CHRISTIAN EDUCATION GOALS

In order for the student of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church Sunday school to achieve the best possible biblical and Christian education, the following goals are established as guidelines for cumulative progressive learning. To achieve these goals, the age groups will be developing Bible skills, Bible knowledge, and life response as described below:

- 1. Learn two finger plays.
- 2. Learn one song per quarter.
- 3. Learn one verse of Scripture per quarter.
- 4. Recognize the word "Bible."

- 1. Begin to associate God and the Lord Jesus with loving people and enjoyable activities.
- 2. Develop an awareness of the name of Jesus.
- 3. Associate Jesus with being loved, and feeling secure and loved at church by caring adults.

Ages 4-5 Years

- 1. Recognize the word "Bible."
- 2. Know who wrote the Bible (Go what to write).
- 3. Explain why God gave us His Word (His loving plan to forgive our sins and give us everlasting life).
- 4. Recognize at least one difference between the Old and New Testaments (e.g., Old Testament tells what happened before Jesus came; the New Testament tells what happened when Jesus was on earth and what happened after He went to Heaven).
- 5. Know at least ten Bible verses of the 12 studied this year.
- 6. Know ten finger plays and songs.

- 1. Know that God loves and cares for him and that God wants his trust and obedience.
- 2. Understand that God sent the baby Jesus, who grew to be the man Jesus.
- 3. Recognize that the church is a special place for him to learn about the greatness of God and the Lord Jesus.
- 4. Respond by demonstrating love to God and Jesus through kindness, helpfulness, and thankfulness to others.
- 5. Exhibit ways of being a helper and church.
- 6. Begin talking to God and Jesus through prayer
- 7. Understand tithing and begin giving,

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION GOALS, continued

Grades: 1st & 2nd (Primary)

Bible Knowledge and Life Response

The Child Will:

Bible Skills

- 1. Name the first five books of the Old Testament.
- 2. Name the first four books of the New Testament.
- 3. Know the main themes of the Bible.
- 4. Memorize these selected Bible verses: 1 Corinthians 13:4, 5; Luke 2:3-14; Psalm 23 and 100.
- 5. Learn the Easter story.
- 6. Memorize at least four verses per quarter.
- 7. Recall familiar verses from previous chapters.
- 8. Know five songs.
- 9. Locate Bible references by using the contents page in the Bible.
- 10. Use a children's Bible dictionary.

- 1. Experience that God loves and cares for him.
- 2. Know that he can have Christ in his life Begin to learn to trust God. Respond to God by thanking Him and serving others.
- 3. Be given a helping task in Sunday school class.
- 4. Learn to praise God using Scripture and personal devotions.
- 5. Begin to believe God's promises.
- 6. Begin to obey commands, and understand why God wants us to obey Him.
- 7. Be a prayer partner for one of the missionary children.
- 8. Know about four missionaries—where they serve and what they do.

Grades: 3rd & 4th (Middlers)

- 1. Be able to name the first 17 books of the Old Testament and their divisions (e.g., Books of Law).
- 2. Be able to name the first 12 books of the New Testament and their divisions.
- 3. Memorize the Ten Commandments.
- 4. Learn one new verse per week.
- 5. Identify the basic theme/content of Genesis, the Psalms, the Gospels, and Acts.
- 6. Identify Old and New Testament personalities and events.
- 7. Understand the principle of tithing.
- 8. Understand the principles of worship and the purpose of the sacraments.

- 1. Know that God loves and helps him.
- 2. Understand that God has a plan for his life.
- 3. Acknowledge that God sent His Son to be his Savior and Lord.
- 4. Begin to affirm to others a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- 5. Choose to show God's love by obeying His Word (understand Scripture as a source of wisdom).
- 6. Know something about eight missionaries and the field in which they serve.
- 7. Tithe 10 percent of his allowance to the Lord.
- 8. Recognize that God has a special purpose for him.
- 9. Know at least two Ward missionaries.
- 10. Understand what it means to be a witness.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION GOALS, continued

Grades: 5th & 6th (Juniors)

Bible Knowledge and Life Response

The Child Will:

Bible Skills

- 1. Be able to list all of the books of the Bible in order.
- 2. Identify the major divisions of the Bible.
- 3. Name the books in each division.
- 4. Use a Bible concordance and Bible atlas.
- 5. Identify the basic themes/content of Exodus, Joshua, 1 & 2 Samuel, Proverbs, Romans, Galatians, James, and 1 John.
- 6. Memorize one verse each week, plus Psalms 19, 24, 33, and 150.
- 7. Understand stories of the Bible personalities and be able to parallel them to people today.

- 1. Acknowledge that God wants His people to trust, love, and obey Him.
- 2. Know that God helps each person to mature through His Word, church, and family.
- 3. Begin to serve in the church.
- 4. Know how to become a missionary.
- 5. Understand what a disciple is.
- 6. Be able to share a personal faith and to lead a friend to Christ.
- 7. Understand scriptural principles for decision making.
- 8. Know what is good for our bodies; why we shouldn't take drugs, drink, smoke, or be involved in premarital sex.
- 9. Develop close peer friendships within the church.