

Dear Families,

In the next few days you will be seeing a special envelope arrive at your door. Since we can't be together at church to have anything like a VBS experience, we are sending out a special activity for the children in grades K-6 this summer.

They are invited to be "secret agents" and track the apostle Paul on his travels through the book of Acts. Puzzles and coded messages will guide the kids through Paul's journeys, as they track him from Syria, throughout Asia Minor and Greece, and eventually to Rome. There will be shipwrecks, narrow escapes, and plenty of opportunities to learn about the growth of the early church!

Although I've tried to make the puzzles attractive and interesting to kids throughout the age range, the youngest will probably need help reading the messages. In those cases, I hope this is an activity you can share as a family!

If you want more information about the story behind each puzzle, you can call the office, or follow along in the Book of Acts itself! The first packet you will receive tells the story of Acts 7:54-8:3, and Acts 9:1-28. PLEASE keep the map you receive in the first packet - it will be used to track all of Paul's journeys!

During our youth hangouts on Zoom this summer, we will spend some time talking about the puzzles and the stories behind them. I invite your kids to connect as well during those meetings - every other Friday at 7 pm. If you haven't been getting the email with the Zoom ID for those meetings, please call the office and make sure we have your email, so we can add you to the list.

I hope you and your family are finding moments of joy during these trying times. Please watch your email and the church's e-news for a survey asking about how we can best help you and your kids cope with all the changes currently happening in our world. I wish you God's continued blessings as we find new ways of being church for each other!

In All Things Love,

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