

Sunday School Curriculum Overview 2010-11

The Church of the Good Shepherd



"...We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, His power and the wonders that He has done...and they in turn will tell their children..."

Psalm 78:4a, 6b

Toddler (2's)

Our toddlers begin using curriculum published by Great Commission Publications (our denominational publisher), which continues through 5th grade. This toddler curriculum introduces the children to a vocabulary of faith. The Old Testament stories teach them that they are part of God's family and He is their heavenly Father. The New Testament stories show that the Father's gift to them is His Son, Jesus their Savior. As with the entire Sunday school curriculum published by GCP there are take home sheets given to the children that are meant to facilitate follow up at home. Look for those each week.

- **FALL: God's Family-** Beginning the line of promise-Adam through Joseph
- **WINTER: God's Son-** The birth and stories of Jesus, God's Son
- **SPRING: God's Love-** Jesus' life, death and resurrection
- **SUMMER: God's People-** God's guidance of his people in the Old Testament

Preschool (3's, 4's and Kindergarten)

Our preschoolers journey through a developmentally appropriate and heart-oriented three- year curriculum. Year one focuses the three year olds on Old Testament characters and stories revealing Christ as the center of God's great promise to save His people. Year two takes the 4 year olds through the New Testament and reveals God's promises fulfilled through the birth, life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus. Year three focuses the kindergartners on learning about the character and nature of God. Units of study include; gifts *God gives* to his children, what *God does* for his children and *who God is* for his children.

Elementary (1st-3rd Grade)

Our primaries are growing in God's Word through a three-year curriculum published by GCP entitled *Show Me Jesus* that is designed to lay a solid foundation for a lifetime of growing in Christ. Their "At Home" paper helps students to review and apply God's Word. Unit studies include Word, prayer, worship, obedience, service, and missions. The three-year course outline is as follows

YEAR ONE-1st Grade

- **FALL: Living Together-** God and His people; stories from Genesis
- **WINTER: Growing in God-** Learning with the Israelites about trusting and obeying God
- **SPRING: Pleasing God-** The Ten Commandments; growth in Christian character
- **SUMMER: Obeying God-** Stories about the prophets and kings

YEAR TWO- 2nd Grade

- Based on the original Catechism for Young Children, children are taught effective tools for understanding and applying the truths of their faith in simple, straightforward language.

YEAR THREE- 3rd Grade

- **FALL: God's Grace in the Law-** Applying the 10 commandments – a study in Exodus
- **WINTER: God's Design for Worship-** God's regulations and practices for worship- a study in Leviticus
- **SPRING: God's Growing Church-** The spread of God's earthly kingdom-a study in Acts
- **SUMMER: God's Servants-** Stories of little-known people in the Old and New Testaments

Junior (4th-5th Grade)

Our fourth and fifth graders will continue to build on the solid biblical teaching from toddler through 3rd grade. Students begin to connect the dots chronologically and deepen their understanding of God's plan from Genesis to Revelation.

- **FALL: Matthew to John-** the life, work and teaching of Christ in the Gospels
- **WINTER: Acts to Romans-** The growth of the church and the doctrines of our faith
- **SPRING: 1 Corinthians to Philemon-** Instructions for Christian living in the church
- **SUMMER: Hebrew to Revelation-** Christ the Messiah, King of kings and Judge of the universe