

# Children's Ministry June 2011

**Parenting Class 1-2-3 Magic  
Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011  
7:00 p.m. at Coon Rapids UMC  
Class is free with free childcare  
upon request!**

## **Personal testimony shared by Shirleen Christenson:**

Are you tired of screaming, conjoling, nagging and arguing with your kids? I urge you, and anyone you know who lives, works or has contact with children--including parents, teachers, daycare providers, volunteers or grandparents---to attend this class.

I have worked with children in some capacity for most of my adult life. Last summer, when Kayla mentioned this parenting approach, I was reluctant to consider it because I thought it was "just another method" with little chance of success. With a 3 year old daycare boy going thru being "very two", I decided to give it a try. I read the book and watched the DVD, still not convinced this was going to make a difference. Once I implemented Dr. Phelan's ideas, following his simple steps when there was misbehavior, I was amazed at the transformation. In 2 days, we were back to peacefulness. It was 1-2-3 magic!! His parents noticed a difference and, after watching the DVD, they began using it at home. There has been a return to peacefulness, quietness and sweetness to our day. When a problem arises, we are now equipped with a simple method to walk thru it.

The steps are easy to learn and apply. This method teaches you how to stop the over parenting and extra talking that is so easy to fall into. In the beginning, I disagreed with some aspects of what Dr, Phelan suggests, but now that I see how it works, I realize that what I had been doing was inhibiting this little guys prospects of changing his behavior. Now it is so simple, Often I only have to hold up a finger for "one" without saying a word and the poor behavior stops.

Too good to be true?? Give it a chance. Children will still challenge authority, but if you follow the simple steps and principles, frustration for you and a child can be lessened or be eliminated. Now, when I find chaos creeping back into my day, it is usually because I have fallen back to my old ways. Because we have established this method, we can quickly regain self-control and have a kinder, gentler day!!

Attend 1-2-3 Magic and learn about a parenting solution that works!!!

## **Personal testimony shared by Kayla Christensen:**

My husband and I used this method with our 3 children for years with great success! And I am so excited to share this method with other families at our church! Thanks Shirleen for the great testimony! Please come, it is well worth your time!



**Check out the website: [www.parentmagic.com](http://www.parentmagic.com)**

**Be a part of the "GREAT PANDA PILE UP!" for VBS! We are hoping to collect 200 new/or used (in good condition) stuffed Panda Bears to give away to each child at VBS in July! Please drop off your bears at Kayla's church office door! We have 37 Pandas so far! Thank you!**



It's that time of year again to **CLEAN OUT THE CLUTTER** and help **VBS** at the same time! How you ask? Just look for these items that are needed to turn our church into a wild bamboo, panda filled jungle: Clean Stuffed Panda Bears, oriental themed wall dividers, bamboo stuff, bamboo mats, straw sun tanning beach mats (for wall coverings), bamboo shades, wrapping paper tubes, carpet tubes, large pieces of fabric in shades of green, flat bed sheets in shades of green, white flat bed sheets, sheer green fabrics, green netting, large sheets of Styrofoam for creating scenery, a large GONG for on the main stage, Chinese paper lanterns, Chinese parasols, green paint, water fountains with jungle or oriental theme, Panda Bear costume for adult to wear. **NEW ITEM ADDED: Patio umbrella's with the stand (for our lobby/registration area)**. Donated items may be dropped off at Kayla's church office. Items that need to be returned must be clearly marked with the owner's name. Watch for updates to this list in upcoming weeks!