



# NORTHSIDE Parent Link

Children's Edition | July 2010



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## What in the World Are You Doing? Part 2

In June (Part 1), we will have focused on the virtue of **responsibility**, which is showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you. We'll have introduced the idea that God's gifts to us come with some expectations, or responsibilities, that He entrusts to us. In July (Part 2), we'll continue the line of thought by focusing on **service**, which is lending a hand to help someone else. There's what you **HAVE** to do (Part 1) and what you **CHOOSE** to do (Part 2). What you **SHOULD** do and what you **COULD** do. What you **NEED** to do and what you **WANT** to do. We think putting **responsibility** and **service** back-to-back will produce a powerful 1-2 punch.

So here's the line-up for July:

**What in the world are you doing that's more than you have to do?** Jesus did more than He had to for people, and He wants us to go the extra mile, too (Matthew 5:41). Every day we have the choice to "get by" or to go the extra mile. When we do more than we have to for others, what does that show them about God?

**What in the world are you doing to help someone others won't help?** Jesus always saw people and met their needs, regardless of their race, religion, or nationality. He wants us to be "good neighbors," too (Luke 10:30-37). Every day we have the choice of living more like the Samaritan and less like the Levite. When we **LOOK** and **DO** for others, what does that reveal about how Jesus sees them? What does it reveal about what He's done for them?

**What in the world are you doing to put others first?** Jesus put others first in countless ways, and He wants us to do the same (John 13:1-17). Me first or you first? Our words and actions answer that question every day. Do our words and actions help others experience Jesus' love?

**What in the world are you doing that only God knows?** Jesus said that motives matter. The reason behind our service counts. If we serve in order to show off, that's all the reward we can expect (Matthew 6:1-4). But if we serve "secretly," then what will happen?

So, help kids think about what in the world they are doing.

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### PowerSource



#### Ask God:

1. To help you look for ways to teach your kids about service.
2. To see needs in the community that you and your family can meet.
3. To give you and your family opportunities to grow through friendships with and service to others.

#### Take Action!

##### Prayer:

Ask God to lead you and your children to show "service" this month.

##### Take Action:

In Elementary ministries, we're asking parents to take pictures of their kids showing "Service" this month and bring them in during the weekends!

##### Discuss:

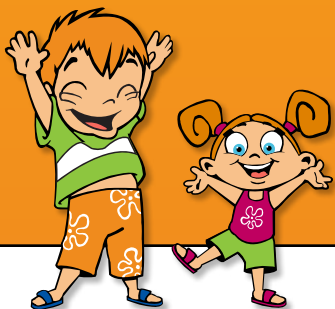
Why is it important to serve others? What ways did Jesus serve his disciples? What are some ways that we, as a family, can serve the people around us? How can we serve each other? What gifts did God give each member of our family to serve others with?

## Interested in Volunteering?

Our Children's Ministry at Northside Christian Church could not exist without the assistance and dedication of our wonderful volunteers... whether it's one-time service for events, teaching a class of preschoolers for a quarter, or greeting the kids as they come into the building, our volunteers allow our parents to have peace of mind knowing that they are leaving their kids in loving, caring hands that will help them to learn about Jesus.

Since many of our volunteers teach for most of the year, we would like to offer them a summer break! If you would be willing to help teach or assist in a class to show our regular teachers some love and appreciation, we would love to have you! Summer quarter runs from June 5/6 through August 7/8. Worried that your summer vacation might interfere? No problem! We offer subs for weekends that you can't be there. Worried about time commitments? Consider splitting a class with another volunteer! Feeling inexperienced? Our staff will be there right beside you to guide and help you with any questions you may have, and full training is provided!

We'd love to meet with you to discuss using your talents and time in Children's Ministries. If you'd like to learn more about volunteering with our team, call Kimberly at ext. 139 or email her at kim@northsidechurch.com.



## Wacky Wednesdays #1 July 7 (9am-Noon)

We've planned some awesome, fun activities for your kids in our Wacky Wednesday Summer Series! On July 7th, bring your kids (ages 5 through grade 6) to join us as we watch "The Spy Next Door," learn how to make our own invisible ink messages, discover the story of Rahab and the Spies and more! The cost per child is only \$5! The show starts at 9am and ends promptly at noon! Next Wacky Wednesday dates: July 21st, August 4th & August 18th.

**Interested in learning more about this event? Pick up a registration form from our NYC Lobby or contact Kimberly at ext. 139!**



## Children's Baptism Class Saturday, July 17th

**4:30pm to 5:30pm in NYC Auditorium**

Has your child expressed an interest in being baptized? Do they have questions about why baptism is important or whether they're ready?

Once a month, we have a Saturday baptism class. This class helps kids to know exactly why we believe in baptism and decide whether they are ready or want to wait. Parents are required to attend this with their child.

**Questions? Call Kimberly Carmany ext. 139 or email kim@northsidechurch.com.**



## Summer Family Movie Night Wednesday, July 14, 7pm - 9:30pm

We will be having six free, family movie nights in the Main Worship Center. Doors open at 6:30pm. Twenty minute intermission for fellowship and available snacks out in the courtyard.

**July 14** - "Letters To God"  
**July 21** - "The Blind Side"  
**July 28** - "Billy (The Early Years of Billy Graham)"  
**August** - "The Tale of Despereaux"  
**August** - "Radio"  
**August** - TBA

**Questions? Jay Usher ext. 124**

# Media Madness

What's Playing at the Movies?

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**Movie:** Toy Story 3

**Rating:** PG

**Synopsis:** It's been a while since we last saw them—11 years, to be exact—but Woody, Buzz Lightyear and their makeshift family of beloved toys are still happily residing in Andy's toy box. It's a somewhat forgotten abode nowadays, but it's theirs. And even if Andy has paid them little heed of late, well, they can always live on the memories of yesteryear's glorious play-times.



Occasionally they might even grab Andy's cell phone, luring him in to remind him of all the fun that could be his once more if he would just play with them like he used to. Alas, however, 17-year-olds like Andy aren't often in the playing mood. Not with old toys, anyway.

"Every toy goes through this," Woody reassures his worrying pals. Secretly, however, even Woody senses the significance of their owner getting older. And as the toys peek through the lid of their boxy home, they learn that Andy will soon leave for someplace called "college." Gasp! What will happen to them? Will they be sent to the attic? Or worse?

Through a series of mishaps that follows, the gang eventually ends up being donated to the Sunnyside Daycare Center. At first, it seems like a toy's paradise—a place where it's playtime all the time. Barbie even meets a hunka hunka plastic love called Ken. This perfectly coiffed guy loves trying on new outfits even more than she does.

Woody, however, doesn't stick around long enough to learn about Sunnyside's dark side. No matter what, he says, he must make his way back to Andy—even if everyone else is convinced that their beloved owner no longer wants them.

When he learns that his friends back at Sunnyside are in trouble, though, Woody has a decision to make about where his deepest loyalties lie.

**PluggedIn Review:** It's amazing, really, that a CGI-created pull-string cowboy can come to embody loyalty, bravery and love.

But he does. And somehow just waving good-bye to a group of well-worn toys can powerfully communicate the emotion of both a teen bidding childhood farewell and a parent watching him take the next bittersweet step in his journey.

Read full reviews for these and other new media releases at [www.pluggedinonline.com](http://www.pluggedinonline.com), a division of Focus on the Family.



This page is designed to help educate parents and isn't meant to endorse any movie, music, or product. Our prayer is that you'll make informed decisions about what your children watch, listen to, and wear.

## At a Glance

### What Your Children are Learning This Month:

Children in the Elementary program will be learning about the virtue of "Service" this month. Themes include:

- What are you doing beyond what you HAVE to do?
- What are you doing to help someone that others won't?
- What are you doing to put others first?
- What are you doing that only God knows about?

Be sure to check in with your child to make sure they are learning their memory verse!

Other resources that your children should be bringing home each week are their GodTime card (filled with activities to reinforce the lesson throughout the week) and Refrigerator Door card (take it home and put it on your fridge – it includes questions to ask your kids, questions for them to ask you, our memory verse, and more!)

# July 2010

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				Hume Lake Camp	Hume Lake Camp	Hume Lake Campers Return 4th of July Weekend
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4th of July Weekend	Office Closed		Wacky Wednesday #1, 9a-12n NYC			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Summer Family Movie Night #1 7:00pm WC			Children's Baptism Class 4:30 pm NYC
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			Wacky Wednesday #2, 9a-12n NYC Summer Family Movie Night #2 7:00pm WC			Step Up and Serve Weekend
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Step Up and Serve Weekend			Summer Family Movie Night #3 7:00pm WC			Happy Birthday to our Preschool Ministry Director, Lisa Barham!



## Wacky Wednesday #1 | July 7

9am to 12noon, NYC. The first of four Wacky Wednesdays. Next dates: July 21st, August 4th & August 18th. Top Secret Spy Movie, Spy games, top secret crafts, a movie, and more! \$5 per child. Ages 5 through 6th grade. Questions? Lisa Barham or Kim Carmany



## Summer Movie Night #1 | July 14

Wednesday, 7:00pm to 9:30pm in the main Worship Center. This will be our first of six summer movies. Showing: "Letters To God." Twenty minute intermission for fellowship and available snacks out in the courtyard. Questions? Jay Usher | [www.letterstogodthemovie.com](http://www.letterstogodthemovie.com)



## Wacky Wednesday #2 | July 21

9am to 12noon, NYC. The second of four Wacky Wednesdays. Next dates: August 4th & August 18th. Join us as we enjoy waterslides, movies, and other fun activities together! Questions? Lisa Barham or Kim Carmany



## Summer Movie Night #2 | July 21

Wednesday, 7:00pm to 9:30pm in the main Worship Center. This will be our second of six summer movies. Showing: "The Blind Side." Twenty minute intermission for fellowship and available snacks out in the courtyard. Questions? Jay Usher | [www.theblindsidemovie.com](http://www.theblindsidemovie.com)



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