

K-3rd Workshops: October 19 through November 23

— The year's theme: Faithful Believers
— The month's theme: Paul: Believers You've Got Mail
— Unit Concept: Paul wrote many letters to churches and believers everywhere to help early Christians know how to live and grow in the Christian faith. In the Movie Workshop, which is an introductory workshop with all children participating together, children are visited by Paul who tells them of his conversion on the road to Damascus. In following workshops children receive a different letter and sometimes a package from Paul in the workshop mailbox. Children receive letters from Paul in ... Corinth and learn about the body of Christ; Ephesus and put on the armor of God; Philippi and learn to keep their eye on the goal; Rome and discover spiritual gifts; and Thessalonica where they learn to encourage others. Focus sayings and hand motions for each workshop help children remember Paul's messages to believers everywhere.

K-3rd Grade

— Date: October 19

— Workshop title: Visit From Paul
— One sentence description of theme: Believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ grow stronger in faith through the church.
— Short description of the workshop goals/ what the children will do: "Mail, you've got mail" – messengers shout as they pass Paul's letters to the children. As the teacher begins to explain whom the letters are from, Paul walks in and asks to tell his story. Paul shares with the children his special experience with Jesus on the road to Damascus that turned around his life and made him a believer. Children view a movie where they learn how Paul passed understanding of the Gospel message to others through his travels and letters. A brief Pass the Gospel ball toss game helps children visualize how passing the Gospel to others can spread God's love.
— Workshop type: Movie
— Location: Simon's Studio
— Teacher(s): Tim Humphrey

— Date: October 26

— Workshop title: Creating a Church
— One sentence description of theme: Believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ grow stronger in faith through the church.
— Short description of the workshop goals/ what the children will do: Believers, you've got mail! Children open the classroom mailbox to receive a letter from Paul written to the church in Corinth and believers everywhere explaining the body of Christ. Children learn that everyone has God given special gifts, talents, and abilities that are part of the body of Christ. Children experience the meaning of Paul's message through an art activity – creating a church. Children each receive one material necessary for the project. They soon realize that one material is not more valuable than another in completing the project. Children discover that they need to work together with each other, sharing materials, to form the church that they are making. Children learn that they are important to the church and have God given gifts, talents, and abilities that can serve the body of Christ.
— Workshop type: Art
— Location: Artisan Market
— Teacher(s): Jen Humphrey

— Date: November 2

— Workshop title: Armor of God Accept or Deflect Game
— One sentence description of theme: Believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ grow stronger in faith through the church.
— Short description of the workshop goals/ what the children will do: Believers, you've got mail! Children receive a letter from Paul addressed to the church in Ephesus and everywhere. In the letter Paul tells them to put on their armor of God. Children explore the nature of a soldier's armor and then discover what Paul meant by the armor of God. Children dress in partial armor and play an Armor of God game where they use their armor to ACCEPT or DEFLECT life situation thrown their way with a nerf ball. Children learn that when they ask Jesus to be with them, they can always rely on the armor of God that helps them in their daily lives.

- **Workshop type:** Bible Variety
- **Location:** Artisan Market
- **Teacher(s):** Teacher Volunteer Still Needed

— **Date: November 9**

- **Workshop title:** Making Spiritual Gift Soup
- **One sentence description of theme:** Believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ grow stronger in faith through the church.
- **Short description of the workshop goals/ what the children will do:** Believers, you've got mail! Two letters and a package from Paul arrive from Rome. The package from Paul reveals Spiritual Gift Bags. Children use the contents of the bag to help make Spiritual Gift Soup. They learn that they all have God given spiritual gifts. They learn that God wants them to use the spiritual gifts to serve others in Christ and build up the body of Christ. A multi colored paper chain that they make, helps them visualize how they each have different spiritual gifts that when used together in the church make the church strong. Children claim their spiritual gift on a Spiritual Gift Claim Check and are encouraged to use them the following week to serve Christ.
- **Workshop type:** Cooking
- **Location:** Kitchen/Fellowship Hall
- **Teacher(s):** Teacher Volunteer Still Needed

— **Date: November 16**

- **Workshop title:** Miniature Golf Course Game
- **One sentence description of theme:** Believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ grow stronger in faith through the church.
- **Short description of the workshop goals/ what the children will do:** Believers, you've got mail! Children receive Paul's letter to the church in Philippi and believers everywhere. They learn that Paul wrote this letter to this early church from jail yet the letter is filled with joy. Children hear Paul's joyous message and his instructions to "Keep your eye on the goal which is Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior." A quick baton relay race introduces children to Paul's message. Children play a miniature golf game where they learn to keep their eye on the goal to win the prize. Each golf hole flag tells children one way that they can live their lives knowing and focusing on Christ. They receive a sticker at each hole to place on their scorecards to remind them of the goal, the prize, and how they can focus on them in their daily living. As children finish the game, they receive a crown to represent the prize of eternal life with God in heaven.
- **Workshop type (storytelling, cooking, etc.):** Games
- **Location:** Artisan Market
- **Teacher(s):** Sandy Finney

— **Date: November 23**

- **Workshop title:** Spider Web Challenge
- **One sentence description of theme:** Believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ grow stronger in faith through the church.
- **Short description of the workshop goals/ what the children will do:** Believers, you've got mail! Children receive a letter from Paul to the church in Thessalonica and believers everywhere. Paul's letter teaches them that they are to encourage each other. Children explore what it means to encourage, who needs encouragement, and what are encouraging actions. As a group of believers, they face a challenge 0 the Spider Web. The Spider Web challenge requires them to work as a team and get everyone through the web to the other side. Children practice encouraging words and use them during the challenge. They relate the Spider Web to difficult times in their lives and the lives of people around them. They learn that God wants them to encourage others and God wants them to be open to being encouraged as well.
- **Workshop:** Ropes Course
- **Location:** Discovery Den
- **Teacher(s):** Teacher Volunteer Still Needed