



*New! Playdate set at Adam's Playground in Peterborough for moms and kids for a fun time.*

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEADER PLANS PLAYDATE FOR AUGUST 15th**

"When someone else loves on your kid, it means a lot!" commented Rachel West, one of our Children's Ministry leaders and a mom of three. The ministry expanded this spring to include 5 & 6-year-olds as well as 3 & 4's and 1 & 2's. The groundwork is done. There are Sunday volunteers and helpers who have become "regulars" in the children's rooms. The children are getting to know the volunteers. A new check in desk and pager system provides more order and peace of mind for parents. The next step is to build trust and relationship between leaders and parents.

Rachel's idea is to start with a playground date at Adam's Playground in Peterborough. She'd like to see parents

"do church together," not just Sunday morning but every day and outside church walls. Playdate is planned for:

**Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2018, 10 am.**

Moms are invited to bring a friend too!

Bring a snack to share, if you can!

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*"I'm getting to know the kids,  
now I want to know their  
parents!" Rachel West*

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### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ROOM NEEDS:**

Hardcover board books,  
Bible story coloring books,  
playdough, cardboard mega-blocks,  
baby dolls with clothes, bottles,  
blankets, doll carriers,  
bubbles, automatic bubble blower,  
kitchen set, kitchen toys/foods,  
music-maker toys, plastic lightweight  
balls, push toys, *Wee Sing* Bible song CDS,  
matchbox cars, solid wooden toys.

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*Middle School group at McDonald's.*

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL KIDS GET HIGH MARKS FROM THEIR LEADERS**

Believing that Middle school is one of the most influential seasons of a kid's life, Casey and Sheryl Gibson and Nick and Kristel Morin began a group this past year for Middle school kids that met bi-weekly on Tuesday nights. Fifteen to twenty kids joined. Their mission was to get to know one another, build trust in Jesus and grow in their understanding of God's Word and their identity in Christ. The kids paid rapt attention during talks that Nick Morin prepared to correspond with weekly bible study lessons.

"Shaken" by Tim Tebow, "The Armor of God," and "Strength in Numbers" a study on friendships were three that the group

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*"The two most important things in life are God and people." oft-repeated phrase from Middle school group leaders.*

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worked through. Krystal Morin arranged worship sets, teaching the kids that worship is connecting with God, not a voice exhibition and "being vulnerable" is not as scary as it sounds.

The Morins and Gibson had a blast with these kids! The lessons they learned, the games played, snacks devoured, funny comments, campfires, and year-end pool party in June were good times for all. Gears are already turning in the minds of the leaders with ideas for the new Middle School group that will start in the fall.

Please remember to keep the Middle school group in prayer!

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## **MEN'S BREAKFAST IS HEARTY & FREE**

Since Fall 2017, Hope has hosted a free men's breakfast. It's become a way to gather the men of Hope regularly for encouragement and mutual fellowship. Last year we ranged between 20 and 50 in attendance. We usually meet at the church on the 3rd Saturday of each month, 7:30-9 a.m. for a hot breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, fried potatoes, and pancakes. After breakfast, we have a time of open sharing and prayer. We conclude with one of the brothers sharing a devotion from God's Word.

A schedule for the breakfasts, along with who will share and a registration form, can be found on the Hope website <http://www.hfcnh.com/mens-breakfast/>. Our next breakfast will be held on Sat., September 22nd with sharing from Jerry Anderson. Please register by Thurs., Sept. 20th, so we can plan for food. Consider inviting men from outside of Hope to join us.

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