

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

FIRST GRADE

By the conclusion of the first grade, we want every child to...

- know where the Table of Contents is located in their Bible and how to use it.
- locate the Old Testament and the New Testament.
- know the number of books in the Old and New Testaments.
- be able to locate Genesis, Psalms, the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), and Revelation.
- participate in pronouncing all names of the Old Testament books.
- memorize John 3:16, Genesis 1:1, Psalm 100:3, and Luke 2:11.
 - John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*
 - Genesis 1:1 - "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."*
 - Psalm 100:3 - "Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his..."*
 - Luke 2:11 - "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."*

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.