

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

THIRD GRADE

By the conclusion of the Third Grade, we want every child to...

- learn the Old Testament song or be able to recite the names of all the Old Testament books.
- learn the divisions of the Old Testament: Law, History, Poetry, Major Prophets, and Minor Prophets.
- know the A, B, C's of becoming a Christian.
 - A - Admit: Admit to God that you are a sinner. Repent, turning away from your sin.
 - B - Believe: Believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and accept God's gift of forgiveness from sin.
 - C - Confess: Confess your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
- memorize Deuteronomy 6:4-6, Proverbs 3:5-6, Isaiah 40:8, Isaiah 45:22, Jeremiah 29:11 and Malachi 3:8-10.
 - Deuteronomy 6:4-6 - "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts."
 - Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight."
 - Isaiah 40:8 - "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever."
 - Isaiah 45:22 - "Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other."
 - Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
 - Malachi 3:8-10 - "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

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.