."

### PRAYER

Model prayer as you follow along with worship or say prayers as a family allowing your children an opportunity to pray.

### MUSIC

Move your bodies as you listen to worship.

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LOVE

Do something together to share your love and God's love. Write short notes and/or make cards for people who are shut away from you. Make coupons promising each other care while you are closed in together. Say a brief prayer giving your gifts to God.

Whatever you do with your family to worship will be pleasing to God and faith forming for your children.

## SNUGGLE UP BIBLE BED TIME STORIES

Beginning September 13 Wellshire's Family Ministry will release its first podcast: *Snuggle-up Bible Bedtime Stories*.

Download the podcast from Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, or Spotify and listen to Bible stories with your children. Stories will be read from *Growing in God's Love* (each family will receive a copy of the Bible at the Sunday Drive-By on September 13).

Prompts for discussion will be provided as well as bedtime music by Wellshire's Patrick Lee.

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