

Acorn

News in a nutshell **FEBRUARY 2017**



It all begins with character...

Without an instruction manual at birth, you have to work to discover, along with your boy, just who he is. Our February topic “**Know who you are**” gives our boys a chance to think deeply about what it means to be a boy and a man of faith. We encourage the boys to understand their strengths and weaknesses, explore their likes and dislikes, whilst looking at what values they hold dear.

Character is the core and most important part of your child’s identity - it’s the concrete slab that all his abilities and talents are built upon. Qualities like honesty, compassion and tenacity are hidden treasures that show up in the words and actions of your son.

Give your child’s talents and abilities a boost

When you properly encourage your son’s displays of good character, it instills in your son the value of these traits and acts as a constant reminder of who he is as an individual.

Avoid focusing on his physical attributes, as we all know beauty fades and a well-formed identity based upon the strength of his character can carry him into adulthood and success.

Boys, like girls, show their identity through pictures they stick on their walls or school books, their choice in friends, clothing, food and even activities. They are giving us clues about how they view themselves.

The Balanced Boy Has accepted and adopted his family’s values without question.

The Rebellious Boy Adopts a defiant identity and rebels against his family and society, normally as a result of intolerant parenting.

The Confused Boy Has great difficulty finding himself and goes through an extended period of trial and error as he searches for an identity.

The Ignorant Boy Has a “supportive” family but they operate out of ignorance - and this boy will battle to find a purpose in life.

TALK TOPICS **Know who you are | Who am I?**

Faith - Beloved Son of God	Likes v.s. Dislikes
You are a boy/man	Materialism
Strengths v. Weaknesses	Values

The Mother City...

will soon have more than a mountain to brag about!

We are working hard at setting up the Cape Town branch, meeting with the moms and introducing our new MENTors to their acorns. We look forward to telling you all about this exciting new venture in our March Newsletter.

What's on?

4 FEBRUARY

Family Bring and Braai picnic - hosted at the Kloofendal Nature Reserve. **Make sure you RSVP!**

17 - 19 FEBRUARY

Weekend Camp - hosted at the beautiful B’sorah Camp site. *Invites going out shortly...*

Review

21 January

Annual Mom’s Meeting

20 - 22 January

MENTor’s Orientation

27 January

Dinner with a Difference (Senior Oaks Event)

30 January - 3 February

Cape Town programme visit