




## THE WONDERS OF PIZZA



Have you ever taken the time to meditate on the wonders of pizza? Have you ever dwelt on its strengths, or worried over its inherent weaknesses? You probably haven't, at least not if you are remotely normal. However, when you are working with teens and kids a lot, pizza begins to take on an almost spiritual significance.

Kids *REALLY* like pizza, some of them have even eaten seven or eight pieces of pizza in one sitting at our youth and kids events. What is it about pizza that excites kids so much? I've been wondering how we could transfer the kids excitement over pizza to Sunday school and our Bible Study during youth group, or better yet, transferring that excitement to a relationship with Jesus Christ.

As I work with the kids, I am learning where their priorities lie, and I am discovering that adults are just like them, only a little bit older. Food is extremely important to us too, so are things like entertainment and sleep. I think we might all need to take a look at our priorities and see where Jesus fits into all that we do. Most of us wouldn't dream of missing a meal, but how often do we miss opportunities to be fed spiritually.

Take my word for it, the young people of this church have been eating a lot of pizza lately too. Youth group is now in full swing, and attendance is really good. The youth group meets twice a month and we have plenty of fun and food, and a good time studying something from the Bible. The elementary kids are gathering monthly as well. The younger kids play lots of games and eat a good portion of pizza too.

Getting together is important, and I think the young people of this church are truly enjoying themselves. I challenge all of you to consider making time to get together with other Christians as often as possible, and suggest that you make Sunday school a priority for your week. Feeding your soul with knowledge of God's great love and spending time with other Christians who love God is just as valuable as pizza is to a teen or a ten year old. Think about that the next time you sit down to your favorite meal or pastime, and ask yourself if there isn't something else you need to be doing this week that might not be just as worthwhile.

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