

HPHC Netherlands: Report on the 3rd Gen Children's Workshop in Huize Glory

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Over the New Year's weekend, end of 2021, we organized a workshop for young families, centered on the 3rd generation children. We have had gatherings and Sunday Services (pre-Corona) for several years, but this is the first workshop we enjoyed together and it was a very good experience for all families who participated!



The families able to attend were Mori, Van Dorsten, Orr, Van Winden and Clerbout, with A. van Dorsten en M. Orr organizing the event along with K. van de Ven, who also served as an inspiring MC for the workshop.

In consideration of the situation with Corona the families stayed at separate apartments where they also had their own meals, though we gathered regularly in the largest common space available for shared inspiration and activities.

On Friday afternoon the families met on the grounds of Glory for an opening with prayer, song and a game to get to know each other. We then crafted lanterns which lit our path to the Holy Ground in the evening, where we sang and prayed again and both children and adults expressed their wishes for the new year. After that, we celebrated New Year's Eve with oliebollen, hot chocolate and sparkles.

On both Saturday and Sunday, we started the day with a morning service. We read Hoon Dok Hae using the children's Divine Principle books from Chung Pyung as gifted by the church. The books were very much appreciated by the families and the older children were able to read excerpts from it to the rest of the group during our morning gatherings. On Saturday, we discussed how God

had a vision when He created humankind and creation, and they were asked to express their own goals for the new year by creating a vision board. That evening, the older children had the honor to receive a tour from True Parents' room hosted by Derk van Dorsten, who explained about the work put into preparing this holy space for True Parents and the significance of many elements in the space such as the furniture and the altar.

The schedule of course also included a visit to the beach and regular time to play outdoors. The children very

much enjoyed the beautiful playhouse and other play structures that have been added to the grounds of Glory House!



It was a very uplifting weekend for all families involved and a great and meaningful way to start the new year. We are hoping to continue with annual (maybe also semi-annual) family workshops. Hopefully next year we can also connect the workshop to the whole community by having a joint service and celebration on the first Sunday of the new year, which had been the tradition for such a long time!

