



# Your Child in Kids Branch

## Let's be Thankful for Moms!

God gave us mothers to love us and care for us! The Bible talks about this kind of love - encouraging and unconditional love. Mothers teach us and help us to become, learn and grow by being a godly example in our lives.

There are many different types of moms in the world and God knows exactly what mom we need, and He places them in our lives. God gave us mothers who know just what to say to make us feel better when we are down and what words will encourage us and lift us up.

We are praying you will have a Happy Mother's Day, one full of family and those you love. A Mother's Day where you feel honoured and cherished. Thank you, moms, for all you do to raise your children to know the Lord!

*Proverbs 31:29 - There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!*

Happy Mother's Day to all our Kids Branch Mom's!

## The Kindness of forgiveness

God has been watching over us as we have cared for our families-kids and spouses - during this pandemic! It's been a time of pain and stretching in our lives.

As the pandemic has been foremost in our minds, our families' safety has also been top of mind. I know many of you have been concerned for your own parents, and grandparents. I've heard how you've shared special moments with them and even with others in your lives, like neighbours and friends.

The story of Jonah came to my mind as I was thinking about our community and isolation in the pandemic. In Jonah's journey he went through a lot! Jonah knew isolation, he ran away from God and experienced pure and real pain in the belly of a huge problem - a BIG fish! I'm not suggesting you have run away from God, but Jonah suffered and couldn't seem to find peace, which is what many of us are experiencing. Eventually, Jonah ended up in Ninevah and with the prodding of God realized his new path and destiny included forgiveness. Jonah eventually thanked God for placing him on that path. I think Jonah became

more aware of who God wanted him to be and I know God wants that for each of us. God wants us to be people who freely offer forgiveness as he has done for us.

*You Lord are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call you.*  
Psalm 86:5

As Easter has passed, forgiveness from God has not. Seek Him, ask God to help you in whatever circumstance you or your family finds yourself in. We serve an awesome God who gives us the beauty of others around us, but sometimes the relationships we have are difficult to navigate through. God puts before us relationships and situations where we have the choice and ability to forgive. I believe God would want us to choose to forgive as He has shown us. In doing this you are not only showing kindness to others, but also to yourself.

Happy May!

*Miss Anne*

If you want to check out a Forgiveness Lesson for your kids. See [kidssofintegrity.com](http://kidssofintegrity.com)



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## Taking Time to Grow

### Serve Others in our Community: Get creative even in COVID



Isaac started an after-school zoom club where he connects with kids and helps them with their homework!



Lois has written a children's book with her grandmother to share with others in a larger community!



Madeline has grown and given her beautiful hair away for wigs for those fighting cancer!

### Life Groups

The Spring edition of Life Groups are starting at The Olive Branch this month. Check out [www.tob.ca](http://www.tob.ca) for more details.

Miss Anne is leading a 4-week Life Group video series on Heaven. It may be something you would like to participate in to help you talk to your kids about God's plan for us in Heaven.



## Kids Branch in review

### Easter Drop Off

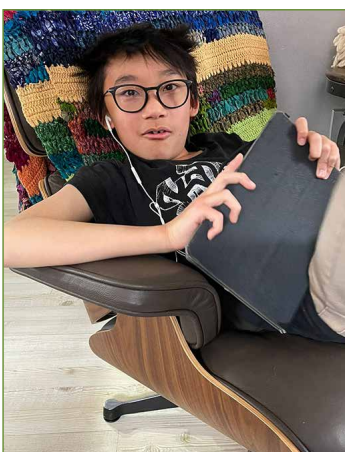
Carl's creative coloring

It was awesome to see all those who participated! Our Good Friday meet up was a great time of fun with Easter Bingo and sharing stories and connecting with our Kids Branch kids on 26 screens!



### Spring Break Fun

We hope you got to get creative and explore new ways to spend time with your family during the Spring break!



Kaz celebrating B-Day, Miss Nicolina and family, Brielle on a nature walk, Janice & Emma outdoors.





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## Coming Up

### Camp 2021

Camp won't look the same as in years past and we know that our plans might have to change, but we are moving forward with our plans for camp this summer!

July 5 - 9th: Concrete and Cranes (Camp in a Box – Do it yourself + Google Meets)  
 July 12 - 16th and July 19th - 23rd: Discovery on Adventure Island (Camp onsite - full day)  
 August 9 - 13th and 16 - 20th: Concrete and Cranes Pop Up Camp (mornings only)

We know that things are unpredictable right now, but for ordering and preparation purposes signups will close at the end of May for our July camps. If you are interested, please register by May 31st. More information about our August Pop Up Camps will come later.



## Staying Connected

God planned for the church to be the greatest influence in our community. It's a pretty awesome thing and easy to do when we find simple ways to share Jesus' love. The pandemic has showed us how much we need relationships and the importance of receiving and giving those simple acts of love like a phone call, a kind deed or encouraging words.

Connecting is important whether to just check in or share with others the difficulties you are going through. We encourage you to use the gifts God has given you to connect with others but also remember that the church is here for you as families. Don't hesitate to connect with us.



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