

# Sunday School Curriculum Overview

## 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 and 3's)

Our toddlers begin using curriculum published by Great Commission Publications (our denominational publisher), which continues through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This toddler curriculum introduces the children to Jesus. 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 (4's and 5's)

Our preschoolers have a two-year study designed to help each child find his place in the family of God through worship, service, obedience, and thankfulness. From creation to the resurrection, they will have the opportunity to explore and find the only answer-Jesus. Each week they will bring home an "At Home" paper, with parent/child activities and family worship ideas. These papers include the Bible verse and/or catechism for that week. This is a great way to apply the lesson that your child learned to the family.

#### YEAR ONE- Four Year Olds

- **FALL: God Created All Things-** Discover the Creator through his creation
- **WINTER: Jesus is God's Son-** Following Jesus from the manger to the Mount of Transfiguration
- **SPRING: Jesus is the Savior-** Learning that Jesus was sent because of God's great love
- **SUMMER: God Keeps His Promises-** Finding out about God through his faithfulness to his Old Testament people

#### YEAR TWO- Kindergarten

- Stories from the book of Matthew

### Elementary (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 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-1<sup>st</sup> Grade

- Children travel with several mission explorers to Africa, India, Guatemala, Liberia, India and Malaysia. As well, guest speakers-people from CGS who have gone on mission trips will share with the children about their experiences. Children are exposed to God's heart for the whole world and encouraged that they too can be missionaries where they live now.

#### YEAR TWO- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

- **FALL: Living Together-** Genesis: God and His people: stories from Genesis
- **WINTER: Growing in God-** Learning with the Israelites about trusting and obeying God
- **SPRING: Obeying God-** Stories about the prophets and kings
- **SUMMER: Studying God's Word-**The Bible as God's word; its place in our lives

#### YEAR THREE- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

- **FALL: Worshiping God-** Discovering the joys and responsibilities of Worship
- **WINTER: Listening to Jesus-** Studying Jesus' lessons in the Gospels
- **SPRING: Telling Others-** Stories from Acts
- **SUMMER: Trusting God-** Finding out the greatness and goodness of the heavenly Father

### Junior (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

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

#### YEAR ONE

- **FALL: Genesis-** Creation, the fall, the flood, the Abrahamic covenant, the patriarchs and Joseph
- **WINTER: Exodus-Ruth-** The redemptive acts of God dealing with His covenant people
- **SPRING: 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel-Esther-** Reigns of kings of Israel and Juda, captivity in Babylon and returned exiles
- **SUMMER: Job- Malachi-** Psalms, Proverbs and prophets