



Hug~In~A~Mug

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... *“Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, ...”*
(*Nehemiah 1:5a*).

Greetings to all, in the name of our Awesome God! I have been stricken these past six days with the same tune running over and over in my head; cannot shake it but I am sure today this is the reason: To share my personal JOY in having been a part of a huge campaign in my home church of 56 years now...VBS! ***What was I thinking***, back late spring with that "Sure, I'll be a Volunteer, Sign me up!" answer? Certainly not that it was for ages 2-9, little people, and there would be 170 of them show up last Monday at 9 a.m. {Stop chuckling!} The theme song over and over is: ***Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from Heaven above, with wisdom, power & love; our God is an awesome God!*** I rise to it, I hum it, and often I break out in song; it is an invigorating mantra...I do hope I wind down someday soon; for now, I am revitalized by the experience.

I was on a team of two other educators, and our weeks' setting took place under the theme of His MONUMENTAL* love, set in the monumental deserts of Utah. Brilliant visuals made you feel you were right there staring up at towers, pinnacles, parched stone caverns and walls... that were home to God's survivalist creatures. We were the **Science** half hour of STEM format, and over four days each child got hands-on tactile experiences with the marvels of discovery, basic knowledge, and inventions that can only be credited to an awesome God and His creations! Example: Power: effects of the sun, moon, solar, wind, water, heat, cold, kinetic, static and the lists goes on, as we searched Him and we see God everywhere. (Even Webster says simply: * “exceptionally great.”)

They went away knowing His "awe-inspiring awesomeness": 1. never changes, 2. is everywhere, 3. is surprising, and that 4. He is in charge! I see God in every day, in so many little ways and begged them to look for God in the little things of every day, and to go out and share their love of God with their playmates; become little missionaries on their block. I praise the parents and grandparents who saw to it their getting to attend. They are our church of tomorrow, yes?

What I have learned, as it continues to sink in, is that you are likely to learn something new each and every day, to enlarge that knowledge that our God IS indeed an awesome God! Our lessons learned, through the eyes of these precious youngsters, the questions they asked, their responses to our rotating sessions, sparked impressive and touching, innocent answers.... they truly believe God is both giving and forgiving. Their excitement was at times deafening, but as they jumped for joy, I know God rejoiced at their new revelations, and how they did come to an understanding in an exceptionally great way.

We, as adults, cling to His covenant, as we continue to love Him, honor Him, worship Him, and keep His commandments... Oh, the JOY of walking in His way, and the joy of sharing His Word with others. I close with: **Let them praise Your great and awesome name--He is holy (Psalm 99:3 - NKJV).**

Respectfully Yours, Pat Reck, Servant Resources