

# Children's Ministry

## Winter 2025

2025 is here and with a new year comes new goals. Two goals I would love to see us as parents partner up with our kids to conquer are Bible verse memorization and prayer life. Each month, I put a challenge out to the kids to memorize a new passage, or even just a verse from the chosen passage. I would LOVE to hear from your kids stories of how your families are learning and memorizing the verses together! There are many songs that help learn the verses or you can always come up with crazy motions for your family! It does not have to make sense to anyone else but can be a creative way to help your kids remember the words. We are trying to equip our covenant children to know as much scripture as they can while they are young so that they have a strong foundation for future years!

Another goal is helping our kids be confident in praying, out loud and on their own. For some of our younger families, this could look like helping to provide pictures to your littles at prayer time so they can point out people or places familiar to them to pray for. (I will be so happy to help show examples or help you create a prayer guide!) For the elementary kids, this can look like asking them to lead prayer once a week during family worship, reminding them to pray when they have a hard day at school, or modeling praying with them when working through a discipline problem to show how we depend on God for everything. While we teach them how to pray, let's also pray constantly for their spiritual growth and understanding! One great book for praying for your kids is "Prayers of a Parent for Young Children" by Kathleen Nielson. (I have a copy if you want to check it out!)

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## Memory Challenge

January: Psalm 23:1-3

February: John 15:12-15

March: Ephesians 4:15-16

## Upcoming Events:

- D groups meet Sundays @9am starting 1/12
- No D Groups: 2/16, 3/23, 3/30
- Wednesday nights begin again 1/29 at 6:20pm
- Communicant class begins in February. See Ellen for more information.



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Here's a summary of what the kids are learning:

### Nursery- Kindergarten:

Jan 5: God established the Israelites in Egypt through Joseph. Over the course of a few hundred years, the Israelites had grown to the point where the Egyptians were feeling threatened. God's people required a rescuer, and God proved to be the perfect Rescuer and Provider again and again.

Jan 12 - Feb 2: God continued to show Himself faithful to the Israelites, even though He knew they would be unfaithful to Him. God gave His people commands to follow because He loved them. God instructed the Israelites on how to love Him and other people. He gave them clear instructions on what it means to worship Him alone.

Feb 9 - March 2: As God's people continued their wilderness journey, they failed to believe in the Lord's promise to work for their good by giving them the land of Canaan. The Israelites' disobedience, grumbling, doubting, and complaining demonstrated their unbelief. Yet, God was faithful to guide His people and raise up a new leader—Joshua—who would lead the next generation of Israelites into the Promised Land.

### Elementary kids:

Jan 12 - 26: Even though Jesus performed amazing miracles, including raising someone from the dead, the religious leaders rejected Jesus and managed to turn the people against Him too. Their sinful hearts were hard. Even this rejection, however, was part of God's plan to bring salvation to the world.

Feb 2 - March 9 : As the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry drew near and His rejection was at hand, He continued to warn all who would listen to turn from sin and trust in Him. Failing to believe in Jesus and to love God and live accordingly has consequences.



Come join the fun on Wednesday nights! Kindergarteners through 6th graders are all together for a time of worship, lesson, games, and trivia! This is a perfect night to invite friends from school or sports to join in the fun while we learn about God! 6:20pm on Wednesdays starting January 29th for 8 weeks!

WHO WILL WIN THE TRIVIA  
COMPETITION THIS SEMESTER:  
BOYS OR GIRLS???

