

FPC-N Children and Youth Education News

November 2016

What's Happening in Sunday School?

One of the questions that I hear often is, "What are the children and youth doing in Sunday School?" Although the curriculum break down on the next page gives you the answer to **what** they are studying, it doesn't speak specifically to the question of **how**. Starting this month, there will be class highlights, written by one of that age-level's teachers, which will give a more in depth glimpse into what that class does and why. Of course, feel free to ask our Sunday School students and teachers about Sunday School as well! They love to share the ways that we are growing in faith and community.

-Pastor Emma



The 1st - 3rd Grade Class

Miss Darlene's class is adding leaves to their growing tree each week as we continue to read stories about Moses.

Towards the end of Sunday School, each child briefly writes what they learned that Sunday on a paper leaf and then tapes their leaf to our tree.

Parents are always welcome to come in after class, visit the classroom and read what the children have written on the leaves.

The Pre-K- K Class

The Pre-K and K Class are all about learning! They are learning the pattern of Sunday morning, learning how to pray together, and learning about creation, the ark, and Moses. Their favorite thing this month is when they get to use stickers, especially when they have animals on them.

Sunday Morning Children's Music

One of the requests that has been made is that the children learn some of the "oldies but goodies", such as *Jesus Loves Me* and *Father Abraham*. Jynx is working with the Pre-K and K level class to begin teaching these songs.



Youth Sunday School

The Youth Sunday School Class curriculum has begun focusing on individual books of the Old Testament each week, which gives them an overall picture of what the book is about and what questions it raises.

November started with exploring the book of Exodus and wrestling with the idea of why God seems to play favorites with the Israelites, even if they didn't always live in the way that they should.

Class Highlight-The 4th-5th Grade Class

The 4th and 5th grade class is concentrating on exploring the Bible this year along with doing the lessons in, *Growing in Grace and Gratitude*. Each student has made a "Bible Verses and Information" Booklet. They pasted in a list of the books in the Bible and interesting facts. The students so far have written in two verses from the Bible and an explanation of what it means to them. We will try to do this every week and I will encourage the students to memorize some of the verses. At the end of the year each student will take this booklet home for parents to look at and appreciate.

Each morning we start Sunday school in class with a fireside chat (fake fire). Here the students can share events, concerns and celebrations they had during the week. We also discuss the day's lesson, scripture, and activity. Then we go to the table and get to work. Several adult volunteers are alternating weeks helping in the classroom.

-Greg, 4th and 5th Grade Class Teacher