

*Halifax United Methodist
Church*



*Christian Education Goals
Birth through Grade 5*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL GOALS

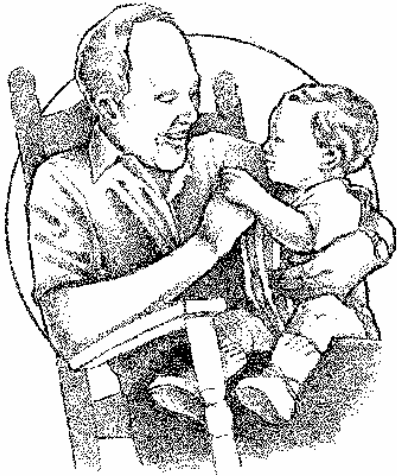
With regular attendance, your child should learn the following goals for each Sunday School Class.

These goals are supplementary to material presently used in our program of study.

**Children's Ministry
Revised 1999**

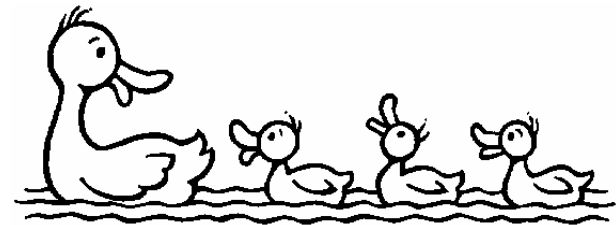
0 – 18 MONTHS

1. Provide a safe and happy place for the children.
 2. Meet their physical and emotional needs.
 3. Familiarize children with the following words:
God, Love, Jesus, Church and Bible.
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18 – 36 MONTHS

1. Recognize the Bible as a special book.
 2. Know that Jesus loves them and that Jesus is their friend.
 3. Learn Christian songs.
 4. Recognize prayer time.
 5. Review previous age level goals.
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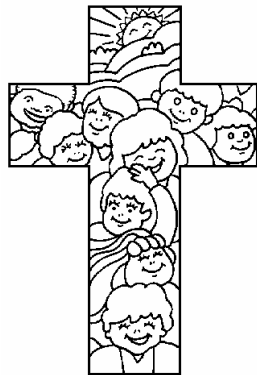


THREE AND FOUR YEAR OLDS

1. Memorize and understand the following Bible verses:

- a. **Matthew 7:12 a – The Golden Rule**
“Do for others what you want them to do for you.”
- b. **II Corinthians 9:7b**
“God loves a cheerful giver.”
- c. **I Corinthians 13:4**
“Love is kind.”
- d. **Proverbs 17:17a**
“A friend loves at all times.”

2. Review previous age level goals.



KINDERGARTEN

1. Memorize and understand the following Bible verses:

- a. **John 3:16**
“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”
- b. **Psalm 37:3**
“Trust in the Lord”
- c. **Romans 12:12**
“Pray at all times.”
- d. **John 15:12**
“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”
- e. **Joshua 24:15**
“...Choose this day whom you will serve, ...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

2. **Know there are two major parts to the Bible – Old and New Testaments. The Old Testament tells about God in the lives of men before Jesus’ life and his followers.**
 3. **Use sentence prayers.**
 4. **Review previous age level goals.**
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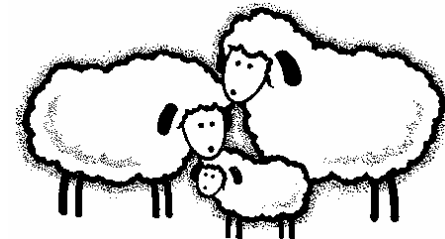
FIRST GRADE

1. Memorize:
 - a. The Lord's Prayer – Matthew 6:9 – 13
 - b. The Ten Commandments (simplified version)
 - c. The Twelve Disciples
 - d. John 10:11
“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”
 - e. Begin to know how to use the Bible:
Books, chapters and verses.
2. Use prayer as a way to talk to God.
3. Review previous age level goals.



SECOND GRADE

1. Memorize:
 - a. Books of the New Testament
 - b. Psalm 23
 - c. Philippians 4:13
“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”
2. Continue to work on locating books, chapters and verses in the Bible.
3. Use prayer as a way to talk to God.
4. Review previous age level goals.



THIRD GRADE

1. Memorize:
 - a. Books of the Old Testament
 - b. Doxology
 - c. Matthew 22:37-39
“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
 2. Be able to locate and be familiar with:
 - a. The Christmas Story
 - b. The Easter Story
 3. Be familiar with the following parable and its application to today’s living:
 - a. The Good Samaritan
 4. Continue with enrichment of prayer life.
 5. Continue to work on locating books, chapters and verses in the Bible.
 6. Review previous age level goals.
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FOURTH GRADE

1. Memorize:
 - a. The Ten Commandments
Exodus 20:3 – 17
 2. Be able to locate and be familiar with:
 - a. The Sermon on the Mount including the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3 – 12)
 - b. Pentecost
 3. Be familiar with the following parables and their application to today’s living:
 - a. The Prodigal Son
 - b. The Lost Sheep
 4. Continue with enrichment of prayer life.
 5. Continue to work on locating books, chapters and verses in the Bible.
 6. Review previous age level goals.
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FIFTH GRADE

- 1. Be familiar with the Books and 8 major divisions of the Bible.**
 - 2. Be able to locate any passage of scripture when given the book, chapter and verse.**
 - 3. Know how to use a concordance and Bible dictionary.**
 - 4. Memorize and understand:**
 - a. The Great Commission
Matthew 28:19 – 20**
 - b. The Apostles' Creed**
 - 5. Be familiar with the following parable and its application to today's living:**
 - a. The Sower**
 - 6. Know the seasons of the Christian Calendar**
 - 7. Offer independent prayers**
 - 8. Review previous age level goals.**
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