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Thankful! Thankful! Thankful!

By Micah King

Thanksgiving is a time for THANKS! What are you thankful for?

Thanksgiving can be celebrated in a lot of different ways. One way I celebrate thanksgiving is by giving thanks.

This is what some of the kids at NGBF said about thanksgiving.

I am thankful for **food**. ~ Ace H.

I am thankful for **food and water**. ~ Aniyah E.

I am thankful for **my dad**. ~ Asher

I am thankful for **life**. ~ Ava S.

I am thankful for **God**. ~ Carman L.

I am thankful for **friends**. ~ DJ

I am thankful for **school**. ~ Elissa

I am thankful for **being a boy**. ~ Isaiah C.

I am thankful for **God**. ~ JJ

I am thankful for my **mom and dad**. ~ Jojo

I am thankful for **God**. ~ Liam

I am thankful for **my birthday and my dog**. ~ Max T.

I am thankful for **God, Jesus, and my family**. ~ Micah K.

I am thankful for **food and school**. ~ Michelle T.

I am thankful for **my house, God, Jesus, food, and water**. ~ Noah K.



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"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV

How Kids can ROCK Thanksgiving Break

And not spend all their time on electronics!

By Monika King

Encourage your kids to get creative with fruit salad. Kids can help cut, mix, and serve these fun waffle-cone treats. And when kids are involved in food preparation, their interest in the food goes up (they can pick the ingredients) and it boosts their sense of accomplishment—they made it!

What You Will Need

- 12 waffle cones
- 2 small bananas
- 1 mango
- 2 pears
- 1 cup berries
- Coconut flakes, honey, or chocolate sauce

What to Do

1. Peel the bananas, mango, pears, and kiwis.
2. Cut all the fruit into small pieces.
3. Gently combine the fruit in a bowl.
4. Spoon the mixture into waffle cones.
5. Arrange the cones on a large plate or serving tray.
6. Before serving, top each cornucopia with a sprinkle of coconut flakes or a drizzle of honey or chocolate sauce.



Extend the Fun

Younger kids: It might be a bit scary (more for you than for your child), but give your kid a chance to cut some fruit with a dull knife. Try starting with a banana and a plastic knife or a butter knife and watch him/her closely. This will give kids an opportunity to develop their fine motor skills, not to mention a sense of confidence when it comes to food.

Older kids: A cornucopia often represents abundance, and the word itself, *cornucopia*, is filled with lots of other words. But which ones? Challenge your kids to see how many words they can come up from the letters: C-O-R-N-U-C-O-P-I-A.

**Cooking not your thing? Or you need more things to do?
How about keeping the kids off those electronics with a craft project!**



Paper Feather Turkey

Ask each child to write what he/she is thankful for on a paper feather, then stick it into this cute turkey centerpiece.

How to Make the Centerpiece: Cut a 1-inch sliver off the bottom of a 9-inch polystyrene ball.

Wrap sphere neatly in thick dark-brown yarn (or a brown sock), covering surface completely; knot on bottom.

Make a 4-inch ball from light-brown yarn and attach to body with a wooden craft stick.

Create simple facial features using felt: white circles (approximately the size of a quarter, with 1/8-inch pom-poms for pupils) for eyes, yellow triangles for the beak, and long red felt teardrops as the wattle.

Cut feather shapes from colored craft paper and bend in half lengthwise to create seam.

Glue wooden craft stick to the bottom third of the feather and insert in a fan shape on turkey body.



What's In A Name...

By Michelle Chester



To quote Shakespeare from his famous play, "Romeo and Juliet",
"What's in a name? that which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

I think parents select a name for their children in hopes it will fit the child's personality and character. Some parents, myself included, chose a name from the Bible. "I wanted my child's name to have meaning," is often stated when asked why a biblical name was selected. But do we really know what those biblical names mean? A few of the kiddos at NGBF have names from the Bible (old and new testament). So let's try to help them out and share the meaning of their names.



ISAIAH

Isaiah is one of the most influential prophets in the Hebrew Bible. Isaiah was best known as the Hebrew prophet who predicted the coming of Jesus Christ to salvage mankind from sin. Isaiah lived about 700 years before the birth of Jesus Christ.

From the Hebrew name יְשַׁעְיָהוּ (Yesh'a'yahu) meaning "YAHWEH is salvation", from the roots ישע (yasha') meaning "to save" and יה (yah) referring to the Hebrew God.

JOHN

This name owes its popularity to two New Testament characters, both highly revered saints. The first is John the Baptist, a Jewish ascetic who is considered the forerunner of Jesus. He baptized Jesus and was later executed by Herod Antipas. The second is the apostle John, who is traditionally regarded as the author of the fourth gospel and Revelation. With the apostles Peter and James (his brother), he was part of the inner circle of Jesus.

From the Hebrew name יוחנן (Yochanan) meaning "YAHWEH is gracious".

JOSIAH

Josiah was the king of Judah **from** approximately 640 to 609 B.C. Josiah was the son of King Amon and the grandson of King Manasseh —both of them wicked kings of Judah. Yet Josiah was a godly king and known as one of the world's youngest kings; he began his reign at age 8 after his father was assassinated.

From the Hebrew Yoshi-yahu (Hebrew : יאשיהו, meaning "God supports, heals").

MATTHEW

Matthew, also called Levi, was one of the twelve apostles. He was a tax collector and supposedly the author of the first gospel in the New Testament. He is considered a saint in many Christian traditions.

From the Hebrew name מתתיהו (Mattityahu) meaning "gift of YAHWEH" or "gift from God",

MICAH

The book of Micah is the sixth of the twelve minor prophets in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament. Like these other prophets, Micah speaks against false worship and for social justice. He proclaims harsh judgments against his own people (the nation of Judah) and is particularly offended by the leaders in business, government, and religion. Micah comes from a small town outside Jerusalem and addresses the centers of power as an outsider. He even boldly predicts the destruction of the holy city of Jerusalem. The book also provides words of hope beyond the judgment.

From the Hebrew מִיכָה (Modern: Mikha, Tiberian: Mīkā) and means "Who is like God".

NOAH

Noah is most famous for building an ark — a giant three-decked wooden box in which he, his family, and a whole bunch of animals ride out a massive flood that God sends to destroy humankind for its disobedience. God chooses Noah and his family to survive the deluge because Noah is "the most righteous in his generation." Noah is important not only because his ark decorates most nurseries in North America but also because, according to the Bible, if Noah hadn't been righteous, none of us would be here right now.

From the Hebrew name נח (Noach) meaning "rest, repose", derived from the root נוח (nuach).

Scooping Kids

By Monika King



Each month, **The Scoop** will spotlight a kid doing amazing things in his/her community and family.

This month the Scooped Kid is Moziah Bridges – Entrepreneur, Motivational Speaker, Fashion Mogul.



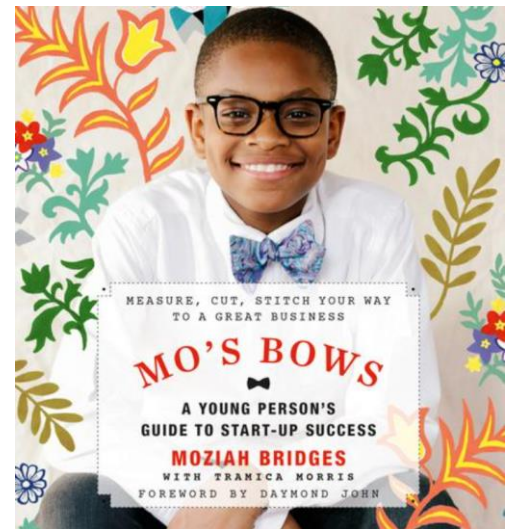
A well-dressed brother can turn heads in a crowd or steal the show. Remember how dapper the boys of NGBF looked for the Black History Program back in February? Bow ties seemed to be the fashion accessory of choice that night.

And Moziah Bridges from Memphis, Tennessee is taking the bow tie market by storm. At the age of nine, tired of trading bow ties for rocks on the playground, Moziah started his own company. With the help of his mother and retired seamstress grandmother, Moziah began selling his bow ties online and in local retail stores in Memphis.

His colorful ties caught the eye of many TV networks and before long, Moziah was interviewing with Steve Harvey, The Today Show, and Oprah magazine.

Then in 2015, Moziah was invited to be the fashion correspondent for the 2015 NBA draft. That same year, he was invited to the White House and met with President Barack Obama and gifted him with a special Mo's bow.

Moziah is continuing to make his mark on the fashion industry and has plans to attend college at Parson's School for Design in New York City.



To learn more about moziah and his bow ties, visit:

<https://mosbowsmemphis.com/>



Congratulations, Noah King!

NGBF continues to add to its community through baptism.

The Children's Ministry would like to congratulate Noah King who was baptized on October 27, 2019 and excitedly exclaimed he was ready to be a disciple of Christ!

Special thanks to our esteemed **Pastor Tony Mathews**; to **Marilyn Lee**, who guides the children who make a decision of faith through the "I'm a Christian Now" curriculum; and to **Bro. Jason Earls** who had the prestigious honor of baptizing Noah.



"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day." Acts 2:41



Bullying: Part 3 - Standing Up For Yourself

We will continue our four-part series on bullying. This month, the tip is to **avoid the bully whenever possible**. Recognize that **you have a right not to be bullied**. It is not your fault that you are being harassed. You, like everyone else, deserve to feel safe.

- **Say “no.” Tell the bully “No! Stop it!”** in a loud, assertive voice and then walk or run away if you feel you need to. Standing up to the bully, simply by saying “no,” sends a message that you are not afraid and will not accept his or her behavior. Bullies tend to go after kids who don't stick up for themselves and who they think will take their abuse and do whatever they say. **There's always strength in numbers. Kids can stand up for each other by telling a bully to stop teasing or scaring someone else, and then walk away together.**
- **Shield your feelings.** Plan ahead. How can you stop yourself from getting angry or showing you're upset? Try to distract yourself. Count backwards from 100, sing your favorite song inside your head, spell words backwards, etc. **Keep your mind occupied until you are out of the situation so that you can moderate your feelings and not give the bully his or her desired reaction.**
- **Don't bully back. Don't hit, kick, or push as a way to deal with someone bullying you or your friends.** Fighting back satisfies bullies because it shows them that they can get to you. Fighting back can also be dangerous. If you fight with the bully and win, you might think that you are more powerful than everyone then end up becoming a bully yourself. Someone could get hurt and you could get in trouble. **It's best to stay with others, stay safe, and find the nearest adult.**



For additional information, visit <https://m.wikihow.com/Deal-with-Bullies-at-School>

Bible Trivia

1. God created the world in seven days.

2. Jesus and John the Baptist were cousins.

3. Along with seven family members, Noah took only two of every kind of animal on the Ark.

4. Jonah was swallowed by a whale and was vomited out three days later.

5. Wise men from the east presented gifts to the baby Jesus as he lay in the manger.

Are these statements True or False? Let's see how many you get correct!



Answers can be found on the last page.

6. The last book of the New Testament is known as “Revelations.”

7. The Ten Commandments are numbered differently in the Jewish and Christian Bibles.

8. One or more of the gospels quotes Jesus as saying, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

9. Eve disobeyed God by eating an apple, then tempting Adam to eat from it as well.

10. Jesus was born in Bethlehem on December 25th.

Did you know...

In October 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed a proclamation to officially celebrate the holiday, months after signing the Emancipation Proclamation earlier in the year. Thanksgiving was also a period where slaves would often try to escape due to the ending of crop season, but with the new law, it morphed into a time where newly freed Blacks could come together.

Rev. Benjamin W. Arnett, a well-known minister at Urbana Ohio's St. Paul A.M.E. Church, gave a stirring sermon on November 30, 1876 that addressed the importance of Thanksgiving but also called on America to treat its free Black citizens with fairness and dignity in the coming years.

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Church Contacts

Have you ever wondered who to contact with questions or suggestions for various ministries under the Children's Church umbrella? Well, look no further than below for a list of contacts.

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What's Happening



November 20 – AWANA – Regular Club Night

November 27 – NO AWANA! Happy Thanksgiving!

***** SAVE THE DATE *****

December 8 – The Children's Ministry will host **the 4th annual Children's Appreciation Sunday**. If you have ministered to the children in any capacity during 2019, we would love to honor you immediately follow second service.

This is also a fun day for all. **If you served in AWANA, children's church, Christian education, children's choir, nursery, mustard seed, vacation bible school**, please save the date, clear your calendar, and come be part of this special Sunday!

Want Ads

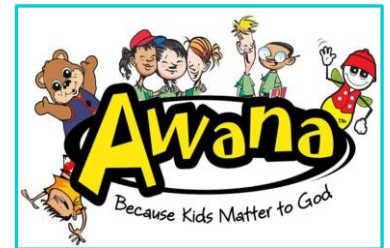


Check your weekly bulletin. **CHILDRENS CHOIR** is about to start back up after a fun and restful summer break.

See Ms. Juanita Toole for more information.

Looking for AWANA Helpers!

Bored on Wednesday? Come listen and encourage our AWANA clubbers on **Wednesday nights at 6:30**. You'll be glad you did! **For more information, contact Juanita Toole in the Children's Ministry.**



Fun Facts for November



Every day is a special day but some days require a certain type of celebration. Below are some fun facts about November. For a complete list, visit <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/November/>

November 1 – National Family Literacy Day

November 5 – National Donut Day

November 8 – National STEM/STEAM Day

November 11 – National Sundae Day

November 13 – National World Kindness

November 15 – National Clean Out the Refrigerator Day

November 21 – National Gingerbread Cookie Day

November 23 – National Adoption Day

November 26 – National Cake Day

November 28 – National French Toast Day

November 29 – National Listening Day

November 30 – National Personal Space Day

What Happened in Black History...

November 3, 1896 – African American inventor, **JH Hunter**, patents the portable weighing scale.

November 7, 1841 – **Madison Washington**, a slave aboard the Creole, a slave ship en route to New Orleans from Hampton, VA, lead a successful rebellion. After the slaves overpowered their crew, they sailed to the Bahamas, where they were granted asylum and freedom.

November 10, 1891 – African American inventor **Granville T. Woods**, patents the electric railway.

November 13, 1894 – African American inventor **A. C. Richardson**, patents the casket lowering device.

For a complete list, visit

http://blackhistorydaily.com/on_this_day/November/

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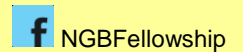
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Bible Trivia answers

- False:** God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh. (Genesis 2:1-3)
- False:** The New Testament does not specify their relationship. Luke 1:36 says their mothers were related, but does not say how.
- False:** He took two of each unclean animal and seven of each clean animal. (Genesis 7:2)
- False:** Jonah 1:17 says it was a "big fish" that swallowed up Jonah.
- False:** Matthew 2:11 says Jesus was in a house. Matthew 2:16 suggests that the wise men arrived a considerable time after Jesus was born since Herod orders all the male children in Bethlehem who are two years and under to be killed.
- False:** The New Testament itself doesn't assign names to its books, but the last book has traditionally been called Revelation, without an -s, or the Apocalypse, which is a transliteration of the Greek word for revelation.
- False:** Jews, Catholics, and Protestants do number the Ten Commandments differently, but their Bibles all read the same and do not actually contain literal numbers. The precise wording of the ten depends on how you break them out of the text in a list. Nevertheless, since the complete text is the same, the commandments are the same for everyone, depending, of course, on how the commands are spun by different commentators.
- False:** None of the gospels records this saying. The author of Acts (thought to be Luke, a colleague of Paul) quotes Paul as saying Jesus said it. (Acts 20:35)
- False:** The Bible does not specify what kind of fruit it was (Genesis 3:12), but given the climate of Iraq, it probably wasn't an apple.
- False:** The New Testament does not say in what month Jesus was born, much less on what day. Since shepherds were in the field overnight (Luke 2:8), it might have been spring, but no one knows.

Word Scramble

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|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Cornucopia | 7. Mayflower |
| 2. Harvest | 8. Plymouth |
| 3. November | 9. Holliday |
| 4. Pilgrim | 10. Wampanoag |
| 5. Turkey | 11. Pumpkin |
| 6. Cranberry | Thank You For This Day! |

Did you know...

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"And in America, the battle-field of modern thought, we can trace the foot-prints of the one and the tracks of the other. So, let us use all of our available forces, and especially our young men, and throw them into the conflict of the Right against the Wrong. Then let the grand Centennial Thanksgiving song be heard and sung in every house of God; and in every home may thanksgiving sounds be heard, for our race has been emancipated, enfranchised and are now educating, and have the gospel preached to them." Rev. Benjamin W. Arnett