



Parent Letter

From Brenda's Desk

Dear families:

In the Parent Letter, October 2nd, it stated I had started my last class in seminary. That was a miscommunication between me and the editor. I did not make my self very clear in my note to her and even worst I didn't amend the Parent Letter before it was sent out.

The truth is, I will not graduate from seminary until June of 2012 so, there are a few more classes to take.

Communication is defined as: to pass news and information to and fro and to succeed in conveying information. It seems to be the hardest

thing to accomplish. We have all this great technology, but we don't seem to be commentating any better than before. Why? Maybe it's because we don't listen or we don't take the time to find out if we've understood to what's been said. Maybe we are a afraid to ask questions when we don't understand.

I know there are times when I've misunderstood what someone is trying to communicate to me.

Just ask my professors or my husband.

On occasion, when I don't understand what my husband is telling me, I can get frustrated and then he gets angry and then we quit talking or get into an argument. Communication is a two-way street you talk / listen and then you Act.

If I would stop and just listen, I can understand what's being communicated.

This week stop and listen to others around you.

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Home Huddle

- Share your High and Lows.
- Read scriptures.
- Talk about the scriptures.
- Pray, Praise, Thanks and Ask.
- Bless: Say a blessing over each other making the sign of the cross.

Shoe Box Christmas

Bring Christmas to children on the Dakotas reservation through Children of the Harvest Ministries.

The project is simple. Pack small Christmas items that will fit into a shoe box. Here are some suggested items by age and gender.

Infants & Toddlers

Baby power, bibs, bottles, quilts, blankets, toys, books,

hats & mittens.

Girls and Boys (Age 2-7)

Educational items, reading books, dolls, stuffed animals, coloring books, paint books, crayons, watercolor paints, markers, games, cars, trucks, Legos puzzles, hair accessories, hats/caps, mittens, scarves & gloves.

Older Boys

Electronic handheld games, watches, games, puzzles, flashlights, reading books, hats, caps, mittens, scarves & gloves.

Older Girls

Purses, billfolds, makeup, nail polish, hair items, perfume, bath products, games, puzzles, reading books, brush & comb, hats, mittens, scarves & gloves.

Please wrap the lid and box separately (rubber band lid to box) and do not wrap the gifts within the box. The boxes should be marked by gender and age. **Please: No clothing in the boxes except hats/caps, mittens scarves or gloves.**

**Deadline is: First Church
Friday, October 28, 2011**

Questions: call Wayne or Nancy Lilleberg at 232-7501

Home Huddle Basics



Share



Read



Talk



Pray



Bless

A Home Huddle has 5 parts. We ask families to take a few minutes each day to walk through these five things. The next two pages are suggestions for Bible verses and discussion questions. Each are based around the theme in the title. Some families many have students in multiple programs. We suggest to pick one and follow that theme.

We understand that you may not Home Huddle every day, but we hope you try to touch base as many times as possible. Home Huddles are life giving and life changing.

Share: Share your High and Lows of the day.

Read: Read the Bible verse of the day.

Talk: Talk about the how the Bible verse relates to your high and low or use the discussion questions provided for each day.

Pray: Praise, Thank and Ask. Praise God and thank Jesus for your highs. Ask the Holy Sprit to be with you in your lows.

Bless: Bless one and another by tracing the sign of the cross on each forehead or palm of their hand as you share the blessing.

Home Huddle "Time"

Blessing (Name) Child of God, may your heart be good soil for God's word this day! Amen.

Share, Read, Talk, Pray & Bless

Day 1
Mark 12:30
What words stand out to you?

Day 2
Proverbs 23:26
When was the last time someone promised to spend time with you, but didn't? How did you feel?

Day 3
Samuel 3:10
If Jesus appeared and spoke to you tonight, what do you think he would say? What would you ask him? Whom would you tell? Would they believe you?

Day 4
Deuteronomy 6:4-6
Name three things that you really love. How can people see that you love these things?

Day 5
Ecclesiastes 3:1
What are five things you love to see?

Day 6
Exodus 20:8-10
What are some things you always have time to do?

Day 7
Psalm 31:15
If Jesus was coming to our house, would we serve him leftovers? Why or why not?

Home Huddle "The Great Question"

Blessing: (name) Child of God, my you find your way in Jesus. Amen.

Share, Read, Talk, Pray Bless

Day 1:
Matthew 11:13
What stood out about this verse to you?

Day 2:
Luke 7:18-19
What situation has caused you to doubt because you were unsure?

Day 3:
Luke 7:20-21
What is John's question?

Day 4:
Luke 7:22-23
What six things characterize Jesus' ministry?

Day 5:
Mark 6:1-3
Why did the people refuse to believe?

Day 6:
Mark 6:4-6
What angered Jesus in these verses?

Day 7:
Matthew 11:13
What angers you about this verse?

Preschool Corner

Hezekiah

Hezekiah was 25 years- old when he became king. He loved God and wanted the people to be faithful to God.

When Hezekiah became king, he saw the temple was closed. It needed to be cleaned up and repaired so the people could worship God there.

When the temple was ready, Hezekiah reminded people of the special celebrations they used to

have to thank God. He invited everyone to celebrate the Pass-over meal that had been forgotten for a long time.

Hezekiah protected the people too. He had his workers cut a tunnel from a pool outside the city walls to let water flow into a pool inside the city so, that the people would have a safe supply of water.

When the city was in trouble, Hezekiah went to the Temple to pray. He trusted that God would

help him be a good King.

Hezekiah was a good king. When he was king, the people remembered to be faithful to God and to give thanks for God's love and care.

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Bible Verse:
The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice.
Psalm 97:1

Home Huddle

Daily

Share: Your Highs and Lows of the day.

Read:

Talk: (See Below)

Pray: Praise, Thank, & Ask.

Bless (name) Child of God may you always put God first. Amen.

Day 1

Name other kings you have heard about?

Day 2

What are some things you can do to help your church?

Day 3

Draw a picture of you helping your church.

Day 4

Describe some things about your church? What does it look like?

Day 5

Draw a picture of your church.

Day 6

What do you like best about your church?

Day 7

Pray for something you need help with.

Noah Builds an Ark

Bible Verse: God is loving so, we thank him for our world.

After awhile, there were many people everywhere. But they did not love and obey God. They hurt other people and did not follow God's rules. God was sorry He had made them.

There was one person left who loved God. His name was Noah. Noah did what was right. God told Noah that He was going to send a flood to cover the whole world.

"Make a big boat," God told Noah. The boat was called an "Ark". Noah and his family would be safe in the ark when the flood came.

Noah and his family obeyed God. They worked hard to build the ark. They worked hard to gather lots of food.

After a long time, the ark was ready. Noah and his family were ready.
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Home Huddle

Daily

Share: Your Highs and Lows of the day.

Read:

Talk: (See Below)

Pray: Praise, Thank, & Ask.

Bless (name) Child of God remember God loves you. Amen.

Day 1

What do you think was going through Noah's head when God asked him to build an ark?

Day 2

What is the biggest boat you've seen?

Day 3

Draw a picture of an ark.

Day 4

Whom do you trust?

Day 5

What is the hardest thing you've ever been asked to do?

Day 6

What do you think would be fun about being on an ark?

Day 7

Pray for soldiers on a boat.

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Family Fun Calendar

October 15th Sweetest Day
October 16th Positive Thinking Day
October 17th National Boss Day
October 21st Babbling Day
October 23rd Make a Hat Day
October 30th National Candy Corn Day
October 31st Halloween
November 2nd Look for Circles Day
November 4th King-Tut Day
November 6th Daylight Savings Ends
November 8th Election Day
November 11th Veterans Day
November 13th World Kindness Day

No-

Family Date Night

**Postcard Extrava-
ganza**

After e-mail became a national craze, the stock in companies like Mont Blanc, Shaeffer, and Cross became hot commodities. Why? Because a fine writing instrument became a status symbol. In the same way, business communication books and articles now celebrate the importance of handwritten a note to staff members and co-workers. They say the value is unsurpassed.

If a hand-written note

means so much, make your best effort. Go to the local discount store and buy a ton of postcards. Gather around the table with your address-book and have everyone write to aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, friends, missionaries, old teachers, college roommates, and coaches. Don't forget the stamps!

Photo Album Night

Every New Year's Eve, the Rainey family gathers around a bonfire and reminisces about the previous year while looking through the photo al-

bum. It's a family tradition that will never be forgotten.

Family Memories

When was the last time you looked through your photo album?

Tonight, gather the family together and tell all the old stories about your wedding day, your honeymoon, when your children were born or adopted, Christmases past, and favorite vacations.