



#4 Lighthouse Preschool, Aberdeen, SD
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Children of the Heavenly Father LSB 725

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Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.

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Reader 1: The Lighthouse Preschool is in mission with St. Paul's Lutheran Church to promote the spiritual and academic development of preschool children and their families in the Aberdeen area by providing a loving and nurturing Christ-centered environment of discovery and learning.

Reader 2: This grant will help with tuition assistance for families unable to pay full tuition and for advertising of their program. Approximately half of the grant funds will be used to assist in tuition, and the remaining will be split between advertising in printed form and the rest in updating the church sign to include the preschool. Any remaining funds will be put toward upgrading sensory equipment for special needs children.

Reader 3: *⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children*" (Deuteronomy 6:6–7a).

Prayer Heavenly Father, mercifully bless the Christian education of Your children that they may grow up in Your fear to the praise of Your holy name. Bless the Lighthouse Preschool and all other settings in which children are brought closer to You. Restrain the activities of the evil one who would seek to undermine these efforts to provide for the spiritual growth of Your children. Help us to regard these children and their educational ministries as gifts from You. Encourage Lutheran Women in Mission to support those who teach and those who learn. Give joy to all who serve as teachers and give them the privilege of seeing the fruits of their labors, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.