

## **Terrific Third Thursdays**

Children in grades K-5th will have fun opportunities on the third Thursday of each month during the summer. Watch the bulletins and bulletin board for specifics each month.

## **Mission Projects Sponsored by Children's Ministry**

### **Preschool Mission Friends' Project**

Mission Friends are preschoolers ages 3-5 who are not yet in kindergarten. They meet on Wednesday nights, from 7:15 pm - 8:00 pm. and learn about ways to show Jesus and His love to other people. These children have learned about missionaries in places like Uganda and Florida. At this young age, the Mission Friends already want to tell other people what they know about Jesus.

Mission Friends' Leader Marie O'Brien gives a personal testimony regarding this project. "When I was a child, I was often sick and in the hospital. While I was in the hospital, I enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, coloring in a coloring book, and doing puzzles to take my mind off of the pain."

Please help a sick child take their mind off of their pain by bringing to Mission Friends each week in April or May at least one item listed below. These items will be donated to a local hospital. Suggested items include: journals, crossword or word search puzzle books, jigsaw puzzles with 24-250 pieces, LEGO and/or DUPLO blocks, matchbox cars, Playstation 2, X-Box 360, Wii games (must be rated "K" or "E", children's books in English and Spanish, new underwear and socks in all children's sizes, coloring books, and new boxes of crayons. With the exception of the video games, all the items must be new. On behalf of the sick children in the hospital, thank you in advance for your generous gift to help take the children's minds off of the pain.

### **VBS Mission Project**

Each day of VBS, June 8 -12, there will be an opportunity for students and workers to contribute to the special VBS mission project. Watch the church bulletins and children's bulletin board for details about this project.

### **Baby Bottle Blessing Project**

From Mother's Day through Father's Day, River Bend will be participating in this project to support the Pregnancy Help Center of Katy. Baby bottles will be available at River Bend on Mother's Day, May 10, for you to use as a "piggy bank" to save your change. On Father's Day, June 21, the baby bottles are to be returned to River Bend. They will be taken to the Pregnancy Help Center for counting. The River Bend goal this year is to have 75 bottles of change to present to the Pregnancy Help Center.