

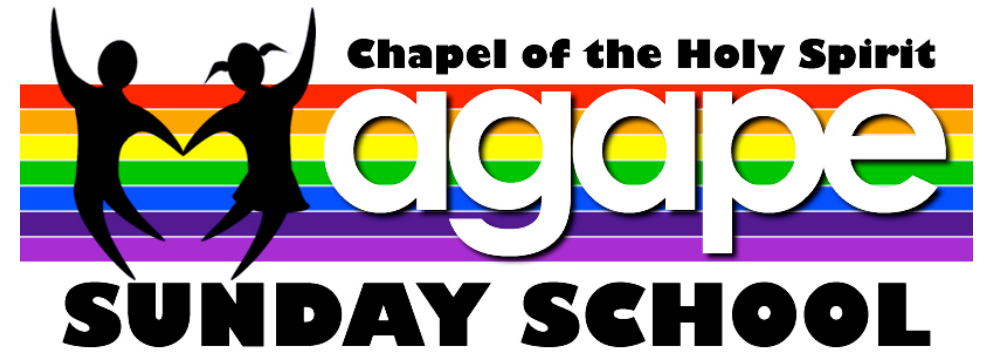
HOUSEKEEPING MATTERS

- The Agape Sunday School begins at 10.30am sharp with Praise and Worship. To minimise distractions for the children and to teach our children the right attitude towards worship, please try to be punctual. For parents who would like their children to worship with them in the Main Service, your children are welcome to join the Sunday School after the worship.
- To teach our children to pray, we have a group prayer in the Agape room at about 10am, before the Praise and Worship begins. You are most welcome to join us.
- After the combined Worship, the P1&2 class will be held at the back of the room. The pre-schoolers will have a Story session, after which the 0-3 years will go to the Nursery on the 2nd floor, and the 4-6 years will have their lessons in the Sunday School room.
- Please help our children learn the value of order and cleanliness by utilising the shoeracks outside the schoolroom.
- There is an Agape Sunday School blog at <http://chsagape.wordpress.com/>. Alternatively, you can also contact us at agapeteachers@gmail.com.
- We are constantly on the lookout for helpers and teachers for our classes. If you have a heart to teach our young ones God's ways, we're glad to provide you with training to do so. Please approach Kim Cean or let the church office know of your intentions, and we'll get in touch with you. Our teaching duties are rostered so that you'll still have a chance to attend the Main Service.



JUNE'S ROSTER

	1 June	8 June	15 June	22 June	29 June
Worship Leader	Kim	Elaine	Elaine	Kim	Kim
PA & Projection	Daren	Ernest	Ernest	Daren	Daren
Child Worship Leader	Renee	Eleanor	Gabrielle	Rachel	Eleanor
Offertory	Faith Renee	Nat Rachel	Olivia Timothy	Isaac Elkan	Jonathan Rochelle
Main story	Jaime	Jaime	Jaime	Jaime	Grace
Preschoolers	Jasmine	Jasmine	Wendy	Wendy	Elaine
Preschoolers Assistant	Marcus	Mrs Sau	Choy Ling	Marcus	Marcus
P1 & 2's	Pauline	Pauline	Pauline	Pauline	Shirley
P1 & 2 Assistant	Anderson	Ee Ling	Casey	Casey	June



But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. - Galatians 5:33

10.30AM, CHS 3rd Floor

June 2008

Jacob and Esau

Memory Verse:
Let us love one another (1 John 4:7)

The theme this month is on sharing God's love to others, especially to our own family members. Particularly, the focus is on the relationship between the Bible characters, Jacob and Esau, brothers who constantly compete with each other for their father's favour, but eventually learn to accept each other just as God accepts and forgives us despite our wrongdoings.



Lesson 1 (Genesis 25:19-28)

Isaac and Rebekah, who had difficulties conceiving, prayed to the Lord to bless them with children. God was gracious and answered their prayer by giving them twin boys, Jacob and Esau, in spite of their old age.

Though they were twins, Jacob and Esau had neither similar physical attributes nor character. As Isaac and Esau shared similar interests in the outdoors and hunting, Isaac loved Esau more, while Rebekah favoured Jacob. Thus the seed of sibling rivalry was unconsciously planted by the twins' parents, bringing about strong and unhealthy competition between the twins as they grew up. As parents, we need to remind ourselves to refrain from practising favouritism towards our children, as it may bring about undesirable outcomes from them. Just as God is just and impartial to us, loving us regardless of how different we are from one another, let us also show love to our family without favouritism.

Lesson 2 (Genesis 25:27-34)

Jacob and Esau continued their rivalry as they grew up. In this account, Jacob demanded Esau to sell his birthright to him in exchange for a meal. Esau, who was famished, agreed to the exchange, but subsequently resented Jacob for robbing him of his birthright.



Children understand

how an exchange system works even at a very young age, but they need to be taught that they can actually give up or do something for others without seeking for anything in return. Essentially, this is how children learn to share and help one another. They need to understand that genuine kindness, care or concern for others is unconditional, and the intangible reward from doing so is the joy derived from others' appreciation of their efforts. Most importantly, when we do kind acts unconditionally, they experience God's unconditional love for us.

Lesson 3 (Genesis 27:1-45)

Rebekah conspired with Jacob to rob Esau of his blessings as Isaac laid on his death bed. Upon discovery of their schemes, Esau was extremely furious and even promised to kill Jacob, which led to Jacob fleeing out of



fear for his life.

Dishonesty and lies, regardless of their magnitude, separates us from the holiness of God. As Christians, we aim to live our lives in such a way that others will desire to know God through His work in us, how He changes and moulds us to be like Him. May we also be able to raise our children up to live their lives in this manner, showing others God's love through their honesty and obedience.

Lesson 4 (Genesis 32:3-21, 33:1-11)

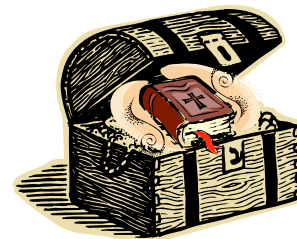
Jacob had prospered in his years of hiding from Esau. Upon instructions from God, he headed back home, even though he was terrified that Esau would carry out his threat and kill him for robbing him of his blessings. When they finally met, Esau welcomed Jacob and forgave him of all his wrongdoings.



When we love a person with God's love, we should be willing to forgive him regardless of his wrongdoings, just as God forgave us of all our sins. Let us teach our children about forgiveness whenever an opportunity presents itself: at home while playing with their siblings, or when they interact with others in school, or at the park. Teach them the simple words of forgiveness so that others may come to know of God's love and graciousness through them.

God bless you!

Treasure Seekers



Camp!

We're ready for tomorrow - but we'd like your partnership too! ☺

DETAILS:

Date: 2 June to 4 June 2008 (Tomorrow to Wednesday)
Time: 9am to 12pm
Venue: Chapel of the Holy Spirit
Kids: Preschool - 2yrs to 6yrs
Primary - 7yrs to 10yrs

PRAYER NEEDS:

- For children to be receptive to the sharing of God's Word.
- For children to be co-operative and willing to learn.
- For safety among the campers: that our teachers, helpers and participants will be healthy and safe.
- For teachers and helpers to be led by the Holy Spirit in imparting His Word.
- For good weather.

FUNDRAISING ART/CRAFT SALE

As one of the themes in the camp is learning to bless others, the kids will be making crafts for sale to raise funds for those less fortunate than themselves. On sale will be penholders, coin boxes, keychains, plaques and more. **The sale will take place next Sunday, 8 June 2008, after the Main Service in the church foyer.** Do support the children wholeheartedly by contributing generously to the sale. All funds raised will be contributed to the China Earthquake victims via the Singapore Red Cross Society.

Other Administrative Matters for Parents and Participants:

REPORTING & PICK UP TIMES

Reporting time:

8.45am - 9.00am at Chapel Hall, on the ground floor of Chapel of the Holy Spirit

Pick up time: 12.00pm - 12.15pm

There will be daily temperature checks. Should your child have fever or any signs of potential hand, foot and mouth disease, we will ask you to send your child home to rest.

THINGS TO BRING

- For pre-schoolers: Water Bottles, Diapers (if necessary)
- For primary schoolers: Bible (preferably NIV), Water Bottle, Pencil Case

CONTACT

If you need to contact us, send us and email at agapeteachers@gmail.com or call the church office at 62896313.