



REMEMBRANCE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Spiritual Pathway Blueprints

And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.

Deuteronomy 6: 5-7

When Jesus was asked to identify the most important commandment, He answered by quoting a portion of Deuteronomy chapter 6, *"Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."*

The initial act of obedience that results from the love of God is the instruction of children and the work of impressing God's love on their hearts, to which Remembrance Children's Ministry is fully committed.

The Children's Ministry at Remembrance is the ministry to children from birth through 5th Grade. It is our calling and privilege to walk alongside parents to **Grow Disciples who Marvel in Christ.**

Through the foundation of God's Holy Word, we will support and enrich instruction within the family life with ministry opportunities that disciple a strong life rooted in Christ:

- by creating a community where children belong and build relationships with Christ and others;
- by guiding children in respect for the Bible, prayer and worship;
- by nurturing children in a deeper understanding of the church, the scriptures and a life of faith;
- by helping children and their families become people who live out their faith daily in service and love toward others.

To achieve this standard, our Sunday ministries focus on Worship, the study of Scripture and God's Story.

Our Wednesday ministries focus on Living out Worship, Scripture and God's Story in every aspect of our lives to become young men and women who are fully devoted followers of Christ.

To this end, our children's ministry sets forth the following goals for learning and spiritual development for children through Grade 5. As partners in their kids' spiritual development, we encourage parents to consistently practice these Goals with their children; *"when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up."*

I. Preschool (3 years old - Kindergarten) Foundation

OBJECTIVE:

If you're going to build anything, you need to start with a strong foundation. That's our focus in the pre-school years. We pour a foundation of the love of the family of God, His stories and worship that will hold solid as we continue to build.

- Modeling a church family environment that is safe, caring and loving.
- Introducing God (who protects and cares), His Word and His World through worship and small group study.
- Leaders and church members reflecting faith.
- Learning through repetition and imitation.
- Confidence that they belong and that they are beloved children of God

WHAT I KNOW:

- I am loved and cared for by my church family.
- There is only One True God
- God made me, the world and everything in it.
- I am special to God.
- The Bible is God's Word
- Jesus is God's Special Son
- God hears me when I talk to Him.
- I can trust God no matter what
- Seasons of the Church year
- Appropriate worship behavior
- Basic worship rituals of our congregation.

WHAT I SHOW:

- I am curious about God's Word and His world.
- I tell others about what I learn from the Bible.
- I memorize simple scripture and songs about God.
- I talk to God in prayer. I pray with my parents at home and others at church.

KEY SCRIPTURE— MEMORY MASTERS

I. Age Three

a. The "Alphabet Verses" Part I

A friend loves at all times.	<i>Proverbs 17:17a</i>
Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved	<i>Acts 16:31</i>
Cast all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you.	<i>Peter 5:7</i>
Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.	<i>James 4:8</i>
Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above	<i>James 1:17</i>
For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God	<i>Romans 3:23</i>
Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.	<i>Psalms 126:1</i>
Honor your father and mother	<i>Ephesians 6:2a</i>
In everything give thanks.	<i>Thessalonians 5:18a</i>

Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life." *John 14:6*

Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us. *Psalms 100:3*

II. Age Four

a. The "Alphabet Verses" Part II

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. *Psalms 150:6*

My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from Him. *Psalms 62:1*

Nothing is impossible for God. *Luke 1:37*

Obey the Lord your God and follow His commands. *Deuteronomy 27:10*

Pray continually. *1 Thessalonians 5:17*

Quiet words of the wise are more to be heeded than the shouts of a ruler of fools. *Ecclesiastes 9:17*

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! *Philippians 4:4*

Serve the Lord with gladness. *Psalms 100:2a*

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. *Proverbs 3:5*

Under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield. *Psalms 91:4*

III. Pre-K/Kindergarten

a. The "Alphabet Verses" Part III

Very truly, I tell you, he that believes in Me has everlasting life. *John 6:47*

When I am afraid, I will trust in you. *Psalms 56:3*

EXcept a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. *John 3:3b*

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path. *Psalms 119:105*

Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house. *Luke 19:5b*

b. The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

c. John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

d. Deuteronomy 6:4-5

The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.

LEGACY MILESTONES

- Graduation Bibles (Adventure)
- Children and Worship Graduation

II. Elementary (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grades)

Framing

OBJECTIVE:

Faith takes shape as we begin 'framing' on our foundation. Not only building on God's story, but focusing on how we fit into His story. Diving into service, we work on encouraging kids to live out what God asks us to do every day.

- Learn the stories from God's Word to help children understand who they are as people of God, allowing them to live inside the stories.
- Preparing children with these stories so they can be connected in the next stage of development.
- Show Jesus as the ultimate example.
- Continue our journey through the Bible.
- Begin to develop relationally with leaders and church members.
- Introducing Outreach and Service projects, both local and international.
- Learning through large group experience, small group study, and life application.
- Practical application of Scripture through life lessons
- Develop intergenerational relationships within our congregation, learning from a faith model that can be reflected

WHAT I KNOW:

- God rules the world and everything in it.
- Jesus came to bring God's people back to God.
- The Holy Spirit is with me.
- The Bible is divided into Old Testament (before Jesus' birth) and New Testament (after Jesus' birth).
- The Bible has 66 books. 39 of the Old Testament; 27 of the New Testament.
- The Bible is organized into books, chapters, and verses.
- The books of the New Testament in order.
- The names of the first five books (The Pentateuch): Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
- The names of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)
- Many Bible stories in detail.
- Key people in the Bible.
- I can use the table of contents in the Bible
- How to find books in the Bible

WHAT I SHOW:

- I try to take care of God's world.
- I trust and obey God's Word.
- I can tell God and others when I'm sorry.
- I can pray with my parents at home and with others in church.
- I can pray for myself and for others.
- I am learning to read the Bible at home and church.
- I make wise choices based on God's Word.
- I share the love of Jesus with others.
- I want to help in Jesus' church.
- I share what I know about God with others.
- Compassion, respect and appreciation of those with differences (racial, ethnic, socio-economic, theological, cultural, etc.)

KEY SCRIPTURE— MEMORY MASTERS

I. 1st Grade

a. The 12 Disciples

Peter, James, Andrew, John, Phillip and Bartholomew
Thomas, Judas son of James (also called Thaddeus)
Simon the Zealot, Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Judas Iscariot

b. The Great Commission - Matthew 28:19-20

Jesus Said, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

c. John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

d. I Chronicles 29:11

Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

II. 2nd Grade

a. The 10 Commandments - Exodus 20:1-17

1. You shall have no other god before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself or worship any idol.
3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
5. Honor your father and mother.
6. You shall not kill
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not give false testimony.
10. You shall not covet.

And God spoke all these words:

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the

earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

b. Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

III. 3rd Grade

a. Books of the New Testament

GOSPELS	HISTORY	PAUL’S LETTERS	GENERAL LETTERS	PROPHECY
Matthew	Acts	Romans	Hebrews	Revelation
Mark		1 Corinthians	James	
Luke		2 Corinthians	1 Peter	
John		Galatians	2 Peter	
		Ephesians	1 John	
		Philippians	2 John	
		Colossians	3 John	
		1 Thessalonians	Jude	
		2 Thessalonians	Jonah	
		1 Timothy		
		2 Timothy		
		Titus		
		Philemon		

b. Colossians 3: 23-24

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

c. James 3:17-18

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit; impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

III. Upper Elementary (4th & 5th Grade)

Formation

OBJECTIVE:

We begin to turn our focus from the faith we've found inside, and start seeing how that faith should look on the outside. We establish relationships that encourage preteens to form their faith with the framing we've done, and make a choice to live each day for Christ.

- Connect the dots...Pre-teens have the developmental ability to begin connecting God's stories together as one big story.
- Recognize a personal past and a personal future.
- As pre-teens desire independence, yet acceptance of belonging, we aim to encouraging a life-long love for and relationship with Christ.
- Develop the understanding of what becoming a fully devoted follower of Christ means, and by making this choice they can develop a happy and healthy life.
- Serve others in our community. Perform acts of service and contribute to missions locally and globally
- Tell the story of faith with confidence, authenticity, and clarity
- Opportunities for special events and camp with church group to build community and experience new things.
- Make a personal faith commitment that makes their faith their own
- Begin to discern their own spiritual gifts
- Obtain a working knowledge of Bible chronology by identifying general periods and main personalities, while continuing our journey through the Bible.
- Open to God's spirit at work in their lives
- See the importance of loving God, ourselves, and others
- Teach strong Christian community through relationships and witness.
- Explore tough preteen questions - faith, relationships, vast everyday choices

WHAT I KNOW:

- How to use a Bible map, dictionary, and concordance.
- The facts of how to become a follower of Christ.
- I have memorized at least 50 Bible verses.
- Chronology of the Old Testament and the life of Christ.
- I know not-so-famous Bible stories.
- I know the books of the Old and New Testament in order.
- The Life of Jesus

WHAT I SHOW:

- I can read extended passages from God's Word.
- I read the Bible daily.
- I pray daily for myself and for others.
- I can worship God and Jesus on my own or in a group.
- I can find Bible passages to solve life problems.
- I try to make wise choices based on what the Bible teaches.
- I can tell others why I'm a Christian.
- I want to obey God and share His Word.
- I want to serve in my home, church, and community.
- Thoughtful and comfortable with asking questions about their faith

KEY SCRIPTURE – MEMORY MASTERS

I. 4th Grade

a. Books of the Old Testament

THE LAW	HISTORY	POETRY	MAJOR PROPHETS	MINOR PROPHETS
Genesis	Joshua	Job	Isaiah	Hosea
Exodus	Judges	Psalms	Jeremiah	Joel
Leviticus	Ruth	Proverbs	Lamentations	Amos
Numbers	1 Samuel	Ecclesiastes	Ezekiel	Obadiah
Deuteronomy	2 Samuel	Song of Songs	Daniel	Jonah
	1 Kings			Micah
	2 Kings			Nahum
	1 Chronicles			Habakkuk
	2 Chronicles			Zephaniah
	Ezra			Haggai
	Nehemiah			Zechariah
	Esther			Malachi

II. 5th Grade

a. The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only begotten son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Catholic Church; The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

b. I John 3:1 (NLT)

See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him.

c. Mark 13:32-33, 36-37

But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁶If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'

d. Philippians 2:3-5 (MSG)

Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help

others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough

to lend a helping hand. Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all.

IV. Psalm 111:10

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

V. Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

VI. Deuteronomy 10:12-13

And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? He requires only that you fear the LORD your God, and live in a way that pleases him, and love him and serve him with all your heart and soul. And you must always obey the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good

LEGACY MILESTONES

- Summit – 5th Grade transitional Sunday School
- 5th Graduation Bibles (Youth – NLT?)
- 5th Grade GEMS/Cadets Special Events