



In the Loop

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Did You "Give Up" Something for Lent?

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Last Wednesday we observed Ash Wednesday with the Imposition of Ashes and the season of Lent began. During Lent Christians will often "give up" something. The purpose of "giving up" is to remind us of what Jesus gave up. However, it is also a time for us to "take up."

First, let me talk a little about "giving up." When we give up something, we are often making a sacrifice. For instance, I am a "soda-holic" and during Lent I give up my soda. When I think about a soda, it gives me the opportunity to think about what Jesus gave up

for me and to give thanks. It is also an opportunity for me to think of others who haven't "stuff" like soda and would be grateful for a simple drink of safe water. So, what are you giving up?

Our pastor also reminded us that Lent is also a time of "taking up." Perhaps it is taking up a "new" habit.

This year I've also given up a "negative attitude." Wow! That is going to be a challenge, isn't it? Now, every time I start to say or think something negative, I "catch" myself. I ask for forgiveness and try to

replace the negativity with some positive. Will I be successful all the time? No, I'll mess up but God is gracious and will forgive me. Will you? I think it will be easier to go without my soda, than it will give up a negative attitude. It might be long six weeks.

Pray for me. I'll be praying for you.

I live in Central Illinois. Have enjoyed writing for over 20 years. I'm married, one son and daughter-in-law and one grand-dog. No grandchildren.

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15 Ways to Show Someone You Care

Copied from *The Mommy Diaries*, page 71

1. Smile.
2. Call just to say hi and give them your phone number.
3. Ask them their opinion. Then really listen.
4. Drop them a letter, email, or card just because.
5. Share an activity with them that they enjoy, even if you don't.
6. Introduce them to your friends and family.
7. Laugh at their jokes.
8. Include them in conversation.
9. Share a meal together.
10. Look them in the eye.
11. Have your picture taken together.
12. Notice when they seem sad or worried.
13. Apologize when you've done something wrong.
14. Compliment them.
15. Appreciate their unique personality, pointing out how great they are.



Our speaker today is our mentor mom, Anne Layton. She will be speaking about Relationships.



Fun and Games~ Craft Night!



On Tuesday, March 24, 2009, we will have a Craft Night at Tates Creek (third floor in our MOPS room) You may choose from a variety of activities:

- MOPS Craft Make-up
- Extra MOPS Crafts
- Knitting Lessons
- Mini-Spa Treatment
- Or Your own craft or scrapbooking project that you bring from home. ...Plus more!

Please read the note from Susie regarding make up crafts:

MOPportunities

Embroidery

Shannon Dunn 312-5988, sdunn14@hotmail.com

MaryKay

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Southern Living at Home

Kristin Dyson 523-3820, queenof1010@yahoo.com

Tastefully Simple

Daelena Potter 254-7858, dpotter@insightbb.com

Arbonne Skin Care

Robin Baskette 278-8150, rbaskt@yahoo.com and Carla Washnock 231-0325, cwashnock@windstream.net

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Teresa Geyling 225-0986, t_geyling@yahoo.com

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Creations by Chris

Chris Montgomery

If you have missed a craft this year, I need your help. Please look over the list below and determine which craft(s) you missed. If you would like your missing craft(s), please e-mail me and let me know which one(s) you would like. I will set those aside for you to pick up at a MOPS meeting or at the Craft Night on March 24th. If you do not want your craft(s), that is fine too. Remember, you do not have to attend the Craft Night to get your missing crafts.

If you have not missed any crafts this year, extras may be available at the Craft Night on March 24th. We will also have some crafts available from previous years, as well as some other activities. Crafts this year: Notebook, Growth Chart, Christmas Countdown, Grocery Bags, and Flower Vases.

Please contact Susie at fs2162@windstream.net

If you would like, you may bring an appetizer or snack to share!

Thanks to Chris

Montgomery for

donating the door prize today!

If you would like to

feature your home

business in

MOPportunities, please

email

celenakeeney@yahoo.com



Moppet Notes

This month, the little ones are learning about talking to God. Activities are geared to help the children understand what prayer is and that God hears their prayers. Two of Elizabeth Lin's sons perform a puppet skit to help introduce prayer to our older ones. The children are also hearing the story of when Jesus feeds a large crowd with very little food found in Matthew 14:13-21. He prays to God to feed the people, and God answers His prayer. The verse they are learning is a version of 1Thessalonians

5:16-18 – *Be happy. Pray always. Thank God for everything.* See if your child can remember the motions for this verse. As always, Miss Moppet stops by to reinforce our lesson with her own story.

We are singing the following song to the tune of "Baa, Baa Black Sheep":

Little Children

Can you hear? (cup hand to ear)

Yes, Ma'am, yes, ma'am (nod heads)

With our ears. (hold hands to ears)

Pray for your mommy
(fold hands in prayer)

Pray for your dad.

And don't forget to pray
(wag finger)

Even when you're sad.
(make sad face)

Little Children

Can you hear? (cup hand to ear)

Yes, Ma'am, yes, ma'am
(nod heads)

With our ears. (hold hands to ears)



Reading Corner

Here are a few current favorites in our house with a 4 ½ year old and an 18 month old. They all include good rhyme and/or rhythm, fun illustrations, repetition, picture clues, and more.

Silly Sally by Audrey Wood

Hand, Hand, Fingers Thumb by Al Perkins

Pat the Bunny by Dorothy Kunhardt

Henry and Mudge books by Cynthia Rylant

Mo Willems' books with elephant and piggie

Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes by Mem Fox

The Foggy, Foggy Forest by Nick Sharratt – Really cool semi-transparent pages with silhouettes and rhyme. Just neat!!

Thanks Cheri for the Book Suggestions!

A Word of Thanks...

"Dear MOPS Moms,

Thanks so much for the thoughtful Christmas gift of the assorted Christmas cookies. I don't know how you busy mothers had time to put together such a delicious variety of goodies, but I am grateful you did! It all suited my sweet tooth

to a tee, and my husband adds his "Amen!" to that, too.

Thanks, too, for sharing your children with us to baby sit. All of us "old grandmas" need to keep our grandmothering skills in practice; loving little ones is the very best

way to do that.

In Christian love,

Melinda Thompson"

Announcements:

Thanks to the YELLOW D-Group for providing brunch! Next month, April, the GREEN D-group will provide the food.

The Step-by-Step Dinner at Immanuel Baptist Church will be on APRIL 9th!

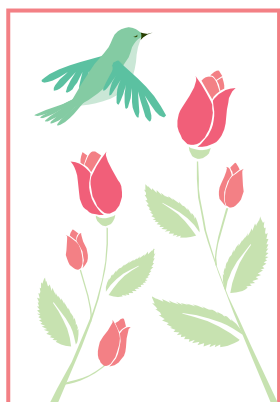
Sign-ups are being passed around TODAY. Please contact Carla Washnock

cwashnock@windstream.net with any questions about this service opportunity.

March 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 MOPS	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 CRAFT NIGHT!	25	26	27 Jacobson Park	28
29	30	31				



Special Events

March 24th (TUES) Craft Night at the church. See page 2 for more info!
 March 27th (FRI) 10a- Jacobson Park (bad weather backup- Mall Playland)

April 9th (THUR) Step-by-Step Dinner- Service Project
 April 22nd (WED)10a-12- Let's meet at Masterson Station Park for a picnic and some games.

May 1st -(FRI) 10a-Salato Wildlife Refuge-let's meet at the refuge and look at the wildlife. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy afterwards.

May 4th-(MON) 7p- Mom's Night Out-P.F. Chang's

May 27th (WED) 10a- Boyd's orchards-lets meet at Boyd's for some playtime and hopefully the strawberries will be ready for pickin'



Special Events Coordinator is Megan Hayden. Please RSVP to her at megan.hayden@qx.net or cell (859) 229-8475, home (859) 254-3357. Please call her with any questions, last minute cancellations, etc. Thanks!!

