

# Kid Central News



Kid Central

THE BEST FAMILY FUN  
SUMMER 2010!



FAMILIES W/KIDS  
2YRS-5TH GRADE  
REGISTER AT KIDCENTRALONLINE.ORG

Our summer of family fun events are just around the corner! Be sure to mark your calendar with the line-up:

**June 17:** FREE fun including: the amazing basketball entertainer Dan Wetzel, "Minute to Win It" style stage games, inflatables, food, & so much more. Don't miss all the fun from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Central Wesleyan Church, entrance A.

**July 8:** We will be bouncin' it up from 6-8 p.m. at Crazy Bounce. This event is now full. Join us at another fun FREE event!

**July 22:** Join us at 6:30 p.m. at Craig's Cruisers for FREE activities like: Go-Karts, Bumper Boats, Batting Cages or Mini-Golf. Required Registration begins 9:00 a.m. June 18. Limited to 300 participants.

**Aug. 5:** You won't want to miss this FREE concert and giveaways for you & your kids with Jana Alayra! She and the band will bring the fun through music and laughter at 7 p.m. at Central Wesleyan Church.

**Aug. 19:** This FREE Jamboree from 6:30-8 p.m. at Central Wesleyan's southwest pond includes fishing, old-fashioned games, hay rides, music, giveaways and much more. No pre-registration required-ya'll kin come!

*Children must be accompanied by an adult at all events .*

Questions regarding any programs or upcoming events? Call the Kid Central office at 616-395-3103

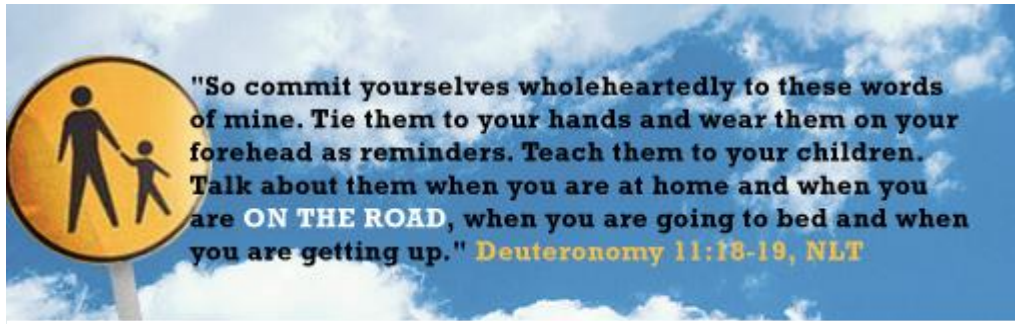
**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:** BEGINNING JUNE 27, ALL PARK CENTRAL (1ST/2ND GRADES) AND C-ZONE (3RD & 4TH GRADES) WILL CHECK IN AND ATTEND CLASS IN C-ZONE BOTH SUNDAY MORNING HOURS

## SUMMERTIME IN HOLLAND

Every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. at the downtown Farmers Market there is an offering of fun activities for children. Check it out at:

<http://www.hollandfarmersmarket.com>





## ON THE ROAD THIS SUMMER OR STAYING HOME?

The warm, relaxing summer months are perfect for reconnecting as a family. They're also ideal for helping your children stay connected to God and boosting their faith in him.

For starters, participate in faith-building opportunities available in your community. These include "It's A Ball" activities, church camps, mission projects, and more. But realize that faith growth can occur in unstructured, day-to-day settings, too. By talking to your children often about God—and your relationship with him—you model faith in action for young Christians.

Use these ideas as a springboard for summer faith growth:

**On the road...** Admire God's handiwork as you travel and sight-see. Acknowledge and thank our Creator. Use simple object lessons; for example, draw a line of chalk in front of some ants and notice that most of them won't cross it. Then talk about what it means to follow and obey God.

**At home...** For variety, conduct your family devotions outside in the shade. Use a book-club format to go through a book of the Bible or a children's Bible storybook. Encourage questions and have children put themselves in the people's shoes. Then apply the lessons to situations we face each day as we walk with God.

### Quick Stats

- 85% of parents believe they have the primary responsibility for their children's moral and spiritual development. *(Transforming Children Into Spiritual Champions by George Barna)*
- The number of day camps in the U.S. has grown by nearly 90% in the past 20 years. More than half of camps now include community-service programs. *(acacamps.org)*
- The number of children with a food allergy has increased by 18%. One in every 25 kids is susceptible to allergic reactions from such ingredients as nuts, eggs, milk, and wheat. *(U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)*

## Parenting Insights

Never underestimate the power of family faith conversations. They're critical for children's spiritual development. So often, though, we feel ill-equipped to openly discuss matters of faith. Remember the handy acronym **ALOT** to help you tackle any topic from a faith-based perspective.

- **Ask**—Find out how your child feels about the situation or topic.
- **Listen**—Listen actively, without interrupting, while your child responds.
- **Open**—Open your heart—and your Bible, if you need to.
- **Talk**—Talk about your thoughts and feelings on the subject—and how they're shaped by God's Word. Then also talk to God in prayer about the issue.

### Ask God:

To bless your summer months with fun, rest, and faith growth.

To work in your children's hearts and give them the desire to know God more.

To safeguard your family members physically and spiritually this summer.