

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

FIFTH GRADE

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

- recite the name of all of the books of the Bible.
- know the A, B, C's of becoming a Christian and memorize the assigned Scriptures.
 - A - Admit: Admit to God that you are a sinner. Repent, turning away from your sin, Acts 3:19— "*Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.*"
 - B - Believe: Believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and accept God's gift of forgiveness from sin, Ephesians 2:3-9— "*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.*"
 - C - Confess: Confess your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, Romans 10:9-10— "*...if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.*"
- be able to find the following references in the Bible and state what significant person was involved:
 - the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-7:29) (Jesus)
 - the Love Chapter (I Corinthians 13) (Paul)
 - the missionary journeys of Paul (Acts 13-28) (Paul)
- memorize:
 - the Lord's Prayer - Matthew 6:9-13, taken from the Sermon on the Mount
Matthew 6:9-13 - "*This, then is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.*"
 - I Corinthians 13:4-7, taken from the Love chapter
I Corinthians 13:4-7 - "*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves.*"
 - Acts 17:24-28a, taken from the missionary journeys of Paul
Acts 17:24-28a - "*The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. For in him we live and move and have our being.*"
 - The Great Commission - Matthew 28:19-20 - "*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.*"
 - Romans 8:38-39 - "*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our 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.