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ORANGE COUNTY
CHILDREN'S
Ministry Newsletter



"I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME."

—PHILIPPIANS 4:13 NKJV

November News

Hello wonderful Harvest Kids families! I wanted to share with you this month about the subject of fire! Many people have died this month due to raging fires all over the state of California. Houses are burned down and acres and acres of beautiful greenery is turned to black ash. We know God is with those who are suffering so we should definitely pray for our state and the danger that many firefighters and families are facing each and every day.

The Bible verse which comes to mind when I hear the word *fire* is Hebrews 12:29, "For our God is a consuming fire"! This means exactly what it says: God is powerful and has the power to destroy, protect, guide, and clear out anything or anyone in His people's way! We see it over and over again in the Old Testament, the use of the word *fire*.

One particular story comes from 1 Kings 18 where Elijah is on Mount Carmel. The people there worshipped a god named Baal and when Elijah confronted them with the one true God, the LORD, a "contest" was decided upon. They decided to put a sacrifice upon an altar and whoever's God set fire to the altar first would win. So the altar was prepared and Baal's prophets called out to Baal

from morning till noon, saying, "Baal, answer us!" But there was no response; no one answered and they started dancing around the altar many times. All day they continued, until the evening.

Elijah gathered them together, put 12 stones around the altar, dug a trench, and asked the prophets of Baal to dump water all over the altar many times. (Would you think that the altar could catch fire after 12 jars of water were poured on it?) At the time of the evening sacrifice, Elijah prayed, "LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, let it be known today that you are God in Israel. . . . Answer me, so these people will know that you, LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again."

The fire fell down from Heaven, burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones, and the soil, and even burned up the water in the trench. When the people saw, they cried, "The LORD—He is God! The LORD—He is God!"

Fire is a powerful thing, but you know what is even more powerful? Prayer! Maybe God is calling you to be a witness for Him. Maybe He is calling you to pray for those affected by the fires. Maybe He is calling you to demonstrate God's power by giving Him the glory for the gifts He's given you. Whatever it is, do

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Children's Ministry Flyover

Events

November 18 - 15-Minute Family Memory

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it for God's glory because God is an all-consuming fire and will lead, guide, and prepare a way for those who trust in Him!

God bless,
Pastor Mike Amren
Harvest Kids OC
Harvest OC, Irvine, CA



Children's Ministry Quotations:

It is only with gratitude that life becomes rich! – **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

I will praise You, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things You have done. I will be filled with joy because of You. I will sing praises to Your name, O Most High. – **Psalm 9:1-2**

Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. – **Ephesians 5:19-20**

God has promised to supply all our needs. What we don't have now, we don't need now. – **Elisabeth Elliot**

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