

WILLOW CREEK STAKE PRIMARY 2018 SUMMARY

This has been a wonderful year for the primaries in our Stake. We have seen an influx of young families move into our area adding many sweet spirits to our primaries. As a Stake Primary Presidency, we have had the opportunity to visit each ward Primary at least four times. It is very apparent that our children are being led and taught by many faithful, inspired brothers and sisters!

Ten special Stake Baptisms were held during the year. We added 48 new members to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Stake ward conferences were held during January and February. We were able to visit all the wards and present a sharing time on the theme of "I Am A Child Of God". The children learned that we are all alike, yet we are all different, too. God loves all his children world wide and knows each and everyone of them individually.

During March, April, and May, Pack Meeting visits were a fun part of our visiting to the wards. The young scouts are growing and progressing in their scouting knowledge and skills.

In April, we had Stake Conference. Activity "Quiet Books" were passed out to all of the children in attendance. They helped the children think on things about Jesus during the meeting.

A Stake Primary Leadership meeting was held on April 26th. All ward primary presidencies and music leaders were invited. Many suggestions were shared to help ward leadership better serve the children under their stewardship.

The summer months of June, July and August gave our Stake Primary Presidency a chance to visit every ward primary. Many good things were observed and we saw happy children being spiritually fed.

A fall primary activity evening was held on September 6, 2018. It was a "Fiesta Dinner" for all activity day girls and a partner. Our focus was two-fold. First, a lively exchange of getting to know you questions

between the girls and their partners – which proved to be very enlightening. Second, the girls were encouraged to think of ways to be of service to others and to do daily acts of kindness.

Many inspirational Primary Sacrament meeting programs were presented during the months of August, September and November. The music was uplifting and the children shared their thoughts and feeling on being “a child of God” with their ward families. The children in our Stake are being taught so well!

During October General Conference, many changes to church programs were announced by our prophet Russell M. Nelson. A major change will take place in our primaries beginning in January 2019. Sharing times will be discontinued. Co-ordinating scriptures, Articles of Faith and music time will become the main focus. Classes will be held for 20 minutes and will be taught from a new “Come Follow Me – For Primary” manual. Primary will only be held for a 50 minute block of time.

Exciting times are ahead for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Our faith and willingness to follow our prophet will guide us as we lovingly serve the precious children of the Willow Creek Stake. We love and dedicate our service to all of God’s children in this part of his vineyard.

Humbly submitted,

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