



Children's Ministries



Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Rotation Model Curriculum Leadership Team and the Board of Christian Education, we are pleased to inform you of some exciting changes to our church school format. Starting in September, we will be using **Rotation Model Curriculum. The children will focus on one Bible story for four to five weeks and will “rotate” to different stations such as art, story and games over this time period.** This model of learning is meaningful to children because the story is heard more than once, but in different ways, incorporating the theory of multiple intelligences. In other words, we all learn in different ways and in different formats – some visually, some by reading, some by senses.

Here are some highlights that might interest you.

- There will be five different grade levels (K + 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 + up).
- Preschool will continue with the current curriculum and teacher organization. Children in grades 6 and up have three options: be in the puppet troupe, be a member of the oldest class using this new model or attend worship service.
- Curriculum units will each last 4-5 weeks. (The first unit is titled “Dig Into the Bible.”)
- Each unit will include Art, Game, and Story stations, and there will also periodically be Music/Movement, Cooking, Science or others.
- Two to four Shepherds will be assigned to each of the five age groups. Each week, one shepherd will remain with their class so that teacher continuity is maintained.
- A single Station Leader will teach a specific station 4-5 consecutive weeks, based out of the same classroom.
- A sample schedule is attached so please take a look.

Our first unit starting in the fall will be “Dig Into the Bible.” In the Arts station, for example, the children may make illuminated manuscripts. In the Game station, the children may play Bible Baseball, Tic-Tac-Toe and Balloon Bounce. All the stations will have different activities to help the children learn about the particular story or theme.

It is easy and fun to get involved as a volunteer! Shepherds will be part of a team (two to four people) that remains with one particular grade level throughout the year. Shepherds are there as guides and do not need to prepare and teach the lesson. Scheduling will be decided by the team members. Being a Station Leader entails committing to four or five weeks in a row in a particular classroom teaching the same basic lesson with variations for each of the different age groups. Curriculum and supplies will be provided. We're hoping for every family to get involved in some way or another.

We are very excited about these changes and are working hard to put them into place. We hope that you share in our enthusiasm! Please feel free to contact any of the below team members with any questions.

Peace,

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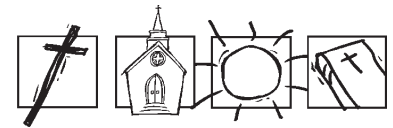
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Sample Schedule

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Kindergarten and 1st Grade	Art	Story	Games	Music
2nd Grade	Story	Games	Music	Cooking
3rd Grade	Games	Music	Cooking	Art
4th Grade	Music	Cooking	Art	Story
5th Grade + up (non Puppets)	Cooking	Art	Story	Games

Sample Music The Rule About Rules



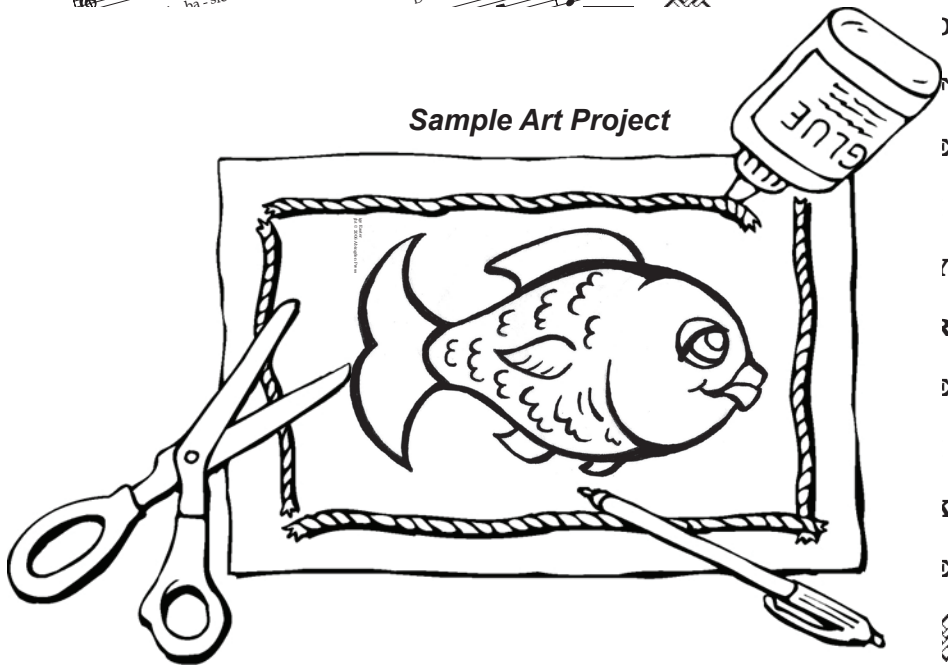
Sample Game

God's Name Word Search

How many of these names for God can you find?

- God
- Rock
- King
- Lord
- Refuge
- Judge
- Father
- Fortress
- Shepherd
- Creator
- Light
- Yahweh
- Parent

Sample Art Project



O G L B U P A S R S
 G Y F M A Y H J B
 Q G H Q R J E K M
 R L O M E V P B I
 T E T S D N B H A F
 R O L R O T A E R C
 R Y D O G V R U T
 L Z Q N F N D L A
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