



Your Child in Kids Branch

The Beauty of Family!

Look at the family God's given to you! Reflect on the beauty and joy He has given you through your family.

As a family you have a unique and wonderful story that is yours together and one to be celebrated! How has God been faithful in your lives and within your story?

These are things to celebrate, reflect on, enjoy and talk about. I read about a church where families do exactly this. I'm not sure we do that enough in our busy lives, but now may be the time, in a pandemic, in our homes and with our families to stop and take note and do that. This could be a time of rest, a pause, and a gift!

So, ask yourself, "What has God done in my life as an individual and/or my family?"

God is at work transforming our lives and those in our family all the time. We need to take the time to reflect and remember what God has done by speaking about it in our

homes, sharing it with others and taking time to celebrate.

One example of doing this together may be taking time to share, celebrate and thank Jesus at the dinner table nightly, weekly or at a monthly get together.

As adults many of us think about our prior year in January and make those lists of, "to do's" or new year's resolution. Often those "to dos" and resolutions are harder to follow through with all on our own but are made possible when we share our goals with others. The same is true with our faith. We grow by sharing

our lives with others. We help others by sharing how God is at work in our lives. We grow our relationship with God by recognizing and thanking him for what He has done. What if we did this with our kids and in our families? What if we created a space for Jesus to shine as we remember what He has done?

Let's celebrate all that God has done for our faith and in our lives.

Happy Family Day & love to your homes!

Miss Anne





Taking Time to Grow

RightNow Media

Now's a super time (during the stay-at-home orders) to check out and see what our streaming video library, RightNow Media, has to offer. If you missed it or haven't signed on in a while here is a friendly reminder for your family and home.

We love this resource for kids and families. RightNow Media is an amazing library of videos (short & long), cartoons, worship, real life digs (archeology for kids) plus devotions, talks and studies for you too as a parent.

For parents check out Andy Stanley's talk "Parenting in the 21st Century". In this series he shares some amazing parenting help, takes us back to the basics and will totally help you lead your family as your kids grow older.

God made us creative in different ways and the creators of these kid's videos have really done fantastic and beautiful work. I want to share them with you and your family, especially now ... during COVID. You will truly enjoy them, plus it's free.

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I guarantee kids will love it!
Choose from...

1. Animated and Classic Movies
2. Exploring the Bible & History
3. Worship

A couple of Anne's favs are:

The Wonderful Worlds of Benjamin Cello - Good drama, lessons and singing as you are brought into the kind and God-filled world of Benjamin Cello and his friends.

Chi-Rho - Delightful sessions with a professor father and his daughter who travel back in time to make fantastic discoveries

Torchlighters - True stories about heroes of faith. Kids will learn how God works through those that serve and dedicate their lives to Him. Great for older kids.

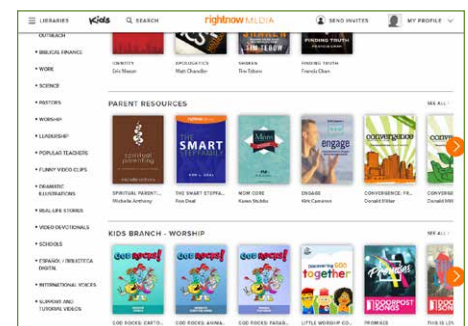
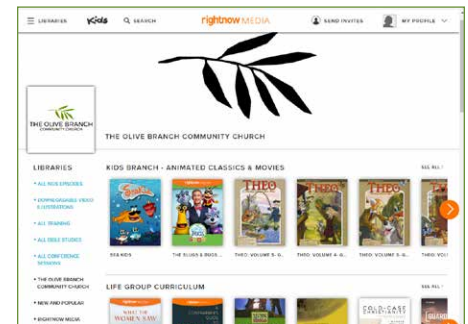
Little Worship Company - Sweet songs and photography for little ones!

Family Worship @ Home - A super engaging couple, Jess

& Dave Ray, team up to create and bring worship songs based entirely on scripture into your home.

How to Sign-up for RightNow Media:

Go to <https://www.kidsbranch.ca/the-parent-partnership>
Click on the RightNow Media logo and set up your free account.



Happening in Kids Branch

Kids Branch @ Home

Throughout January and February we're talking about "God's Way", The 10 Commandments, each Sunday morning.

Check out your Kids Branch @ Home email each week for the pre-school and elementary video that includes worship and a Bible lesson as well as activities you can do with your kids.





Coming Up

God Loves your Family Drop Off

Expect a visit and a package at your doorstep on family day weekend.

Summer Camp

The snow is falling, but we are looking ahead to warmer days! We know that with COVID plans sometimes have to change, but we still want to be able to offer some summer programming. Stay tuned for a survey in the next week. We want to know what your family would likely participate in.

Family Day Fun

HERE'S SOME GREAT IDEAS FOR FEBRUARY WINTER FAMILY FUN (& YES, it's for Outside)

Go sledding & try making a DIY duct tape sled first as a family (sounds interesting!)

Make a snow maze.

Make snow angels.

Build a snow fort.

Blow bubbles and watch them freeze (sounds fun!).

Play a giant game of tic-tac-toe in the snow. Draw the lines with twigs and use acorns or pinecones as X's and O'.

Make and hang a bird feeder outside your window.

Make rainbow sculptures with balloons.

Take cake pans and muffin tins outside to use as molds.

Play football or soccer in the snow.

Catch snowflakes on your tongue.

Warm up around a campfire (with marshmallows).

Play a game of bowling using snowballs.

Have a winter picnic.

Play in a playground after a fresh snowfall.

Shovel a neighbour's driveway or sidewalk to show you care (something we all can do!).



Staying Connected

If you know someone who is in need, connect with us. If you would just like to "chat", call us! If you are not on our mail list and would like to be, for Kids Branch mailings or drop off's, please e-mail us. Remember we are here to help and to connect with you. Miss Anne: anne@tob.ca, and Miss Kelly: kelly@tob.ca