

SHEPHERD KIDS

AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER



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AUGUST 30 | 1:00-3:00PM
PRESCHOOL-8TH GRADE



This free event is for kids pre-K through 8th Grade and their families. Bounce, run, jump and have a great time as we celebrate the beginning of a new year of Shepherd KIDS!

9009 E Indian Bend Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85250



REGISTER ALL MEMBERS
OF YOUR FAMILY ATTENDING

IMPORTANT REMINDER

We are so excited to welcome everyone back for a new ministry year! We hope your summer was filled with rest, adventure, and meaningful time together as a family. Whether you traveled, enjoyed a slower pace, or simply made memories at home, we're looking forward to seeing familiar faces and welcoming new ones this Sunday.

As we begin this new season, our heart remains the same: to partner with families as we help children know and follow Jesus in a joyful and engaging environment. We have wonderful volunteers, exciting Bible lessons, and plenty of fun planned for the months ahead.

Thank you for allowing us to be part of your family's faith journey. We can't wait to see your children this Sunday and all that God has in store for Shepherd Kids this year!

SNACKS

We are still accepting snack donations for Shepherd Kids. If you have unopened, individually packaged snacks at home that your family no longer needs, please consider donating them to our ministry. Thank you for your support!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Have you been thinking about volunteering with Shepherd Kids? We are always looking to add to our amazing team of volunteers! If you would like more information or have questions about serving, please contact Heather Pelanne.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, who came to earth to save us.

Unit 19: Jesus Came to Earth Who is Jesus? Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, who come to earth to save us.

Theme Idea: Road Trip: From the moment He was born, Jesus was on the move. This unit takes kids on a road trip retracing Jesus' earliest journeys throughout Israel. Decorate for this theme by creating a large wall map with stops like Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

Session 2: The tour guide and traveler arrive in Jerusalem. They meet Simeon and Anna, who joyfully recognize the baby as the promised Savior. The guide explains that Jesus was dedicated to God, set apart for a special purpose from the start.

Session 3: The tour guide and traveler witness wise men arriving in Jerusalem to visit the Messiah.

Session 4: During a festival in Jerusalem, the tour guide and traveler find Jesus in the temple. The guide points out that even at the age of 12, Jesus knew He was doing His Father's work.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



BRANDON WALTON

I recently joined the staff at Shepherd of the Desert as the Ministry Assistant. I have a passion for serving others and helping people grow in their faith. One of my favorite parts of working at Shepherd is getting to know the kids and watching them grow in their faith. Their excitement, curiosity, and joy are a great reminder of God's love. It is a blessing to encourage them and be here at Shepherd of the Desert!