

# *NBCC KIDS*

## NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

**“GOD so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life. GOD did not send his Son into the world to judge the world. He sent his Son to save the world through him.”**

**~John3:16-17**

I have a confession to make. I absolutely, positively *hate* winter. Maybe because I grew up in New England and snow was a regular occurrence, so the novelty wore off when I was young and impressionable. Maybe because as far as I am concerned, humans are a tropical species and therefore don't belong in frigid climes. Or maybe I hate winter because it is just gross and we will just have to agree to disagree.

Now, that is not to say that I can't appreciate the beauty of a freshly fallen snow, glistening like little diamonds on the ground, or twinkling in an evergreen tree. And I would never go so far as to imply that someone would be mistaken when they tell me how much they love winter. And I can even understand how many people who are lifelong residents of Charleston truly relish the idea of a little snow, or even cold temperatures. But there is a reason I left Boston, and the biggest reason we packed it up and moved 900 miles away was to escape the snow, ice, and freezing temperatures that plague the northeast. As I write this it is currently 6 degrees in Boston right now if you take into consideration the windchill. And believe me, one must always take into consideration the windchill. And that is just temperature, my mother is currently still buried under 30 inches of snow.

A week or so ago, Charleston experienced a little flurry. A few hours of a somewhat steady snowfall, and much to my chagrin, it did accumulate, if even just a coating. And I know, I should look on the bright side, it didn't amount to much, and it melted quickly. But that doesn't mean that I wasn't grumpy about it for a few days! I was told that

Charleston only gets snow “every 10 years or so”, and we had snow last year! I feel misled!

But what truly stupefies me, is how much the children here love the snow, and were excited about the snow. The novelty of snow wore off when my kids were little! Back in the winter of 2014-2015, Massachusetts experienced an abundance of snow (think upwards of 111 inches of snow), it was a record breaking year, and there was a 6-week span where we had a snow storm every week, and every week there was at least one day of school being canceled. Trust me, it gets boring after a while! I will never forget that the final block of ice melted in Boston that year in July. After a while, the ice gets encrusted with dirt and debris and the ice becomes insulated against the sun and heat and it can take ages for it to melt completely. It's truly kinda gross!

I love how children see snow as this beautiful, fun and exciting opportunity! Something fun to play in, and how truly mesmerized they are by the sight of falling snow. As the snow was falling here, I was sent a beautiful photo of one of my little friends staring out of her window in child-like wonder. She was enraptured by the snow. To her, it was beauty and opportunity and hope!

Several times in Scripture, Jesus tells us to be more child-like in our experiences. *“And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, ‘Truly I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.’”*

That doesn't mean that we can behave immaturely or irrationally like children do, but to practice humility. That is to reject pride and recognize our dependence on God. It means to trust completely. Children are totally dependent on their parents and caregivers for everything, food...clothing...protection...math homework. We need to have that kind of dependence on our Heavenly Father and rely on him to sustain us, protect us and help us in our needs as well.

Children are teachable and we should be too. We should allow God's Word to teach, shape and delight us in the same way as a child. One of the greatest things we get to do as parents is teach our children. How to speak, how to tie their shoelaces, how to count or recite the alphabet, and when they learn these basic things, it is incredible! Our Heavenly Father wants us to learn from Him in the same way! And we should have a teachable spirit, like a child.

And, of course, a child-like awe of creation. Like my little friends who were so excited about the snow, we should share in that awe of our creation, and the One who created it! Our world is full of spectacular beauty. Who among us doesn't stare in wonder at a sunset? Or the ocean? Or the stars? And, yes, even snow? We should be in awe of the beauty in this world. *"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork."* (Psalm 19:1) *"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well."* (Psalm 139:14)

So, despite my grumbling about a few snowflakes, I can appreciate the beauty. And I was also reminded that sometimes, what I might see as an inconvenience or disruption, can also be God gently telling me that I need to slow down and enjoy, and that it isn't all about me! And that...well, that is a lesson I need to learn.

As always, there is a lot happening in Kingdom Kids! We just finished a series on "Hanging Out With Jesus". We learned about Zacchaeus the tax collector climbing a tree to see Jesus, and how Jesus called out to him by name and went to his house. We talked about the Samaritan woman at the well, and how Jesus spoke to her, revealing himself to her and how she became an evangelist and ran to her village to tell everyone about Jesus. We talked about Jesus and Nicodemus and how Nicodemus visits Jesus to learn from him.

Our next series starts next Sunday, "Now That's A Miracle", where we will discuss how Jesus has power over creation; Jesus healing leprosy, and the blind; Feeding thousands; and Jesus walking on water.

I am hosting a Kingdom Kids Leadership training on March 8, from 12:30-1:30. Lunch will be provided and I promise it will be fun! If you have thought about helping out, please come and hear what it's all about! I am also hosting a teen volunteer training on March 15, from 12:30-1:30. This is for middle-school aged kids who are interested or are currently helping out on Sundays, not for older teens who are already teaching in the classrooms. If you have any questions, please reach out!

As always, I am extremely grateful and blessed to be a part of your child's journey! I truly cherish the time I get to spend with them, and hear about their lives. I get to see so much growth and maturity, but I also get to see them being silly and having fun. I love their questions and their answers, and I truly think I have the best job in the world! I get to play and teach kids about Jesus!



My Sweet Friend and her puppy watching the snow!

