



GOSPEL CITY
KIDS



WELCOME

ALL YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED.
WE ARE SO GLAD YOU CAME.

WELCOME MESSAGE


We are excited to have your kids join us as we spend time in God's Word. We look forward to getting to know them as we gather each week reading scripture, learning about God and His church.

All kids join main gathering. Right before the sermon begins kids are dismissed out the back doors.

Babies and toddlers will be taken directly to their classes.
3 years to 6th grade will meet their teachers at the steps.

Class time ends at the same time as main gathering.

Please bring your pickup tag and pick up your child from their classroom immediately following main gathering.



PHILOSOPHY

Gospel City has chosen a Philosophy that recognizes the personhood of each child we have the privilege of interacting with. Each piece of our weekly routine is intentional to cultivate relationships with our Lord and Savior as well as with one another.

In our world we have pressures pushing in on us as families and as a church, but we should have a desire to step back and to cultivate, within our homes and our church, the pursuit of the good and the beautiful as we grow in the knowledge of the Lord as our Creator and Savior. We allow the Holy Spirit to work among our children as we look toward Biblical beauty, spiritual well-being, and a reverence for God's Word.

Jesus told his disciples to let the children come to him. Our aim is to not hinder this process, but to allow our children to come to the Lord through His word, worship, community, and creation. We use a format of short lessons that help hold a child's focus, not staying on any one task for too long. The lead teachers know ahead of time what the children are going to be introduced to and any difficulty that may need explanation.

"The teacher must not be the constant intermediary, inserting her own personality between the child and the people who live again in the pages of the book, her duty is to enable the child to become directly acquainted with them-to introduce them to one another, with perhaps a hint of their chief interests in life, as a gracious hostess might do."

Parents' Review, 1923, Sunday School by Miss G. Swinburne, M.A.





CHURCH

Vision: See the far off brought near and grow into Christ as we partner with parents to make disciples.

Mission: To bring children to enjoy, trust, and follow Jesus as they read His word and cultivate genuine friendships.

Learning Outcomes:

- To discover Christ in the scriptures
- To know and retell the biblical story
- To know and share the gospel
- To see, experience, and love the diversity of God's church (gifts, backgrounds, history, etc.)

We serve our kids to build up the church, the body of Christ, in love as we use the gifts we have been given through the power of the Holy Spirit. We use these gifts to lead children to the feet of Jesus and to lead them to the knowledge of the gospel. We desire to cultivate a love and reverence for God's word and to build a life-long love for Jesus that moves towards serving those around us.

HOME

Our chief duty as parents is to minister to our children. We use God's Word as our primary tool to create an atmosphere that nourishes and develops our children's spiritual life; modeling what it looks like and coming alongside our children as they learn and grow in relationship with the Lord.

HOME AND CHURCH PARTNERSHIP

God has given parents the duty of training up their children. Our desire is to support parents (caregivers) by bringing their children to God's Word and giving tools to parents. The kids book will be a tool that families can use in order to grow together at home. At the back of this book there are also book recommendations for parents as well as for family use.



POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Who Can Serve:

- Each volunteer will complete: an application and screening, LiveScan, Mandated Reporter training, and ministry training
- Family members may only serve together if a non-family member is serving alongside

Feel free to communicate any information you feel is necessary for our church to successfully care for your child.

There is a minimum of 2 adults in each class.

Individual class ratios:

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| • Babies | 2.5 to 1 adult |
| • Toddlers | 3.5 to 1 adult |
| • 3's to Kindergarten | 5 to 1 adult |
| • 1st to 6th grade* | 10 to 1 adult |

*6th grade is a preparation grade. This is a year for your child to begin periodically attending main gathering as we prepare them to become more independent members of our church family. We encourage bringing your child into the fold on this process and create a schedule that leads to full participation in main gathering by the end of the year.

Kids will enter a new group based on their age/grade. Our promotion Sunday is held in August.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

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Bathroom policies:

- Diaper changing – Women may change diapers in view of the other leaders.
- Single occupancy bathrooms are located near classes:
- Potty training toddlers to kindergarten have a single occupancy restroom in their class. Adults may help with buttons in view of another adult. If a child needs more assistance a parent will be contacted.
- 1st to 6th the restroom is single occupancy.

Safety:

- If your child is injured (bleeding or head injury) an injury report will be made and you will receive a copy
- We have written protocols for various emergency events that we review on a regular basis.

Communication:

- If your child needs you for any reason, you will be contacted via text message. If we cannot reach you, the coordinator or director will try to locate you.

Wellness

Children must be symptom free from the following without medication for 24 hours before entering the classroom:

- Fever of 100 or higher
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye or other eye infection)
- Rash
- Nasal drainage that is green or yellow
- Sore throat
- Open sores
- Cold
- Excessive cough
- Lice

If a child develops any of these symptoms while in class, the parent will be contacted. If a parent cannot be reached, the child will stay outside of the class with the coordinator or director.



SUNDAY MORNINGS

What does a Sunday look like for babies?

- Music
- Inside Play
- Cuddles
- Snacks/bottles

What does a Sunday look like for toddlers?

- Outside play
- Snack and Story
- Music
- Inside Play

What does a Sunday look like for 3's to 6th grade?

All kids together:

- Prayer
- Gospel City Kids Book
 - Student Motto
 - Recitation
 - Hymn

Kids will move into their appropriate groups:

- Bible
- Monthly Rotation
- Doxology
- Community Time

Monthly rotation:

Week 1: Apologetics

- We help our kids become equipped to defend the Truth

Week 2: Global Church Prayer

- We use the Voice of the Martyrs prayer guide
- We pray specifically for the nations that are considered hostile or restricted
- We will share a little about each nation
- We will also use this time to focus on churches that we partner with

Week 3: Community Building, organized games

Week 4: Church history

- Studying from various books we grow in our knowledge of the church and its history

Week 5: (once a quarter) Family Gathering, all kids classes are closed

MATERIALS

Gospel City Kids Book is compiled for church and home use. The materials are compiled from different sources such as happy hymnody, tiny theologians, voice of the martyrs, etc. There are 4 books each year: Spring, Summer, Fall, & Winter.

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Bible Editions & Teaching Format:

Toddlers: The New Bible in Pictures for Little Eyes

- Read during snack time

3's to Kinder: ESV, Holy Bible for Kids

- Lead teacher reads the passage
- Together they talk about the story while creating with play-doh

Elementary: ESV, Holy Bible for Kids

- Lead teacher introduces key words, maps, and reads the passage
- Kids tell back the story
- Together they discuss the passage

Apologetics Resources:

3's to Kinder: "What is God Like?" by Dr. Craig, Good, Tales that Tell the Truth, & Big Theology for Little Hearts

Elementary: Material used from Foundation Worldview

Church Prayer Resource:

Voice of the Martyrs

Church History Resources:

3's to Kinder: The Church History ABC's

Elementary: Series, Christian Biographies for Young Readers



PARENT

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

- Mama Bear Apologetics by Hillary Morgan Ferrer
 - 5 Things to Pray for Your Kids by Melissa Kruger
 - A Practical Guide to Culture by John Stonestreet and Brett Kunkle
 - Beholding and Becoming by Ruth Chou Simons
 - Desiring God by John Piper
 - Devoted by Tim Challies
 - For the Family's Sake by Susan Schaeffer Macaulay
 - For the Children's Sake by Susan Schaeffer Macaulay
 - How We Love Our Kids by Milan and Kay Yerkovich
 - Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross Edited by Nancy Guthrie
 - Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis
 - None Like Him by Jen Wilkin
 - Women of the Word by Jen Wilkin
 - In His Image by Jen Wilkin
 - Praying the Bible by Donald S. Whitney
 - The Ministry of Motherhood by Sally Clarkson
 - The Tech-Wise Family by Andy Crouch
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FAMILY

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

- The Biggest Story by Kevin De Young
 - The Garden The Curtain and The Cross by Carl Laferton
 - The Donkey Who Carried a King by R.C. Sproul
 - Poison Cup by R.C. Sproul
 - Dangerous Journey by John Bunyan
 - Everything a Child Should Know About God by Kenneth N Taylor
 - Pilgrim's Progress (unabridged) by John Bunyan
 - Foundations by Ruth and Troy Simons
 - Valley of Vision by Arthur Bennett
 - George Muller by Janet and Geoff Bengel
 - God Made all of Me by Justin & Lindsey Holcomb
 - God's Very Good Idea by Trillia Newbell
 - Leading Little Ones to God by Marian M. Schoolland
 - Only You Can Be You by Sally Clarkson
 - Parables of Nature (unabridged) by Mrs. Alfred Gatty
 - The Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones
 - Narnia series by C.S Lewis
 - The ABC's of the Reformation by Stephen J. Nichols and Ned Bustard
 - The Life and Times of Martin Luther by Meike Roth-Beck
 - The Life of Martin Luther by Agostini Traini
 - The Promises of God Bible Storybook by Jennifer Lyell
 - Thoughts to Make Your Heart Sing by Sally Lloyd-Jones
 - Picture Book Apologetics with James and Ruth by J.D. Camorlinga
 - Series: History Lives by: Brandon & Mindy Withrow
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