

THE CHURCH ON THE CORNER

Children & Youth Spiritual Growth

Parent Packet



Dear Parent/Guardian,

At The Church on the Corner we are honored to serve the families, youth and children that God has brought into our church community! We believe that the family unit is the biblical, spiritual foundation in a child's life and our aim is to support families in fulfilling that role.

Our teachers are passionate and committed to serving our families, children and youth on their journey towards becoming spiritually maturing, self-feeding and reproducing Christ-followers. We strive to accomplish this mission by teaching and providing them with ministry opportunities to live out the following values and competencies:

- Learning the timeless, transformational truths of the Bible. (Psalm 119:105)
- Putting their faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. (Romans 10:9-11)
- Making prayer a personal and family priority. (James 5:13-16, Ephesians 5:25-27)
- Living out the life and commands of Jesus Christ, including the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. (Deut. 5, Mark 12:29-31, Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 12)
- Equipping them to use their gifts and talents to serve others. (1 Corinthians 12, 1 Peter 4:10)
- Regularly joining in community with other Christ-followers of all ages and generations. (1 Thessalonians, Ephesians 4)
- Teaching them to grow as godly leaders at home, school, church and community. (1 Timothy 3:1, Romans 12:6-8)
- Touching the lives of people in their community in a relevant way. (Luke 10:25-37, Galatians 6:9-10, Colossians 4:5-6, 2 Corinthians 2:14-15)

Included in this packet, you will also find the core biblical concepts that are foundational to our Sunday School teaching at The Church on the Corner. We encourage parents to become familiar with these concepts and scripture verses in order to more confidently answer your child/youth's faith questions. In conjunction with your support, we will teach your child/youth how to actively live out the core values and competencies mentioned above, and reworded in kid-friendly format on the next page.

We would also like to encourage you to check out additional books and videos from our Resource Room to support you and your family's walk of faith.

May God bless you and your family on your journey as you seek to live for Him!

Children & Youth Ministry Team
The Church on the Corner

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GROWING IN CHRIST



As your child goes through our Sunday School program at The Church on the Corner and participates in active ministry, over time he/she will learn how to live out the following values and competencies:

- **I can learn God's eternal truths from the Bible. (Psalm 119:105)**
- **I can trust in Jesus Christ to be my Lord and Savior. (Romans 10:9-11)**
- **I can pray every day. (James 5:13-16, Ephesians 5:25-27)**
- **I can love and worship God and obey all His commands. (Deut. 5, Mark 12:29-31)**
- **I can tell others about Jesus. (Matthew 28:18-20)**
- **I can use my gifts and talents to serve others. (1 Corinthians 12, 1 Peter 4:10)**
- **I can enjoy being a part of God's family by regularly going to church and spending time with other Christians. (1 Thessalonians, Ephesians 4)**
- **I can be a good neighbor to others at school and in my neighborhood. (Luke 10:25-37, Galatians 6:9-10, 2 Corinthians 2:14-15)**
- **I can grow as a godly leader in my home, school, church and community. (1 Timothy 3:1, Romans 12:6-8, 2 Corinthians 2:14-15)**

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Galatians 2:20

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SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

At The Church on the Corner, we offer Sunday School classes for all ages. Our teaching is based on the concepts outlined in our "Core Bible Truths" packet with the ultimate aim of helping your child to become a spiritually maturing, self-feeding, reproducing Christ-follower.

- **Infants & Toddlers** – Our nursery team is trained to engage infants and toddlers in songs and activities that will instill in them an awareness of who God is.
- **PreK-5th Elementary Grades** - Taught by Dorothy Cullen
Children are taught the basic truths of the Bible in a multi-aged setting with an emphasis placed on Bible reading and discussion. Currently we are using Lifeway's curriculum "Bible Teaching for Kids". Fun activities and free play time are given at the end of class to encourage social interaction and the formation of friendships.
- **Middle School & High School** - Taught by Tim Horton & Christine Koundakjian
The curriculum for this class is designed to solidly ground each youth in the core truths of the Bible. These truths will give them a world view and belief system that will guide them through all the seasons of their lives.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MENTORSHIP

The Church on the Corner is presenting various opportunities where your child/ youth can serve in active ministry and develop his/her leadership skills.

- **Teaching Assistants & Counselors-in-Training–**
Our teens are given opportunities to serve as teaching assistants in the Elementary level Sunday School class. They may also serve as Counselors-in-Training during summer camps and other church sponsored children's events. Other areas of service may include participation with the worship music, help with special events and with our Sunday Service set-up and clean-up.
- **Missions & Outreach–**
Opportunities are given and currently being developed for our students of all ages to participate in and/or lead missions activities throughout the year. Some activities may include collecting supplies for our Troops, preparing boxes for the "Operations Christmas Child", and/or making visitations to the elderly.

Additional Online Resources for Families

SITES WITH FREE, FUN ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS:

- **WonderZone** - Contains many fun online activities for kids. It includes video games, printable coloring activities, Bible stories on video and answers to faith questions. Free registration is required in order to access certain features. www.wonderzone.com
- **Answers in Genesis** – Website for kids published by well-known creation science author Ken Ham. Website includes many online nature videos presented from a creation perspective. It also includes free printable games and coloring activities. www.answersingenesis.org/kids
- **Friends and Heros** – Website is based on the video series for kids (limited number of these cartoon videos are available at our church and can be checked out). Site contains many fun video games and also includes teaching on Bible stories. www.friendsandheroes.tv

SITES TO ANSWER FAITH QUESTIONS:

- Learn about God's character attributes: www.discovergod.com & www.dg4kids.com
- Learn about Jesus and his life and ministry: www.whoisjesus-really.com
- Site to answer faith questions for college students: www.everystudent.org
- Site to answer faith questions for teens: www.meant4more.com
- Site with faith testimonies from famous athletes and coaches: www.beyondtheultimate.org

SITES FOR PARENT & FAMILY RESOURCES:

- **Focus on the Family** – Contains resources to strengthen families and marriages founded by Dr. James Dobson. www.focusonthefamily.com
- **Family Life Ministries** – Contains helpful resources to strengthen families and marriages founded by Dennis Rainey. www.familylife.com

ONLINE BIBLES & CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORES:

- www.biblegateway.com
- www.blueletterbible.com
- www.biblios.com
- Christian Book Distributors – www.christianbook.com
- Biblica Bible Distributors - www.biblica.com
- American Tract Society: www.atstracts.org
- Good News Tract & Crossway Publishers: www.goodnewstracts.org

Some Bible Verses for Parents

Deuteronomy 6:5-7 “Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

Proverbs 1:7 “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.”

Proverbs 1:8-9 “Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.”

Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 19:20 “Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise.”

Proverbs 20:11 “Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right.”

Proverbs 22:6 “Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”

Proverbs 23:22-25 “Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Buy the truth and do not sell it; get wisdom, discipline and understanding. The father of a righteous man has great joy; he who has a wise son delights in him. May your father and mother be glad; may she who gave you birth rejoice!”

Proverbs 29:17 “Discipline your son, and he will give you peace; he will bring delight to your soul.”

Additional Proverbs for Parents:

Proverbs 10:1, 12:1, 13:1, 13:24, 15:5, 17:6, 20:20, 29:15

Ephesians 6:1-3 “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— “that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”

2 Timothy 1:5-7 (written by Paul to Timothy showing the important role of his grandmother and mother in passing their faith on to the next generation), “I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.”