

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

UUS Kids' Corner
This month's topic:



Kids Reasoning is worth a second look!



This is the first in a series as we establish a UUnique way to share the thoughts and feelings of the children of Religious Education. I have chosen two light bulbs for this column because I thought they could serve as an important point of reference. Kids are our future, and they are chalk full of great ideas and new ways of looking at the world. Light bulbs have been historically used to represent "good ideas". Consider that when choosing a light bulb to illustrate this, I now have a choice between incandescent and CFLs.... Wow, our world is ever changing, and our children are at the core of that change. In a sense, our kids will be the change that we have been hoping for. So, what do they have to say?

Each month, we will try to communicate some of their thoughts as they relate to their families, each other, our UU, and the world around them. Here's what a few of them had to say this month:

It's a New Year....

When we talked about what we wanted to do more of this year **Hayden** said that "he was going to work on doing more time traveling and teleportation, although we all know that only super heroes can teleport". Perhaps **Hayden** will be a superhero when he grows up ☺

Pastor Bud shared a story about courage... and we had our own stories about courage as well.

Jake shared how his uncle was courageous because he was a soldier in Afghanistan. His sister, **Vivi** also shared a story. Hers was about how when things seem unfair you need courage. Apparently that morning before coming to UU there was a little disagreement between she and her brother and she said it took courage to work it out.

As we celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday and the inauguration of the first non-white President...

Evan & Angelica were playing outside at Grandma's house. Neighborhood children joined them. When **Evan** got hurt his grandma asked how it happened, and he reported that one of the big kids had thrown a ball at him. She asked which one and he said he didn't know his name. So, she asked whether he was the black boy or the white boy. **Evan** replied saying it was the blue boy. Turns out the white boy was wearing a blue shirt!

Out of the mouth's of babes! There is value (and enjoyment) in witnessing the world from a kids' point of view... To share other items of interest, please contact Debbie Johnson:

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RE Happenings

As some of you know RE was the very first to begin a UU Connect group. Originally RE parents met using discussion questions from Mimi Doe's book entitled: The 7 Principles of Spiritual Parenting. This allowed parents an opportunity to get to know one another while developing ideas about parenting issues and how to incorporate our UU principles into daily living.

Now, with new parents joining UU nearly every month, and other members showing an interest in RE the Spiritual Parenting circle has widened. Please read on to find out if you'd like to join in the discussion. **On February 1st Kurtland Davies will lead our parents and friends of RE in the 2nd session of "Healthy Children-Healthy**

Planet". The goal is similar to the original Spiritual Parenting Connect Group because we bring RE folks together to learn from the materials and from our discussions. We are currently using a reader entitled: "Healthy Children-Healthy Planet" published by the NW Earth Institute. The discussion will center around two topics/chapters: Advertising and Food & Health. **(To obtain a reader please see Debbie Johnson. The cost is \$20, but two of you may wish to share the reader at a cost of \$10 each.)**



Some of you know of the current interest at UUSDBA in the Congregational Study Action Issue (CSAI) : "Ethical Eating". This month's session ties in beautifully with that initiate and we welcome others input as parents struggle with where we get our food and what our children eat.

We hope some of you will join us at noon on Sunday, February 1st for a vibrant conversation... and a bite to eat from our RE children's garden. Please RSVP to Debbie Johnson so that we may plan accordingly:
dbeckjohnson@earthlink.net.



A revised Invitation to all of UU... Please plan to join us at 6:30 pm on Saturday, February 21st for the 2nd Annual UNIVERSAL BIRTHDAY PARTY! Last year over 40 people of all ages joined in the fun. This year once again we will share a piece of yummy cake & ice cream, and then play board games & more! Mark your calendars and plan to celebrate all of our birthdays as together we honor our UUniqueness and enjoy our UU interconnections!



Guest At Your Table Update:

Thanks to all of you for returning your collection boxes and envelopes. The total raised for the UU Service Committee (UUSC) was \$327.94

This money will be used to support the advancement of human rights and social justice in the United States and around the world. Thanks for your continued support of our effort to support the UUSC!
