

Update - January 2005

Happy New Year! We look forward to continuing our Sunday School program with our students and the many volunteers in this New Year. We want to especially thank Mora Ma for all the hard work she put into serving as one of the Noah's Ark Ministry coordinators in 2004. We really appreciate ALL your work Mora!

A few changes for 2005 that we wanted to communicate to you:

Memory Verses - Beginning in January there will be a monthly memory verse. It will be the same memory verse for all ages from the preschool class to the teens class. We want to encourage all the children to memorize the verses. Knowing scripture helps us in challenging times and will provide a foundation for the children in their daily interactions with others. The memory verse will be reviewed each week in all the classes.

Month	Memory Verse
January	"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." Luke 2:52
February	" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16:16

Quarterly newsletters - We hope to communicate more regularly with you and keep you informed of the curriculum for the Noah's Ark Ministry along with any changes. There will be a few copies printed out and available for parents to pick up on Sunday, however we will be sending these out electronically for those able access e-mail.

We receive the detailed curriculum on a quarterly basis. The hope is that the parents will be able to follow-up with the children after Sunday School to reinforce what is taught in class and for those who are unable to attend church on Sunday, that you can still be connected and be able to discuss the story/theme with your child(ren) throughout the week. We had received feedback from parents wanting to know what the children were learning in Sunday school classes and we hope this will help in communicating the curriculum to you.

For preschool to grade 5-6 classes, the following curriculum will be followed:

Date	Theme	Story	Bible Verse
January 2	Wise Men visit Jesus	Matthew 2:1-12	Matthew 2:11
January 9	Jesus, the Boy	Matthew 2:13-23; Luke 2:39-52	Luke 2:52
January 16	Jesus in the Temple	Luke 2:41-52	Psalms 25:4
January 23	Jesus, God's Beloved	Luke 3:15-16, 21-33a; John 1:19-34	Luke 3:22b
January 30	Jesus begins His ministry	Luke 4:14-22	Luke 4:18
February 6	Calling Disciples	John 1:35-51; Luke 5:1-11; Luke 6:12-16	Luke 6:13
February 13	Jesus, the Teacher	Matthew 4:23-25; Luke 6	Luke 6:31
February 20	Jesus Heals	Mark 1:21-34; Luke 4:40b	Luke 4:40b
February 27	Jesus, the Messiah	Matthew 16:13-16; Luke 9:18-21	Matthew 16:16

If you are interested in helping out, with the Noah's Ark Ministry in any capacity, as a storyteller, teacher or assistant with any age group(s), please let us know. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

In Christ,
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