

Life in the Light



The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters (Psalms 23:1-2)

Summer Movie Activities

During this summer break, the youth and junior group went together to see the movie, *David and The Wild Robot*. Below, we each share our thoughts on the movies.



What resonated with me the most from the movie *David* was how he vocalized his credit to God and believed that everything belonged to God, such as his crown and the kingdom of Israel. Also, I wasn't expecting Goliath to look so pale compared to the other characters in the movie. -S.K. (Youth)

I watched *David* twice with everybody and it was a great movie, and it was good at showing how David lived. My favorite part of the movie was when David met with Saul and forgave him, even after what Saul did to try to kill him. -T.D. (High School)

When I watched the movie, I could really feel what David was going through when he was running away from Saul. I think it would be very hard to trust God when you're dealing with so much pain and fear. But David had good, strong faith in God to be able to keep trusting Him all the time, even after his best friend was killed. The movie really taught me that you should always keep on believing even when life gets really tough, and that's something I want to try to remember when I'm facing hard times in my own life. -Y.S (Junior)



One of the most memorable moments for me was David's first encounter with Saul. The way the stringed instruments softly enter as David lifts his hands—singing "Shalom"—toward the glistening, sunlit sky, after pulling aside Saul's curtains to let the light flood his dark, confined room, brought tears to my eyes. I felt my entrapped heart being opened and God's presence overwhelming it with His peace, as if He were reminding me, "I'm here." -K.T. (Youth)

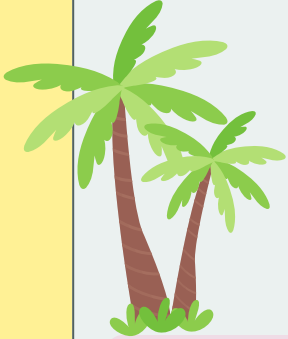
I'm glad to have the chance to watch the movie *David* with everyone again; it brought David's story more to life. In the movie, I saw that because David strongly believed that God was his shepherd, he was able to face any challenge and eventually become a good leader to the Israelites. -A.N. (Youth)

The most striking part of the *David* movie was the highlight they put on his mother, encouraging him to follow the path God gave him. Especially in the song "Tapestry," the duet between David and his mother, his mother gave him encouragement, and the confidence she had that God would guide him despite the doubt David had, was my favorite part. This led to David always having trust in God and that his Shepherd would protect the path for him in the last battle. -E.N. (High School)





The Wild Robot movie became one of my top 5 favorite movies. I love how they put real-life characteristics in the animals that appear in the movie. I also saw some parts of Roz the robot that represents Jesus, where she first learns all about animals' lives, taking care, guiding, protecting the animals from winter storms, and showing the importance of loving one another. I recommend others watch this movie if you have a chance! -K.I. (Youth)



Day in a Life: National Park Trip

At the beginning of the month, my family and I went to visit Yosemite and Sequoia National Park. Surrounded by huge nature, it was quiet, and the air felt fresh. At night, we saw multiple stars clearly in the sky.

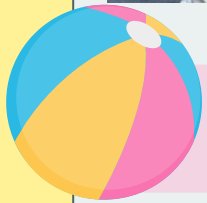
As we went to many hiking trails during the visit, one of my favorites was called the Mist Trail. Even though it was quite a long hike with climbing up a bunch of stairs that seemed like forever, it was worth it. The mist of the huge waterfall reflected the sunlight, making a rainbow across the water. "The heaven declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hand." (Psalm 19:3) -H.N.





Jun Asai Piano Concert

The Piano Concert by Jun Asai, will be held this August, sponsored by our church. Our youth members continue to put up posters and pass out flyers in the community to spread the word. If you haven't already, get your tickets now! It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity you don't want to miss!



Spirit, Soul, and Body

By our Nagoya (Japan) branch youth member

霊・たましい・体は全部一体であることがよく分かりました。霊は人間が存在する前からありますが、たましいは息を入れた瞬間にできます。この霊があることで私たちはどれだけ恵まれているかが分かりました。

霊の方が神様に詳しいし、霊の声を聞くことで私たちはリードしてもらえる、またいのちを与えてくれています。私たちが普通に生活しているだけでは気づけないですが、どれだけこの霊が素晴らしいかがこのことから分かりました。

よみの穴に落とされて、霊を取られ魂だけ残ると、もうそこには一滴の水もなくもう私たちは何も出来ません。

でもイエス様のおかげで、私たちが霊と分けられることは絶対ないですし、救われました。それにとっても感謝しています。いつも感謝していましたが、このメッセージを聞いて、さらにもっと感謝でいっぱいになりました。

だからりくとも絶対大丈夫なのだと確信しています。霊がついています。ブクブクブクといのちへの水が湧き出ています。-R.O.

Come & join us!

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