

Dear Parent,

On behalf of our Children's Grow Group Leaders, thank you for bringing your child to Bible Study every Sunday morning. We appreciate the opportunity to guide your child in a study of God's Word every week.

**We believe that the HOME is a place for the Bible.** We are probably safe in stating that there is a Bible in your home. The Bible belongs in the home because the home is important to God. The Bible contains God's blueprint for building a godly home. God has charged parents with the responsibility of providing spiritual instruction in the home (see Deut. 6:4-9). God's Word can help us teach our children how to put their confidence in God, not forget the works of God, and live in obedience to God (see Ps. 78:5-8).

**We also believe that the HAND is a good place for the Bible.** We want every child to have a copy of the Bible. Please encourage your child to bring his/her Bible to Bible Study every Sunday morning. We are committed to helping your child explore the pages of the Bible and mine its rich treasure. If your child does not have a Bible, please let us know; and we will provide a copy of the Bible for your child.

**We believe that the HEAD is a better place for the Bible.** While it is good to have the Bible in our hand, we want children to have God's Word in their head. We are committed to helping your child memorize Bible verses. Memorizing Scripture can strengthen their resolve to resist temptation, safely navigate through life's trials, and live life in a manner that pleases God.

**We believe that the HEART is the very best place for the Bible.** We want children to treasure God's Word in their heart (see Ps 119:11). We are committed to helping children understand and apply the timeless truths of God's Word. As we work together, we can help our children love and observe the Word of God. The column to the right lists the things we are committed to teaching your child in our Sunday Morning Grow Group. We hope that you will encourage your child to attend his/her Grow Group every week to discover wonderful things from God's Word.

If you have any questions about our Children's Grow Group classes, please contact Kristina Friedmann at 281-859-9900.

In His Word,

Children's Ministry Team

## KINDERGARTEN

By the conclusion of kindergarten, we want every child to...

- know that the Bible contains an Old Testament and a New Testament.
- understand the components of a Bible reference: book, chapter, verse.
- be able to answer the question: How is the Bible different from all other books?
- participate in pronouncing all names of the New Testament books.
- be able to retell the Christmas and Easter stories.
- memorize 1 John 4:19, Psalm 118:1, and Psalm 33:4.
  - 1 John 4:19 - "We love because he first loved us."
  - Psalm 118:1 - "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."
  - Psalm 33:4 - "For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does."

**Note:** Our Children's Grow Group Leaders will provide a special gift for each child who completes these steps at the end of every year