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December 2009

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January 2010

*Concerts to attend, production to practice for, parties to go to, presents to buy, friends and family to visit, to-do lists to finish, and more! Sound familiar?*

Too often our December is jam-packed with all the things above and then more, and we find ourselves arriving at December 25, exhausted and (in my case) grumpy. What happened to the wonder, the joy, time spent with your family, and celebration of the magnitude of a baby in a manger 2000 years ago?

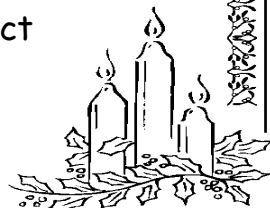
So we're doing our part to change that! Our children's department has cleared out our schedule for December so we can do more of this: *being in awe, loving, remembering, worshipping, etc.* and less of this: *stressing, running around crazy, going to 6 events in one night, etc.*

We've narrowed our ministry hoopla down to 2 special events, and we've removed other events. Now when we ask you to attend an event, its because we want your whole family to be there, as a family! Or if a regular event is missing, it is because we've removed it to make time for you to be with your family. **Because family is important.**

Serving our God together,  
**Andrea Gray**

### **Candlelight on Christmas Eve**

Worship together with our church family  
on December 24, from 7pm-8pm  
in a candlelight service designed to  
invoke a sense of wonder as we reflect  
on the priceless gift of  
Jesus Christ.



## **New Years Eve Family Night!**

Join us from 8PM to 12AM on December 31 for a great night of family games, a piñata, and good times for all!



### **Important News!**

TAB Kids and Sunday School will not be offered on December 27 to allow our volunteers and their families to enjoy Christmas as a family.

On January 3, children's ministry will be provided for children ages 2-5.

Regular TAB Kids scheduling will resume on January 10

# **NO TAB Kids on December 27**

### **Family Resource Recommendation:**

*Have a Fancy Yancy Christmas: by Yancy*

Add this CD to your collection ASAP. It's a great mix of classic Christmas songs and new ones, in a style that everyone (from your 2 year old to Gramma) will love. And it all comes back to the Greatest Gift ever! I love it, you'll love it.— AG

### **30 Second Parent Tip**

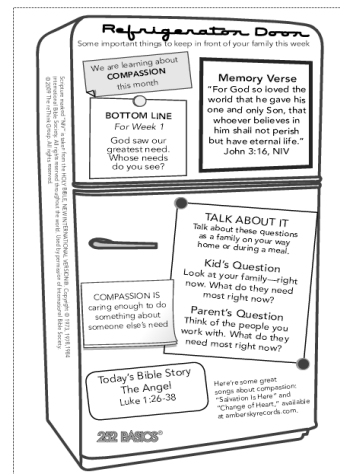
Ensure your Google Settings include Safe Search to keep your kids a little safer in their journeys online.

## What's a Fridge Card ? How do I use it?

If your child has been bringing home one of these, here's a quick rundown of what they are, and how you can use them.

*This is a Fridge Card* →

Your child is given a Fridge Card every Sunday, this includes a recap of what they learned that today, questions to get you thinking and talking, as well as the memory verse we're currently working on. So make sure you grab one so you can start talking *together!*



## How about those GOD Time Cards? How can we use them?

A GOD Time Card is designed to keep your children in the Bible. They've learned lots in TAB Kids, and we don't want them to forget it, so we send home a GOD Time with an outline for 4 days. Every day there is a passage to read, a thought on that passage, as well as an application for that day. If you're looking for a resource to help your child get into the Bible, this might just be it!

