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WORDS from a CHILDLIKE

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* The image to the left shows our parents and children at our first community service project. Read more in our Community Connection section of our newsletter.

Finding God in the Details

When was the last time you paused to marvel at the world around you? Every day there are new God Sightings—reminders of God in our daily lives—just waiting to be discovered. Like the person ahead of you in line who pays for your order—on a day you could really use the savings. Or the way your children can put a smile on your face, even when life has you stressed. You'll also find God's fingerprints in the amazing order of the world. Did you know that worker bees, by the end of their lives, will have traveled a distance nearly

equal to flying around the world three times? (*amazingfacts.org*) Or that the largest mammals on earth, baleen whales, are sustained by the smallest sea animals such as krill?

There are millions of incredible things that happen around us every day, all reminders of God's presence. When we think in those terms, it's easy to be reminded that every creature, every moment is infused with purpose and intention. God's marvels are so common that it's easy to lose our sense of wonder and be distracted by the mundane things in life. Quickly consumed with balancing finances, work, house chores,

and family to-do's, we can unintentionally overlook God's presence. We can miss out on daily God Sightings.

Challenge your family to examine the world around you and find at least one thing that's a reminder of God, and why, every day. You'll be refreshed and build on the faith foundation of your entire family as you discover God in some of the most unexpected places. Your children will learn to hang onto their sense of wonder and grow a truly personal relationship with God. You can start with the example of the remarkable bee, or with an even more incredible God Sighting: the blessings you call family.

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Parent-Child Team

Ms. Margaret Chieves *Chaplain*

Words from a Childlike Heart is elated to recognize our honored Parent-Child team. Ms. Margaret Chieves has assumed the position of the ministry chaplain. With many years of ministerial experience, she brings her love for children and God's Word. Ms. Chieves will oversee the WFCH Power Line starting in August. The Power Line will take place on Thursday evenings at 8:30 PM.



Featured Child

DeOntay is an active, friendly little boy, who is a joy to have around. He likes all the Ninja Turtle pieces. He is inquisitive and enjoyed moving from Pre-K to Kindergarten. For the past two years, he has attended Vacation Bible School and received awards for participation in class.

He loves his bible verses and does well in memorization. DeOntay is an usher in training and looks forward to going to Sunday School and children's church, where he was advanced to the first grade class. He also enjoys praying.

RELATIONSHIP

A relationship is a connection, association, or involvement between people; it's an emotional or other relational connection between people. That's a plain, even boring, definition of relationships that you'll find in dictionaries. It's a bit flat and lifeless when you consider that the word accounts for one of the most important aspects of life. Today, with Facebook and other online platforms being a main connecting point, relationships can become about as surface-level as a dictionary definition—even with our family members. Through the global village of the Internet, people have never felt more connected—and never more alone. If our views of relationship and the way we bond with people around us are becoming less personal and more digital, perhaps our view of a relationship with God is changing, too. How can you guide yours in developing a rich connect with God? What can you teach your (child)ren?

1. Pray: Hands down, this is the best first step you can take toward any goal. Ask God how to improve your relationship with him, your family, and friends. Invest time in praying for your personal network and how you can best support the people in it. You might spend a few months in this prayer step before knowing how to move forward, and there's nothing wrong with that. Prayer connects you with God, involves God's grace in your life, and strengthens your bond. Keep sharing your daily God Sightings. Watch for God in the details of life, and invite him there.

2. Prioritize: Relationships truly are the most important part of life. They're where you'll find life quality and God Sightings galore. But, they do require effort and time. Don't jump into a thousand "catch-up over coffees" that'll leave you feeling overwhelmed. Concentrate on your relationship with God and those closest to you—and give them your best.

3. Pose—You're a Model: Take a deep breath. Your children are very aware of the way you live. As you're working to improve your relationships, you're also modeling that important life goal for them. As you get to know God better, take your children along with you for the discoveries.



Minister John Tribbett

I am very excited and proud to be on board with Words from a Childlike Heart. This is something that I am sure will help to empower, motivate and push the children to be their best and parents to be even better. I have two children, ages two and nine, and both of them are girls. I am a Certified Assistant Teacher going on a year and a half now. However, I have been assisting in the up-bringing of children since age 10. I have a ton of nieces and nephews; so I hear, "Uncle, can I..." "Uncle, how come..." and "Uncle, is it true..." a lot. I look forward to share in this great vision. Until next time, know that "Uncle loves you!"

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Community Service

The picture above shows Jonae Thomas with her mother, Ms. Addie.

We realize that service is a way to give back to our community. As the Bible says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Words from a Childlike Heart partnered with Go Mt. Airy. On Saturday, April 11, 2015, we joined the Mt. Airy BID for the Philly Spring Clean Up.

Many of our children and parents participated in meeting our first community service project goal. As a team, we volunteered to rake leaves, pull weeds, and clean litter.

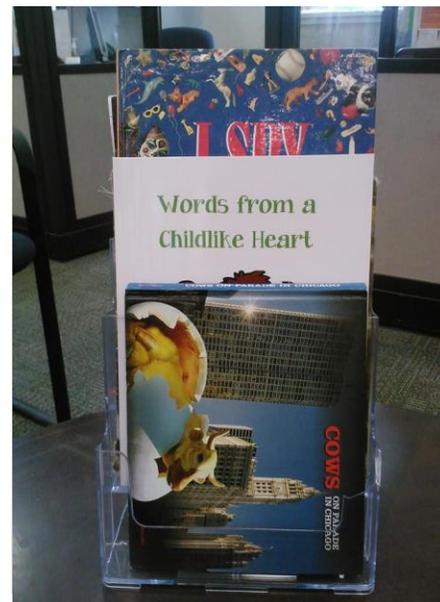


Pyramid Stem Showcase

The picture above shows a parent viewing the Words from a Childlike Heart table during the Pyramid Stem Showcase.

Words from a Childlike Heart partnered with DHEX Enterprises, LLC. It is a Philadelphia, PA-based enterprise that provides management and information technology consulting and services, sales of books and other educational items and events. On Saturday, April 5, 2015, Cleveland and Samuel shared their single, We Have Clean Hands, with the attendees at the showcase.

The children interacted with the vendors and formed many important contacts to help expand the ministry.



This image was taken from the lobby of PNC Bank.

OUTREACH

We are happy to share the image above of Cleveland and Samuel's poetry book, *Words from a Childlike Heart*. Through another community partnership, it is listed among the magazines in the lobby at PNC Bank. The children are fortunate to touch other lives through their writing and evangelism.

SPRING FLING 2015



For the second year in a row, Cleveland and Samuel shared their ministry with their school community. This year was the celebration of their completed poetry series, *Words from a Childlike Heart*, and CD release, *We Have Clean Hands*.

Ms. Deborah Gary



We are grateful we connected with an active member of our community. To learn more, visit her online.

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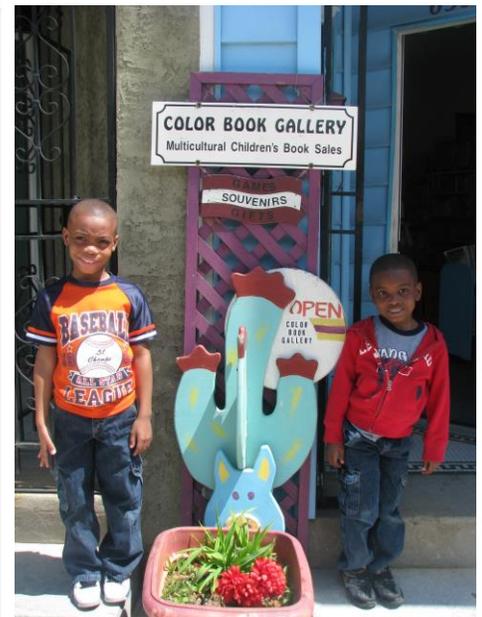
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Mt. Airy Day

The children of Words from a Childlike Heart had a wonderful time at Mt. Airy Day. The event was held on Saturday, May 2, 2015 on the grounds of Cliveden of the National Trust at 6400 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA.

It was a great day of fun for our families, with delicious food, live entertainment, kids' games and much more. The children also had a table stationed outside of the Color Book Gallery to share their books and CD.



This image was taken outside of Ms. Deborah Gary's store.

We Have Clean Hands

On August 1, 2015, God opened the door for *We Have Clean Hands* to debut on "Notes From Home" with Robin Walton/WFCJ-On-Air Personality 93.7. Since then, *We Have Clean Hands* has been given airplay on nine radio stations.

Book Reading & Signing

On August 22, 2015, Cleveland and Samuel hosted their first book reading and signing. The event took place at the Big Blue Marble Bookstore:

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Cleveland and Samuel are seen with Ms. Carrie Kreider.