

August 2020

Dear Parents,

It is such a privilege to partner with you for the next generations to know and love God and His Word. It is a responsibility we do not take lightly and want to pursue wisely, especially in these days. In light of our current situation because of the pandemic, we have reconsidered our Children's Ministry plans for the fall of 2020.

After some discussion with our elders and ministry team leaders, we have decided to begin Children's Foundations for the fall of 2020 but at a new time and with an abbreviated schedule. We will plan to meet at a new time – right after our morning worship service from 10:00 – 11:00. We plan to meet on the second floor of the educational wing for a brief large group time and then break into three small groups for Bible instruction. There will not be time to offer catechism instruction this fall but we will emphasize the Ten Essential Truths of the Gospel and encourage the children to memorize those and the corresponding verses. Please see the schedule for the year to note when we will cover these.

How will this time be structured in light of COVID?

- 1. Children will be dismissed from worship and come directly to the fellowship hall. On the way into the room they will use hand sanitizer before entering.*
- 2. We will have prearranged seating – 6 feet apart and prepackaged snacks will be placed on the seat of each child so there will be no waiting in lines or fumbling with little hands through the treats. If you are not comfortable with prepackaged snacks or have dietary concerns, please feel free to provide your child with a snack of your liking.*
- 3. Children are encouraged to bring their own water bottles in their church bags as the drinking fountain will still be unavailable and we are not providing beverages.*
- 4. At this time, we will not require masks but will certainly encourage your children to wear them if that is important to you. We will seek to maintain a strict social distancing policy for staff and children.*
- 5. We will plan to open with songs, occasionally a video, and some brief Bible drills that children can complete at their designated seats.*
- 6. After our 15 minute opening session, children will be dismissed by small groups to their designated rooms. We will have marked, designated seating at tables, observing social distancing guidelines. In these small groups, they will receive Bible instruction for that week but because we are shortening our time together, they will not gather for catechism instruction this fall.*
- 7. At 11:00, we will dismiss children to their parents only. In order to minimize contact, please send just one parent to collect children.*
- 8. We will wipe down all surfaces in preparation and at the end of each session. We will do our best to disinfect the Bibles we use in the classrooms but it would be helpful if each child brought their own in their church bags.*

CHILDREN'S FOUNDATIONS 2020- 2021 10:00 – 11:00

**Elementary Teachers: Brad and Emily Jensen – Younger Group
Debbie Martens, Grace Jakes – Middle Group
Terry Martens, Laurie Pieper – Older Group
Stacy Felkins – Substitute teacher**

Curriculum: Treasuring Christ – Year 2

Administrator: Debbie Martens

Entire curriculum and scope and sequence can be viewed online at www.life.bible.study.com

No Catechism emphasis the Fall Semester/Focus on Ten Essential Truths of the Gospel

Date	Bible Story	Ten Essential Truths of the Gospel
September 6 September 13 September 20 September 27	The Parting of the Red Sea God's Provision in the Wilderness The Covenant at Sinai The Tabernacle	Truth 1: Isaiah 44:24 God is the sovereign creator of all things.
October 4 October 11 October 18 October 25	The Golden Calf God Forgives Israel Salvation in Exodus Atonement for Sin	Truth 2: I Corinthians 10:31 God created people for His glory
November 1 November 8 November 15 November 22 November 29	The Holiness of God The People Complain The Perfect Prophet Spying Out the Land and Moses' Unbelief No Foundations	Truth 3: Romans 7:12 God is holy and righteous
December 6 December 13 December 20 December 27	No Foundations No Foundations No Foundations No Foundations	Truth 4: Romans 3:10-12 Man is Sinful Truth 5: Romans 1:18 God is just and right to punish sin
January 3 January 10 January 17 January 24 January 31	The Bronze Serpent God's Promised Deliverer Fear and Love A Prophet Like Moses	Truth 6: Psalm 145:8 He is kind to underserving sinners
February 7 February 14 February 21 February 28	A New Heart The Song of Moses The Pentateuch Crossing the Jordan	Truth 8: Isaiah 53:5 God put the punishment of sinners on Jesus
March 7 March 14 March 21 March 28	Jericho's Walls Come Down The Sin of Achan No Foundations Easter Lesson	Truth 9: John 3:16-17 God offer the free gift of salvation to those who repent and believe in Jesus
April 4 April 11 April 18 April 25	Easter Sunday: No Foundations The Land Conquered and Divided The Judges of Israel Life Without God as King	Truth 10: Psalm 16:11 Those who trust in Jesus will live to please Him and will receive the promise of eternal life
May 2 May 9 May 16 May 23 May 20	Hannah and Her Son Samuel Give Us a King The Disobedient King The Rise of David No Foundations: Memorial Day Weekend	Review of Ten Essential Truths of the Gospel
June - August	No Foundations except for selected Sundays	
August 29, 2021	BACK TO FOUNDATIONS OPEN HOUSE	