

WORSHIP

BIRTH - KINDERGARTEN

- Teach and model worship
- Incorporate age-appropriate songs and motions as part of worship
- Involve children in the worship of giving

1ST GRADE - 5TH GRADE

- Instruct children in why/ways we worship and honor God
- Teach and model worship
- Involve students in worship

6TH GRADE - 8TH GRADE

- Teach, model and involve students in worship (weekly praise and worship service, tithes and offerings, and serving)
- Make a place for students who desire to be part of the worship team

9TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

- Teach, model and encourage worship
- Provide worship opportunities (weekly praise and worship service, tithes and offerings, and serving)
- Involve interested students in the worship band

INFUSE

What Bethesda teaches pre-school through high school graduation

In response to our desire to diligently impart Biblical truths and establish a firm scriptural foundation for the children and young people of Bethesda, we have formulated a curriculum plan that we confidently feel will allow us to be comprehensive in this effort for all children from birth through high school graduation.

As a fellowship we have discovered five main areas from Acts 2:42-47 which we utilize as guidelines to measure our activity. Based on this passage, we look carefully to see that we excel in Community, Compassion, Discipleship, Evangelism and Worship. These same five areas are used to shape that which we wish to infuse into the spiritual life of every child and young person who enters and engages in the life of Bethesda under the instruction of our fine leaders.

We ask you to take a look to see all that will be invested in a child who enters our program at birth and stays through high school. Then we ask you to make the determination if these are the spiritual foundations you desire for your child or grandchild. We commit to teaching these principles diligently and effectively, and allow for practical application. We hope you will choose to find this solid, comprehensive, Biblical plan that in which you will engage your child.

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COMMUNITY

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- Teach critical social values such as sharing, forgiveness, and kindness in Rainbows, Sunday classes/service and church events
- Facilitate the feeling that, "Church is a safe place to be"

1ST GRADE - 5TH GRADE

- Provide relationship opportunities and teaching through small groups, Kid's Church, events (camp/VBS), Mpact, Royal Rangers, and Wild & Wacky Wednesdays
- Teach relationships and social issues (choosing friends, being a good friend, peer-pressure, divorce, bullying, etc.)

6TH GRADE - 8TH GRADE

- Use Christ-focused small groups, activities, events and games to build relationships between students, as well as students and leaders

9TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

- Use Christ-focused small groups, activities, events and interactive times within services to build relationships between students, as well as students and leaders

DISCIPLESHIP

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- Lead children to recognize the Bible is God's Word and God loves and cares for us
- Engage children in age-appropriate Bible lessons (including: creation, O.T. stories, Jesus' birth, life and resurrection, and Paul's life, etc.)
- Lead children to know Jesus as their best friend
- Teach unit-long, age-appropriate memory verses
- Emphasize that the Bible is a moral compass, and equip students to apply it in real-life situations

1ST GRADE - 5TH GRADE

- Equip through foundational studies (salvation, one true God, Bible is true, Holy Spirit, creation, prayer, baptism, communion, etc.)
- Lead children to make Christ their Savior
- Teach children to live victoriously (OT/NT character studies, ten commandments, fruit of the Spirit, armor of God, Beatitudes, Pentecost, and Jesus' parables and miracles)
- Memorize scripture, the books of the Bible, and the disciples' names
- Emphasize that the Bible is a moral compass, and equip students to apply it in real-life situations

6TH GRADE - 8TH GRADE

- Utilize Wednesday nights, Sunday school, small groups, and individual mentoring to teach, disciple, and equip students
- Incorporate foundational teaching (salvation, tenets of our faith, the Apostle's creed, and knowing what you believe and why you believe it, etc.)
- Provide topical teaching on current issues and verse-by-verse Bible studies
- Stress the development of an intimate relationship with God and reading plus memorizing the Bible
- Emphasize that the Bible is a moral compass, and equip students to apply it in real-life situations

9TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

- Teach/disciple/equip students through age-specific Sunday classes, Wednesday services, small groups, events, and mentoring
- Include foundational teaching (salvation, tenets of our faith, the Apostle's creed, the reliability of the Bible evidence for our faith, religion and science, etc.)
- Provide topical teaching (honoring parents, bullying, church history, etc.)
- Teach verse-by-verse Bible studies
- Encourage scripture reading and memorization
- Emphasize that the Bible is a moral compass, and equip students to apply it in real-life situations

COMPASSION

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- Model compassionate, loving, kind, helpful behavior towards each other, and encourage children to do the same
- Involve the children in service projects, such as "Operation Christmas Child"

1ST GRADE - 5TH GRADE

- Teach students to accept, help, pray, for and prefer others
- Involve the children in service projects, such as "Operation Christmas Child"

6TH GRADE - 8TH GRADE

- Involve students in "acts of kindness" and service projects in our community and church
- Encourage their participation in one mission trip while in junior high

9TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

- Teach students to respect and prefer others
- Encourage every student to help in local service projects/church ministries and participate in, at least, one international outreach during high school

EVANGELISM

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- Emphasize that offerings support missions
- Teach children how to tell others about Jesus

1ST GRADE - 5TH GRADE

- Teach students about the Great Commission, missions, and sharing their faith

6TH GRADE - 8TH GRADE

- Teach students how to live their faith at home, at school, and in their community
- Involve students in local and international mission trips

9TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

- Explain and encourage evangelism
- Help students know their story and how to share it
- Involve students in local and international mission trips