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## Anchored in Truth

Noah was a righteous man who walked with God. There is no record that Noah was a builder, yet he built the ark through hard work and by following God's specific instructions. He was willing to do whatever God called him to do in order to protect his family from the destruction that was coming on the earth. His determination and great effort proved to bring salvation and deliverance for his entire family. God is still looking for men and women who will be spiritual leaders in their home, church and community, and who will follow God whole-heartedly.

Several years ago, the story of Noah took on a whole new meaning for me. My husband and I were concerned for the spiritual guidance and teaching of our four young children. How could we keep our children sheltered from the storm of religious confusion in the world? Who would train our children in the truth of God's Word so that they would know how to live for God in an ungodly generation? If our children were to be sheltered and trained, we had to shoulder the responsibility ourselves. Like Noah, we would have to live for God and follow his commands no matter what others chose to do. It was our desire for our family to become so anchored in God's Word that there were no philosophies of individuals, schools, or churches which could shake us and turn us from the truth. It has been more than ten years since our family made this conscious decision not to be swept away by the currents of worldly living.

The responsibility for teaching and training children on a daily or even on a weekly basis is overwhelming. I can assure you that my children are worth every effort and so are yours. However, there are other children in our neighborhoods who have no godly example or influence in their lives. These children are also worth our time and investment. They are lost souls in need of a Savior. They require spiritual guidance and Biblical training. These children need a safe place to go to be sheltered and insulated

from a cruel world. There are so many distractions which divert children from following Christ. More than ever, today's children need Christian adults who will take a direct interest in their personal lives. Therefore, we need to build strong, personal relationships with the children in our neighborhoods and provide them guidance and training in following Christ. In Zion Assembly, we must make a concerted effort to provide a safe shelter for today's children, and give them specific instructions to anchor them in the truths of God's Word.

With this in mind, we will celebrate Children's Day 2017 on Sunday, June 4. This year, our theme will be "Anchored in Truth - John 14:6." For lessons and ideas, please visit the website of Children's Ministries at [www.zionskids.weebly.com](http://www.zionskids.weebly.com) and then click on Children's Day. This is a new website launched exclusively for Children's Ministries. You can also access the information through Zion Assembly's international website ([www.zionassemblychurchofgod.com](http://www.zionassemblychurchofgod.com)) via the Children's page – this will take you to [www.zionskids.weebly.com](http://www.zionskids.weebly.com). T-shirts are available for Children's Day and may be ordered direct; the ordering information is available on the children's website. You will want to get your order in as soon as possible.

June may seem like a long way off, but now is the time to begin planning your special celebration. Prepare a unique service of singing, drama, and teaching focused on the children in your neighborhood or church community. In addition to your evangelistic ministry, try to meet their physical, social, and emotional needs as well. Organize a picnic or cookout. Complete the day with interactive games and prizes. Take the extra time to visit and talk to the children about their interests. They need to know that they are highly valued by us and important to the church. Let's make it an event to remember!

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