



Hope Kids Information

Dear Church Family,

We are excited to offer a nursery, K-3 class, and other resources to help children and families know and love our great God! Please pray for our children, families, and volunteers.

In September 2022, we are introducing *The Gospel Story* curriculum by Marty Machowski. *The Gospel Story* curriculum is a three-year program comprising 156 lessons divided equally between Old Testament and New Testament—78 lessons in each.

Our nursery, for children pre-K and below, is available for the duration of our worship services. Preschool children will hear Bible stories shared from *The Gospel Story Bible* in the nursery.

Our K-3 students will receive instruction from the *Gospel Story* curriculum's lower elementary program during the second half of our worship services.

Our students in 4th grade and up are eligible to serve monthly with an adult as nursery or aide volunteers. We offer Bible journals for these students to use during worship services.

We encourage families to use the companion devotionals, *Long Story Short* (Old Testament) and *Old Story New* (New Testament), at home to help reinforce the lessons our team of volunteers share each week.

We will also be memorizing scripture together using the SWORD Bible Memory program. This program is designed to help families memorize God's Word together month by month. Since we memorize a passage over the course of a month, verses do not always connect to a particular classroom lesson. Students can receive stickers for reciting their verses and/or completing journal entries or sermon guides in their Bible journals.

Finally, our K-3 class will be adopting a country to pray for each month. With the exception of Jamaica (where our church-supported missionary, Deirdre Graham, serves), all of these countries are on the 2022 World Watch List put out by Open Doors.

Our monthly newsletter will include:

- the SWORD Bible Memory passage- preschool children memorize the verse under the circle; K-3 students memorize verses under the circle and the square; 4th grade and up students (and adults!) memorize the verses under the circle, square, and triangle
- a brief description of our weekly lessons
- the *Long Story Short* or *Old Story New* week for family devotionals
- the volunteers you can pray for each week
- specific ways to pray for our adopted country

If you have any questions/concerns or are interested in volunteering with Hope Kids, please see Chrissy Diener. To God be the glory!

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SWORD Bible Memory

THE WORD

1. Hebrews 11:1-6

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

2 For by it the people of old received their commendation.







3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.

6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Old Testament (ESV)

-  PRESCHOOL (BASIC)
-   LOWER ELEMENTARY (INTERMEDIATE)
-    UPPER ELEMENTARY (ADVANCED - ADULT)

Lesson 1: God Creates the World

Long Story Short: Week 1

Nursery: Pat M.

Aide: Mark R.

K-3: George S.

Week
of
9/4

Lesson 2: God Creates Man

Long Story Short: Week 2

Nursery: Miriam S.

Aide: Kim M&M

K-3: Chrissy D.

Week
of
9/11

Lesson 3: Adam & Eve Disobey God

Long Story Short: Week 3

Nursery: Kendall Z.

Aide: Phyllis P.

K-3: Ben D.

Week
of
9/18

Lesson 4: Cain & Abel

Long Story Short: Week 4

Nursery: Esta D.

Aide: Keona D.

K-3: Pat M.

Week
of
9/25

Take Time to Pray for Afghanistan:

- Please pray for secret believers, that they will be protected from the violence of the Taliban.
- Ask God to make Taliban leaders uphold and preserve human life.
- Ask God to turn the hearts of Taliban leaders from hate to love.
- Pray for Open Doors partners supporting Afghan refugees to be filled with grace and love.

LET THE NATIONS BE GLAD!