



# EVERY DAY LIFE

Stories of faith

AT LORD OF LIFE

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A new collection of stories from members of Lord of Life.

Every Day Life is a reminder that we can experience God's abundant grace anywhere and at any time. At Lord of Life, when we talk about our vision, "that all have life through the love of Christ," we don't just mean for one hour on a Sunday morning. We need Every Day Life.

In this collection, you'll hear how your neighbors in the pews are encountering God and growing their faith every day through the ministries at Lord of Life. We hope you enjoy hearing their stories. We believe they will inspire you to think about your own experiences of Every Day Life.



The Rall family came to Lord of Life through Kids of the Kingdom, the on-site preschool ministry of Lord of Life. Kids of the Kingdom offered a welcome break for parents Matt and Casey at an affordable tuition which allowed Eleanor – now age 5 – and Davis – now 3 – to attend. The family's affiliation with the school grew into a natural connection with the church.

The Ralls had previously attended a different church, but never felt very connected there. They appreciate the many community activities Lord of Life offers – such as the pig roast, trivia night, and parents' night out – that grow connection and relationships.

Kids of the Kingdom and Lord of Life have made the whole family feel loved and welcomed. They appreciate how our church embraces kids in the worship services – allowing movement, noise, Legos, even communion – making their kids feel

accepted. Matt and Casey love that after attending Kids of the Kingdom and Lord of Life, their kids are very comfortable with church, with God, and with prayer. So much so that at a family reunion this year, daughter Eleanor volunteered to say the prayer before dinner (she sang the “superhero song prayer”)!

Matt and Casey love the warm and embracing feel of the school. At Kids of the Kingdom, the children are greeted at the door by name every day. The class sizes are kept small, with approximately 14 children and two teachers each.

Matt and Casey are grateful for the teachers at the school who enhance the children’s experience by bringing God into conversations so casually that it all feels magical, yet natural. This helps the kids feel safe and loved by God in their daily lives. Casey recently overheard a conversation between her children:

“Who made this [arts and craft object]?”

“God! God made everything!”

On the day of this interview, Casey said “As long as they have memory, God is now a part of their lives. This morning Eleanor remembered from two years ago a science class where they dug up dinosaur bones in an area next to the church.”



Another time Davis said joyfully “Jesus is in me!” as he pointed toward his heart!

Thank you, Lord of Life Members! Because of your continued support for the Kids of the Kingdom child development program, families like the Ralls have found a church home which feels welcoming and homey and allows them to feel like part of our community.

See more about Kids of the Kingdom Preschool at [www.kokpreschool.net](http://www.kokpreschool.net)