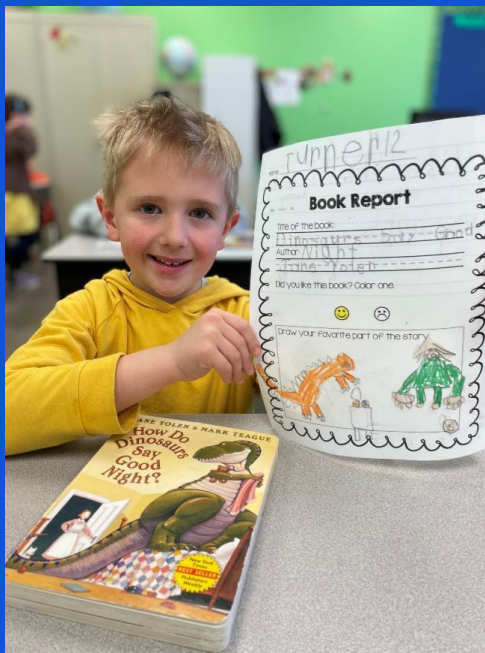




Heritage Christian School



Kindergarten / Reading
FLEx

Storyline:
Rooted and Growing in Jesus

Throughlines:
*Community Builders, Image
Reflectors*

Deep Hope: *My deep hope is that we would be rooted in Jesus' love for us so that we might grow to be more like Him.*



We can be COMMUNITY BUILDERS by donating books to the Kindergarten class at Faith Academy.

We can be IMAGE REFLECTORS by giving up books we like to read (what it means to sacrifice) to encourage others to learn to read and be excited about reading new books.

FLEx Story: *I read two books to my kindergarteners that addressed giving something special away to someone else and how the character grew from that. We talked about Jesus' sacrifice on the cross as the ultimate sacrifice. We also talked about how it can be hard to sacrifice something we like. I asked my students to choose a book from home that they like and want to share, that was in good condition. They brought in their books and wrote a book report to include with the book so the students who received it would know what the book was about. Then we invited students from a christian school that serves low income families near us for a play date at our school. We engaged in two different protocols (inside/outside circle and 4 corners) to get to know each other. We played outside and had centered them. Then each student gave another kindergarten student the book they had chosen.*



Real Work: *Book report to recommend a new book to other kindergarteners.*

Real Need: *Books kindergarteners who may or may not have books.*

Real People: *Kindergarteners at a lower income school*

Parent Reflections: I was surprised the emotions that came up for my daughter when she picked out a book she liked to give away. It made me think about how I need to provide opportunities for her to serve others at home as well as at school.

Teacher Reflections: My first time with this project was good, but this year was even better. I started my connection with Faith Academy earlier in the year and this year's kindergarten teacher was totally on board with the idea! I was more intentional with my class this year by teaching them about Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for our sins and how we were going to "sacrifice" a book we liked by giving it away to a student who may or may not have many books at home to enjoy. My hope is that I will be able to continue this project with Faith Academy in the years to come and deepen our connections with our students, building community! Will have to wait and see what God has in store and trust Him, come what may.

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