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"For where two or three come together in My name, there I am with them." Matthew 18:20

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Mission Specialists: Lauren Hendrick

The Rev. Lauren Hendrick is a Deacon and Minister of Christian Formation.

Lauren is from Texas where she was an RN in pediatric oncology/hematology.

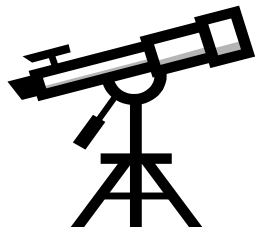
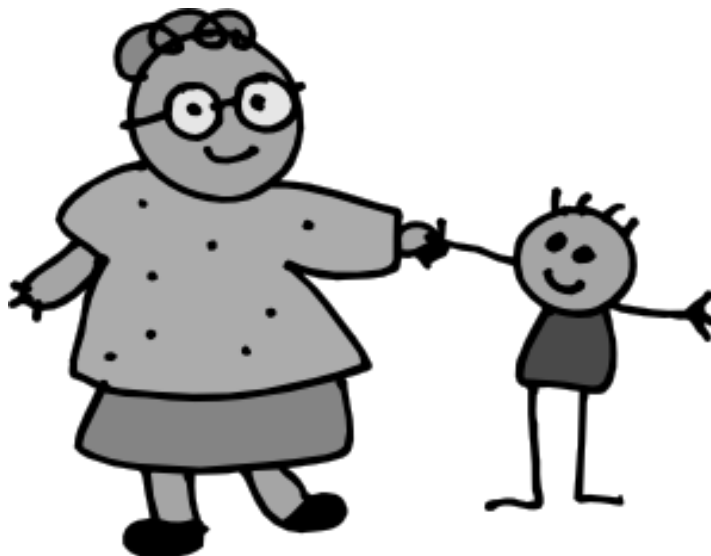
She moved to New York where she went to Bexley Hall Seminary's Deacon Program with the Dio-

cese of Central New York. She was ordained November 2005.

She moved to Lexington in October 2006. She has been involved with youth and children's programs for 25 years.

She has three children. Julia is 17 and a senior at Lafayette High School, Amanda is 21 and is in grad school at UK, Olivia is 23 and in grad school at Yale.

Her advice for the mothers of preschoolers is, "Children are a gift from God and they belong to God. Being chosen to be responsible for raising one is an honor and confirmation from God that He trusts you."



MOPportunities

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If you, as a MOPS mom, have a home-based business, you can advertize it here for free.

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Website for Moms

Love to read, but unable to search the library book stacks with your little ones in tow? Visit their website, and you can request a favorite author to be put on hold for you at your favorite Lexington location. Or you can search your favorite genre.

<http://www.lexpublib.org>



Mission: Cookies

Please bring one dozen cookies per family to the meeting next month. These will be used as a special thank-you Christmas gift to the MOPPET volunteers.

Mission Updates

To make sure you get all updates and reminders on special events and other MOPS happenings, join our website at

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tcccmopsmoms/>

This will enable us to send notices directly to your own email. Once you have joined the group, you can send an email to our entire MOPS group, simply by emailing tcccmopsmoms@yahoo.com

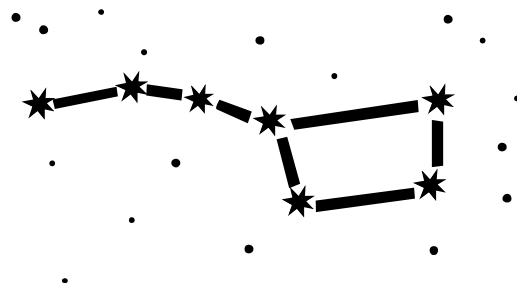
Little Dipper (Moppet Children)

By Sherry Kenney

The Moppet lesson for November is entitled "We can thank God!" Children will learn about Jesus feeding a large crowd with only five loaves and two fish and how we can thank God.

Our Bible story comes from Matthew 14:13-21. The children will talk about all the food they will eat at Thanksgiving and how they can thank God for it. The children will sing the following song to the tune of "Are You Sleeping".

**We can thank God
We can thank God
For His love.
For His love.
God will always help
us.
He will always love
us.
Thank you, God.
Thank you, God.**



Stellar Commendations

Thanks goes to Amy Lasher, the **DQ** owner in Richmond for the **DQ** cards and the McDonald's cards.

Thanks go to Erika and Brian Carter, the owners of **Bar Louie** for the Bar Louie gifts card.

Special thanks goes to the **Shining Stars** for today's brunch!

Special thanks go to everyone who brought a shoebox of Christmas gifts for a less fortunate child.

If you missed this opportunity, you can still bring a shoebox to the Tates Creek Christian Church by .

Or go to

<http://www.samaritanapurse.org/index.php/OCC/index/>



Kids Funny Sayings

Since the kids were babies I always called round hard candies or round gum "choking hazards."

Both boys have said funny things about this....When Joshua was little we walked into Michael's Craft Store one day. His eyes immediately fell on the large bubble gum machine. "Oh, Mama, choking hazards. Can I have one of those?!" he said. :)

Then Daniel in the last year, has been saying, "When I be a big boy I have a choking hazard, Mama!" - *Ann Combs*

"My brain won't work when I have hiccups. I'll answer your question later."

"I feel sad when I don't always get to be first."

"My dad is so rich. He has one hundred dollars!"

"...156 is a little bit older than Mrs. Smith."

- *Mrs. Smith, by way of Susan Marshall*

Thomas is now 3 and a half. About 6 months ago, I noticed he didn't have very many pairs of underpants, so when I was at the store by myself at some point, I bought him some new white ones and had washed and dried them.

When he needed a new pair of underpants to wear, I said, "Mommy is going to run to the dryer to get you some of your new plain ones." Once I brought them to him, he turned them over and around and up and down, then said to me, in all seriousness, "But Momma, I don't see the planes on them." - *Mary Jackson*

My daughter was standing in the living room jumping up and down with her bubby (he was in his jump-a-roo) They were laughing and having lots of fun, when all of the sudden she stopped...dropped to the floor and layed down.

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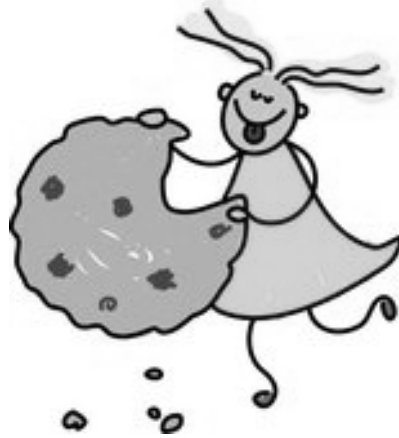
Kids Funny Sayings

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I turned and looked at her and said "Hailey what is the matter? Why did you stop playing?" She turned and looked at me, and without even hesitating she said "My batteries are dead, Mommy," then closed her eyes, and rolled over and acted like she was asleep.—*Jessica Holbrook*

Bethany (4) was talking about a TV show where she called the characters, "miserable." I kept asking her questions, trying to understand why she thought they were miserable. Finally, she said, "You know: miserable—when you can't see them." She meant invisible.

We were talking about my dad's chemo when Bethany lifted her head and asked very seriously, "Grandpa has a CAMEL?!!" I think she thought he was hiding it somewhere around there.



Emily (almost 8) is learning to ride her bike without training wheels, and has had a good attitude about her many spills. One time, she fell over, and we all came running up to her anxiously.

"I'm just playing *Twister* with my bike," she grinned.

One day I had backed our van into a low stack of wood that I hadn't seen at the park. I was standing there, shocked and dismayed at the damage, when Emily impulsively leaned over and popped the panel right back into place. Once I saw how she did it, I helped her with the rest of it. Mechanic at 8.

—*Cathy Cramer*

For Dustin, I have a story since he is only one. We have a lazy susan that he can get into, which is where I keep his snacks and other safe

kitchen items that he can play with.

One night, just after he started walking well, he disappears into the kitchen. Just as I am ready to go and check on him, he walks into the foyer with one of his boxes of cookies with the biggest smile on his face (he was so proud of himself!).

Jody and I were just cracking up! And then, when we tried to get him to bring us the box, he sat right down where he was and opened it right up! I guess he was hungry.

For Gabriel, probably most recently, he was watching *Casper meets Wendy* and some fireworks go off in the beginning, and he starts laughing and looks at Jody and says "Daddy, fireworks came out of that ghost's booty!"

—*Erika Hranicky*

Andy was suffering from a mild cold and cough. His voice was scratchy so I asked him if his throat hurt. He said, "Yes!" I tried to give him food and drink I knew would help a sore throat.

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Funny Kids

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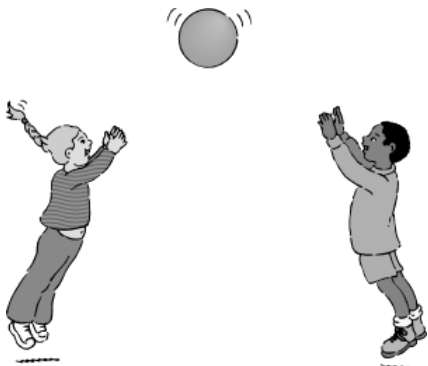
Over the course of several days I asked him if his throat still hurt, and he always told me “Yes.”

Then one afternoon right after he told me yes, his throat still hurt, Andy asked me, “Mommy, where is my throat?”

One night I was up around 1 am going to the bathroom when Andy walked in. He was still getting over his cold and this particular night he was tugging on his ear.

I asked him if his ear hurt, and he told me “no.” Then I asked why he was pulling on it. He told me it wasn’t working because the batteries were dead. He said I needed to put in new batteries.

- *Susie Stombaugh*



GET YOUR WELCOME BAG!

If you have turned in your registration info for MOPS and have not yet gotten a welcome bag, please pick one up off the registration table. It contains the MOPS handbook which has a lot of helpful info about MOPS and also some welcome goodies for you.

HAVEN'T REGISTERED YET?

If you have not turned in your registration form and money yet, please do so today. If the registration fee presents a financial hardship please talk to finance mom, Elizabeth Skinner, about using scholarship money or email her at nican-dliz@windstream.net. Do not let the price keep you from joining MOPS.

From Our Library Cart *Creative Correction* by Lisa Whelchel

This book is both easy and hard to read. The humor in it carries us through the chapters. In that regard, it is the easiest parenting book I have ever read. Lisa Whelchel (“Blair” from “The Facts of Life”) deserves praise for making it so readable.

The hard part is applying it. There are so many well thought out ideas for dealing with different parenting situations. One thing that Lisa Whelchel takes very seriously is teaching Biblical truths to our children – practical truths on how to live. Her “Toolbox” sections cover a wide variety of misbehaviors and ways to approach them.

Shepherding a Child's Heart by Tedd Tripp

Most of us fall into a rut of communicating with our children in one or two different approaches, but different children react better to different approaches. Many children need a variety of all the ways. Tripp discusses several Biblical approaches. If one method doesn't seem to be working, simply try another: *Teaching* (the big picture), *Instruction* (more step by step processes), *Encouragement*, *Entreaty*, *Rebuke*, *Warning*, *Correction*, and *Prayer*.

My Fake Family

by Julie Arduini

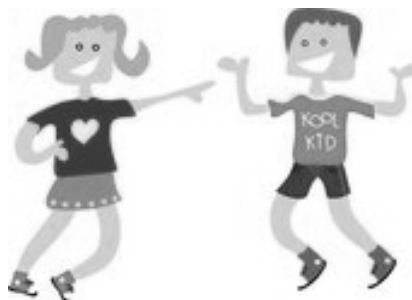
I have a canvas tote bag that has space to put family pictures for all to see. The thing is, I tend to use my digital camera where I rarely print. When I do, I don't usually use special paper or any kind of paper that would work to use for this bag.

So after a couple years with the tote bag, more than toting around my library books, I'm still toting around my fake family.

You know, fake family. The model pictures they use that I think they want you to replace with your own family. The fake family on the beach, in the mountains, perfect smiles, hair, they are just happy as blazes to be part of my tote bag.

Do you have a fake family? Think about it. Sometimes I have a fake family without the tote bag pictures.

I get to church late because my daughter won't get her coat on, I hit every red light on the way, my son can't find his Bible and I run

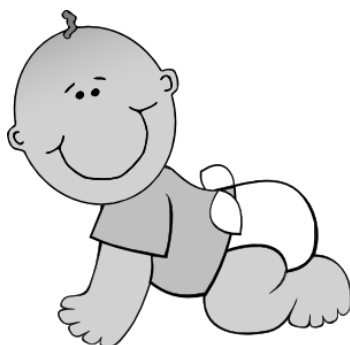


into someone and they ask how we are. Typically only a minute before I am yelling at them, threatening the standard things moms utter before entering a church, just basically having a meltdown and yet when asked how we are---I put out the fake smile and pat answer and say, "We're good, how are you?"

Fake, fake, fake. Real family is in tears, tired, and I'm sure thinking I'm nuts for telling people all is well.

So I challenge you, get rid of that fake family. Next time someone asks you how you are, be real.

You don't have to air all your dirty laundry



but say "thanks for asking. This has been a rough morning. I'm near tears actually. But with the grace of God and a dose of chocolate, I'll be on my way."

Those fake kids in the mountains will probably drop their jaws but your kids, I'm thinking they will be happy for being true, authentic, and right on.

Maybe I won't get to posting those real pictures of my family in the totebag, but I'm working on presenting us as we really are---faithful, flawed, and a lot of fun.

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On Raising Kids

I had a sort of battle of the wills with my middle girl, lasting for years, and although we did consistently discipline her, most people automatically thought we hadn't tried anything at all. And, yes, time-outs and even spankings (depending on the danger or severity of the offense) were both a part of that.

At one point, our family had even been told by a church that they would rather we didn't bring our daughter anymore. Fortunately, it was not our "regular" church, just the church we attended whenever we visited family out of town. She hadn't been hurting anyone, "just" disobedient, running around in circles rather than listening to the story time.

I really felt like God led us through the whole situation, with verses to encourage us to keep up the discipline, and finally, verses on gentleness.

A MOPS mentor mom gave a public talk on gentleness, and that became a sort of theme of mine for a couple of years - with God supplying verses on it, here and there, unex-



pectedly, as reminders.

The gentleness, rather than just butting our heads together, seemed to show the best results, but I think the consistent underlying discipline was important, too.

Once she seemed thoroughly convinced (through gentleness) that I really did have her best interests at heart, she did finally behave better.

And gentleness made her more of an ally than an antagonist. I made her a junior partner in helping take care of the baby and that gave her a sense of importance, too.

Recently, when my youngest started showing really bratty behavior, I thought, "Oh, no! Here we go again." I really expected the Lord to show me more verses on discipline, and more or less braced myself for that.

Instead, I came across, "A tyrannical ruler

lacks judgment... " (Pr. 29:16) and "He who rebukes a man will in the end gain more favor than he who has a flattering tongue." (Pr. 28:23.)

So, I tried a more talking approach with her - rebuking - and tried to keep the times when we were at odds from making me into a tyrant.

In the end, I found her behavior dramatically improved when she went on an antibiotic for a sinus infection! So, health really can make a big difference in behavior, and children don't always tell us what's wrong.

In that particular situation, while the root cause was feeling bad, spanking would have been inappropriate (and I wouldn't have known it!) So I was spared that wrong decision, and Bethany was spared spankings.

My point in these stories is to pray and ask God for guidance

Ask for your particular child and for your particular situation, and to let Him set your plan of



action, day by day, as you read and pray and talk with friends.

God really does care about your individual situation. Dare to believe that He loves your child even more than you do. He really does answer prayers.

If you are facing many different issues all at once, maybe just try to focus on the most important to you, until you see progress with them - keeping prayer with them all the way.

I remember another well-meaning Sunday School worker who tried to

make an issue out of my middle daughter's nasty habit of putting her shirt collar in her mouth.

That was in our roughest years with her and, yes, it was nasty, but we were facing so many more important issues (to me) that this one hadn't even made the charts. She had been well-behaved that day, and I wanted to relax and celebrate that fact rather than just nit-pick on her.

I can't really give you a happy-ever-after ending to our story, at least not yet. We are still as confused as ever, and still relying on prayer.

Our recent parenting chaos includes a bead stuck in a child's nose, a broken pair of glasses, a decision about allergy shots, a forgotten lunch, our child's birthday party, a first-time solo volunteer experience, and a teacher telling us that a child

who's been (mostly) well-behaved at home would be classified as having a behavioral disorder at school.

I have a sneaking suspicion that parenting is designed to keep us coming to our Heavenly Father for help and guidance.

They aren't just words. These things are **real** when you parent with God: help, guidance, encouragement, grace, and most of all, God's presence.

- Cathy Cramer,
Publicity



Out of This World

Events for Kids around Town (Not associated with MOPS)

Michael Berenstain (Author of **The Berenstain Bears** Series) will be at Crossroads Christian Church (Andover) in K-Town on Thursday, **November 12** from 12-1pm for preschool ages. Bring a sack lunch to this **FREE** event for you to enjoy a reading of the new "**Give Thanks**" Berenstain Bears book as well as a drawing demonstration, book signing and more! Books may be purchased at Joseph Beth.. For more information, e-mail jkoerner@xroadschurch.org
FREE Movie on the Big Screen: Central Lexington Public Library: Fri. Nov. 27 11AM—1PM. *Muppets From Space*. Rated G.

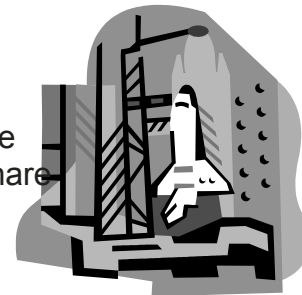
Pilgrims and Indians: Eagle Creek Lexington Public Library: Wednesday, Nov. 11, 11 AM. Ages 3-5. Stories, songs, finger plays, learning centers, and an activity.

Upcoming Missions

Special Events—Denise Bauer

Monday, November 9 – Moms Night Out

Get ready to relax and have fun with your friends! Grab your favorite game and meet at TCCC at 7:00pm. Bring a drink for yourself and a snack to share if you like.



Friday, November 13 – Moms & Kids

Let's hope for just a little more warm weather and plan to meet at Woodland Park at 10:30am for some playtime, bring a picnic lunch if you like. Bad weather back-up plan is the play area at Fayette Mall.

Monday, November 16 – Moms & Kids

Ready to take a trip to the moon? We'll travel (by car, hehe) to the Hummel Planetarium on ECU's campus and join them at 10:45am for "Larry Cat in Space." This program is designed for children Preschool age through second grade. Therefore, older siblings are welcome for this fun adventure! Cost is \$2.50 per child, \$4.00 per adult. Visit <http://www.planetarium.eku.edu/Programs/LarryCatInSpace.htm> for more information on this program. RSVP are needed, payment in advance.

Wednesday, November 18 – Moms Night Out

Let's take some time for ourselves, before the holidays begin! Join us for an evening of fun. We'll start out at 6:30pm with appetizers at P.F. Chang's (or coffee and dessert if you prefer) and then head into the mall for an old fashioned scavenger hunt! Prizes will be awarded to the winners! Teams will be made once sign-ups are done. If you have a preference who is on your team just let me know! If you want to join in for just the scavenger hunt feel free (just let me know)!

Wednesday, December 2 – Moms & Kids - TENTATIVE

Playdate at 10:00am at TCCC in Critterland. Will be cancelled if we do the babysitting co-op.

Thursday, December 10 – Moms Night Out ** DATE CHANGE **

Join us for a holiday cookie exchange and game night. We'll meet at TCCC at 7:00pm for a fun filled evening. Bring your favorite board game!

Tuesday, December 15 – Moms & Kids

TBD

Monday, December 28 – Moms & Kids ** DATE CHANGE **

TBD

Holiday babysitting co-op –

Would you like some free time during this hectic holiday season? Want to shop without totting the kids around? Keep Thursday December 3rd & 10th (9am-12noon) open, you'll get one day to yourself, and volunteer on the other? More details to follow.

StarDate

November 2009

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4 Critterland 10:00 AM	5	6	7
8	9 Game Night 7:00 PM	10 MOPS 9:00 AM	11	12	13 Woodland Park 10:30	14
15	16 Hummel 10:45 AM	17	18 Scavenger Hunt 6:30	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanks- giving	27	28
29	30					

December 2009

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2 Critterland 10:00 AM	3 Babysitting Co-op	4	5
6	7	8 MOPS	9	10 Babysit- ting AM Cookies PM	11	12
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27	28 Moms & Kids	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		