



Spring Cleaning with the Kids



We get it: It's often easier to take out the trash yourself than to get your kid to do it.

Getting your kids to complete regular chores and tasks often feels like a chore in itself. But the weekly chores your kids do around the house can affect their future...and letting your kids take the easy road now will make it harder for them later.

It turns out that raising kids who grow up to be helpful, responsible, and community-minded starts with assigning them age-appropriate household chores in their early years. *(Not sure which chores are age-appropriate? [We have a free resource!](#))*

A Wall Street Journal [study](#) found that doing chores as a child is a strong predictor of whether someone will choose to volunteer or give back as an adult. Similarly, [a study](#) from the University of Mississippi found that kids who start helping around the house as toddlers tend to be more successful in their 20s. Why? **Because those small tasks teach big lessons**—like responsibility, teamwork, empathy, and independence.

So, it's not just about getting your kids to do their chores.

It's about training them to help others and look for opportunities to contribute.

It's about using your home as a place to teach your kids the power of

initiative.

It's about helping kids move toward building their own families and developing positive personal habits

Initiative will be an important part of your kid's success, and that can start at home. So the next time your little one grumbles about setting the table, remember: you're not just assigning a chore, you're shaping their future.

Resource Provided by Parent Cue

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BUNNY BOUNCE

BOUNCY BALL DROP | BOUNCE HOUSE | AND MORE!
COME ENJOY THIS FREE OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE EASTER!

April 19
2p-4p

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BALL DROP TIMES

AGES 0-2: 2:30P
AGES 3-6: 3:00P
AGES 7-11: 3:30P

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EARLY BIRD Registration Ends 4/20

Family Camp
June 19-21
Camp Lakewood

Middle / High School
July 13-18, 2025
Epworth Forest

Elementary Camp
July 20-23, 2025
Camp Lakewood

Sign Up / Scholarship Info:
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**CHURCH
Summer
CAMP**

Scholarships available

High School:
Epworth Forest

Elementary/Family:
Camp Lakewood

fun & creative outdoor activities

outdoor games, water activities, rock climbing, zip-lining, bible time, and so much more!

Youth



Sunday Night Youth

April 6 & 27
5-7 pm
Dinner Games Lesson
Enter Door F

Families

STORMTROOPERS
SWORN PROTECTORS OF THE GALACTIC EMPIRE

JOIN THE RANKS

MAY 04 2025

ALL CHURCH
NERF BATTLE
12P-2P
PIZZA PROVIDED FOR LUNCH



Level Up Ends 4/30



St. Joe UMC:
 Sunday School 9 am & 11am
 Preschool 2nd & 4th Sun. 9a
 St. Joe @ the YMCA:
 Breakout 10 am

4/13 Palm Sunday
 All children / youth invited to
 join the choir in the Palm
 Processional.



HOLY WEEK
 April 13-20

FOR THE FORT

<p>St. Joe UMC 6004 Reed Road Good Friday, 7p</p>	<p>St. Joe @ the Y 5680 YMCA Park Dr W Maundy Thursday, 7p</p>
<p>EASTER SUNDAY Sunrise (Praise Park), 6:30a Contemporary, 9a Traditional, 11a</p>	<p>Bunny Bounce Saturday, 4/19, 2-4p</p> <p>EASTER SUNDAY Contemporary, 10a</p>

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GET INSPIRED



CAMP Pancake Breakfast 2025

Thank you to all of the families that volunteered with us to raise money at the Pancake Breakfast! Did you know that it cost over \$9,000 to send our children and youth to camp last year? Due to everyone's hard work cooking, serving and cleaning we were able to serve over 300 pancakes and 285 sausage links to 3 services of hungry people.

I have been told many times how impressed our congregation was with the meal, the amazing service and how happy they are that so many kids want to go to summer camp!

**If you have not signed you child up for camp, please do that THIS WEEK!
Early Bird Registration Ends 4/20 (EASTER)**



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