Hallelujah! Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to all our parents, students and teachers!

Welcome to the 2011-2012 Q2 R.E. Newsletter. There have been a lot of changes in our R.E. department in terms of resources (teachers and classrooms). Also, this year I have been appointed as R.E. coordinator. Thank God for previous R.E. coordinators who have implemented systems that make it easier for the transition. This year we have all classes: Kindergarten, E1, E2, J1 and J2. Our students and teachers are as follows:

- **K class**: Lydia Chen and James Yen. Teachers: Sis. Anita Taing (Lead) and Sis. Lenny Wong.
- **E1 class**: Naomi Batamo, Faith Wong and Grace Wong. Teachers: Bro. Garry Hwang (Lead), Sis. Evelina Yen.
- **E2 class**: Deborah Lin and Timothy Yen. Teachers: Bro. Andrew Chiu (Lead), Sis. Brenda Wong and Bro. Patrick Wong.
- **J2 class**: Helen Fang, Henry Lin and Sarah Wong. Teachers: Sis. Cindy Chong (Lead), Bro. Tony Chen and Sis. Iris Franz.

Also, thank God that we continue to have Sis. Shu-Jane Chen, Sis. Helen Fang, Bro. Henry Lin, and Sis. Tiffany Wang assist in Kindergarten and E1 child-care for the two afternoon service sessions.

Our newest student in the R.E. program is Lydia Chen (K class). Hannah Choi moved to Fort Worth recently. We will miss her dearly and hope that she and her family will relocate back to Houston in a few years.

We continue to focus on our intercessory prayers for our R.E. Teachers to lead our students to God, and to improve communication amongst teachers and between teachers and parents. As the Bible said in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Let us all continue to seek God's guidance to train up all of our children in the Lord. May all the praises and glory be unto our Lord Jesus.
Au revoir, Hannah!

Gone but not forgotten, Sis. Hannah Choi and her family moved to Fort Worth, TX at the end of October. Though Houston TJC is sad to see the Chois go, the church is also happy that they have this blessed opportunity to live close to their families, along with an exciting work opportunity for Sis. Nancy and a new bicycle for Hannah.

Before moving, Uncle Ping and Sis. Grace Li hosted a farewell lunch for Nancy and Hannah at their home. Hannah, along with her R.E. classmates, shared in Uncle Ping’s love of painting and made her own work of art. Nancy and Hannah received a farewell scrapbook compiled and made by Sis. Helen Fang, and in turn, Nancy gave Houston TJC a framed photo of the new church’s dedication.

Though Hannah and Nancy are no longer in Houston, they are still in the same state and a five-hour drive away. Nancy also hopes that the family may return to Houston in a few years time. So we bid not adieu, but au revoir to Hannah!
A Few Words from Our K Class Head Teacher
Anita Taing

Our Kindergarten students for the 2011 - 2012 R.E. school year are Sis. Lydia Chen and Bro. James Yen. We have been learning about God’s wonderful creation and some special Bible characters in the book of Genesis during the first quarter.

We were sad to bid farewell to Sis. Hannah Choi who moved to Fort Worth during Q1 and will miss her dearly. May God continue to watch over her and our two little students as they grow in the Lord.

A Few Words from Our E1 Class Head Teacher
Garry Hwang

Hallelujah, praise the Lord. Our E1 class this year begins with the Ten Commandments. All bible stories in the textbook will teach students to correlate these commandments with their daily lives. As RE teachers, our main objective is to teach our students the basic principle of the Ten Commandments and hope parents are able to participate children’s RE class at home. Therefore we not only ask students to recite the memory verses but also design appropriate materials for their homework. Hope every parent provides a daily commitment to God by practicing their gift and setting an example for their children. We know that teachers’ efforts will not be effective enough unless they are combined with everyone’s effort. This allows for smaller classes which promote a better atmosphere for learning and teaching.

Words from Our Kids’ Activity Class Coordinator
Brenda Wong

It’s exciting to know that a new RE quarter is starting!! Beginning this quarter, let’s give a hearty welcome to two new Class Helpers…Sister Lenny Wong and Brother Johnathan Taing. We are extremely grateful for their dedication to our little ones and volunteering their time to cover the second afternoon session.

Another piece of news comes with a bit of sorrow. Our dear Hannah Choi and her family have moved to Fort Worth and we will sorely miss her. May God continue to guide her and her family.

K Class ESSC Reflections
What is your favorite creation?
Lydia…Mommy
James…Towels

E1 Class ESSC Reflections
How do you honor your father and mother?
Naomi: Stay with them [when not at home].
Faith: You have to listen to them and do what they say.
Grace: When my parents say something, then I do it quick.

E1 Class: Faith, Evelina, Grace and Naomi
E2 ESSC Reflection  
Brother Timothy Yen

In the name of Jesus Christ I write a reflection. We are all human and believe that we are like robots, meaning we might not be perfect at first, but after a while, we become better. In the beginning we rely on things, but as our life is moving, so is our knowledge.

The theme for this ESSC is “Go Out into all the world and preach the gospel”. What I learned this ESSC was how we should be diligent in preaching the gospel and also in studying the gospel for ourselves. We should not go back to the world because it is tempting us, but rather know our reward in heaven. The quote, "If they're going to hell, why should I follow them" is not a good thought because we should preach to them, but it has the general idea that we shouldn't follow their ways.

Another thing I learned is that we are very weak as humans and to help others go to heaven is our goal. We can also have other ways to serve without preaching. We can clean, translate, teach RE, or cook for the church. May all the glory be unto God.

E2 ESSC Reflection  
Sister Deborah Lin

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I bear my reflection. I really like Pastor Chou's testimony of him coming to meet Christ and receiving the Holy Spirit. He has a funny sense of humor but is serious in the important parts.

I also liked Pr. Yeh's sermon, "The Content to the Gospel." He told us that worldly peace is temporary but Godly peace is everlasting. He also taught us that worldly sorrow brings death but Godly sorrow brings salvation.

The choir praised and glorified God with their voices. Even through the songs the gospel is heard. Like in Mark 16:15 says, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." May all the glory and praise be unto Him. Amen.

J1 ESSC Reflection  
Sister Sophia Wong

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I give a reflection about this recent ESSC. It was very fruitful as well as edifying. Both Pastor Chou and Pastor Yeh were very delightful to listen to. They are both playful in their own way; humors that will put a joy in all hearts. I am sure the whole congregation enjoyed the testimonies and stories they beared. Their sermons and testimonies alike made me realize things about myself I never knew before. Especially from Holy Communion, that in everything I do, I should remember Jesus. His love is so great, and I thought to myself, why would He ever love someone like me? But He has grace and mercy, and therefore He gives us salvation.

I thank God that He has guided us through this ESSC to make it smooth. God has also given Houston church two new members, making Houston bigger. Hopefully, God will continue to guide our church, and even more so, that we can "Go into the World and Preach the Gospel." May all the glory and praise be given unto His holy name.
The first quarter’s theme of this year’s J1 curriculum is “Living a full life,” and it focused on the Holy Spirit. We learned the important part that the Holy Spirit plays in our spiritual and daily lives. In studying the fruit of the Holy Spirit, students chose two challenges they faced in being peaceful and patient that they would pray about for three minutes in their daily prayers. Next quarter we will increase the amount of time they pray about the challenge and discuss any progress made.

A Few Words from Our J2 Head Teacher
Cindy Chong
Thank God for opening a brand new J2 class this year. Our goal for this class is to arm the students with the skills to become future Bible study leaders and to guide the students to do more holy work. The J2 students are planning a fellowship for the church, and the J2 class hopes everyone will take time to attend!
J1 ESSC Reflection  
Brother Joshua Wong

In the name of Jesus Christ I write a reflection. After each and every ESSC, I gain knowledge to grow spiritually.

From this most recent ESSC, the theme "Go out into all the world and preach the Gospel" makes me think of evangelism. A past memory of passing out flyers in Chinatown comes to mind when I think of this theme. I realize that it was so long ago and it was a good feeling in doing my part of spreading the Gospel as a Christian. Even though we go out into the world, we should not become part of the world.

Another thing I’d like to share is that when I was younger, taking Holy Communion was not as significant in my mind. But, as I spiritually mature, I felt myself growing closer to God and reminiscing about His death for us. I feel this is an important step in my spiritual walk. May all the praise and glory be unto His holy name.

Answers to Fill-In-A-Word Puzzle