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Did You Know?

Especially for the Children

Hello children. I am writing this week's Did You Know column specifically for you. Parent's please you draw your child or teen's attention to this article and ask them to read it?

All of you are aware that on the second Sunday of every month we worship together as a family. I want to tell you, as your pastor, that of the four or five Sundays in every month, this is my favourite Sunday because of you. I love looking out at our people and seeing dad, mom and children sitting together, worshipping God. This is how it was in the very first church and this is how it has been for 2000 years. That's how long the church has been around. Even before the church, in the Old Testament, families went to the temple together, celebrated the great feasts like Passover together, and each father was instructed to teach his family about God in his home.

All the people of the church should love worshipping together as families because the church is also a big family. All the members of the church are a part of the family of God, where God is our heavenly father and we are his children. You are God's children and mom and dad are also God's children. Because the family is God's design and families worshipping together are what God desires, we shouldn't dislike worshipping together with mom and dad (and moms and dads shouldn't dislike worship with the children -- ahem...). We should like it, even love it! But, I know it can be difficult because you might not know many of the songs and the sermon might be too hard for you to understand. So, let me give you a few tips to help make worship better.

1. Take seriously every time you worship God. Many people say that children don't know how to take things seriously, but I disagree. I know that you can. You take seriously the worship you do in your departments and you should take seriously worshipping in the main chapel, too. That means treating the worship service with respect.

2. Understand that the Sunday service in the main chapel is not just mom and dad's service; it's your service too. You, too, are a part of the church; that happened when you were baptized as a baby.

3. Try to learn the songs and sing along with everyone. Ask mom or dad if you don't know the meaning of the songs. Songs help us express our love for God and the words of the songs teach us amazing truths about God.

4. Try your best to listen to the sermon. As you get older you will be able to understand more and more of it. Don't just shut off your brain and tune out and I will try to use easier words during the family worship sermon.

5. Pray. Pray that God would change your heart to love worshipping with your family and with everyone else. Pray that God would help you grow to love Jesus more.

6. Try your best not to bother your mom and dad or punch your brother or sister. Try your best to sing along and to listen to the sermon and to watch the older people take the Communion. I really can't wait until every one of you can take the Communion, too.

I love each of you and am praying for you.

Pastor Peter