

GFC Kids Bible School – Parents Handbook

Why Kids Bible School?

The goal is to glorify God by **spreading the Gospel among children, encouraging parents, and equipping staff** so that the Gospel is shared with our children, supporting families, and strengthening the church.

Children

The Bible is not just a collection of stories that teach moral lessons, nor is it about merely modifying a child's behavior. **A child's greatest need is to be born again because they are born into this world spiritually dead in their sins** (Ephesians 2:1). Therefore, the greatest gift we can give to the next generation is the Gospel. Only the Gospel can save their souls from sin and death and give them an eternal inheritance in heaven.

But what is the Gospel? While the essence of the Gospel is receiving forgiveness for sin through Christ's death (Matthew 1:21, John 1:29), this is only the core of a much greater story. Ultimately, why do we need forgiveness? What is God's plan for those who are forgiven? **Our goal is to lead children through all the stories of the Bible about God's great mission of saving people. This is done so that children may come to a full understanding of the Gospel plan and, by God's grace, look to Christ and receive salvation through faith.** All teaching materials are designed to reach children with this purpose.

Parents

The most important responsibility of parents is to raise their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4, Colossians 3:21). **Parents are the primary evangelists and spiritual mentors of their children. Parents must work diligently at this, teaching their children daily through both personal example and clear instruction** (Deuteronomy 6:7).

Therefore, an effective children's ministry does everything possible to encourage parents in their mission, and one way to do this is by providing helpful resources to parents. This is the goal of our Kids Bible School.

Generation of Grace (our program) provides the **Family Devotional**, a valuable tool designed for both parents and children. The **Family Devotional** aims to assist parents in growing in their own knowledge, love, and holiness. Then, as parents grow in godliness, the **Family Devotional** helps them teach their children throughout the week using the same stories and principles that are taught every Thursday. The Family Devotional is \$20/book and available for purchase through our church's Book Corner or with our admin team.

Parents will also have the opportunity to know exactly what is being taught in the classes. This way, they will have all the necessary resources and examples for conducting family worship at home. Therefore, we strongly encourage all parents whose children attend Kids Bible School to attend the corporate service with your children and stay through the prayer service after as well.

Teachers

Unlike many other Sunday school curriculum, the Teacher Book does not provide lessons that a teacher can read without deep reflection. Instead, the lesson commentary is specifically designed to go beyond what the teacher will actually teach in class. This material is meant to encourage the teacher, filling their mind with truth and their heart with zeal. In this way, the teacher will have a deep well to draw from in order to create a lesson tailored specifically for their Bible school class.

Kids Bible School Schedule

- **Every Thursday - 6:30 PM**
 - Opening Prayer
 - Songs
 - Skit
- **Younger Children (Ages 3 to 2nd Grade) – 6:45-8:20 PM**
 - Children will go to their classrooms for the Bible lessons
- **Older Children (Grades 3-6) – 6:45-8:20 PM**
 - Review of the previous lesson
 - Introduction
 - Lesson
 - Prayer
 - Discussion Groups – Kids will be dismissed to their classrooms
- **For Parents:** A prayer meeting will be held during the Discussion Groups from 7:30–8:20 PM.

General Rules (for Students)

1. Students should behave decently and respectfully towards one another, following Biblical principles of relationships.
2. Show respect to adults (teachers and assistants):
 - a. Remember to use good manners
3. What to bring to school:
 - a. A student folder or notebook
 - b. A Bible (8-12 years old, Russian Synodal or ESV, NASB)
 - c. A pen
4. What not to bring to school:
 - a. Electronic games
 - b. MOBILE PHONES!
 - c. Chewing gum
 - d. Playing cards, toys, and other distracting items
5. Students should clean up after themselves and help keep the school and classrooms clean and orderly.
6. Without the teacher's permission, students are not allowed to leave the classroom during lessons.

Behavior Guidelines for Children

- Parents, please remind your children about the behavior expectations for church and Kids Bible School before each lesson.
- Ensure your children's physical well-being by making sure:
 - They are well-rested (so they don't fall asleep during class).
 - They have eaten.
 - They visit the bathroom before coming to class.

Tardiness

Arriving late disrupts the learning process and can negatively affect a child's development.

- If you arrive after the opening prayer, you are considered late.
- Remember: being late sets a negative example for your children.
- Please aim to arrive by 6:15 PM.

Arrival and Departure

When children arrive in the main hall, they should take **their seats and sit quietly until the service begins**. Children aged five and under must be escorted to and from class by their parents. Please pick up your child within 10 minutes after class ends (by 8:30 PM). Parents, remember that you are responsible for your children before and after the lesson.

Check In

The check-in station is the first point of contact where we get to welcome you and make sure you are ready for another week of Kids Bible School. This is also a security measure we take to make sure all children are accounted for during lesson hours. Please check in all children with our admin team at the check-in station in the lobby. Note that **all children must be checked in upon arrival EVERY THURSDAY**.

Homework

- **Memory Verses:** It is the responsibility of parents to help their children memorize Bible verses. Parents should check and encourage their children in this process.
- **Family Devotional book**

Additional Resources

- Family Devotional book
- App
 - Push notifications
 - Calendar
- Online
 - Activity and coloring pages
 - Moment of truth videos

New Testament

This year, we will begin our study of the New Testament:

- Matthew - Galatians
- See Lesson Schedule below for details

Lesson Schedule

Day #	Date	Lesson #	Lesson Name
1	08/27/26		First Day - Open Lesson
2	09/03/26	YR3-01	The Birth Narratives
3	09/10/26	YR3-02	John the Baptist's Life
	09/17/26		NO BIBLE SCHOOL - Prayer Week
4	09/24/26	YR3-03	Jesus' Ministry Begins
5	10/01/26	YR3-04	Jesus and His Disciples
6	10/08/26	YR3-05	Jesus' Miracles
7	10/15/26	YR3-06	Jesus' Power Over Death
	10/22/26		NO BIBLE SCHOOL - Prayer Week
8	10/29/26	YR3-07	Jesus and His Enemies
9	11/05/26	YR3-08	Jesus' Sermons
10	11/12/26	YR3-09	Jesus' Parables
11	11/19/26	YR3-11	The Transfiguration
	11/26/26		NO BIBLE SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Service
12	12/03/26		Christmas Lesson #1
13	12/10/26		Christmas Lesson #2
14	12/17/26		Christmas Bible Quest
	12/24/26		NO BIBLE SCHOOL - Winter Break
	12/31/26		NO BIBLE SCHOOL - Winter Break
15	01/07/27	YR3-12	Jesus' Teaching of Himself
16	01/14/27	YR3-13	Passion Week Begins
	01/21/27		NO BIBLE SCHOOL - Prayer Week
17	01/28/27	YR3-14	The Last Supper
18	02/04/27	YR3-15	Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest
19	02/11/27	YR3-16	Jesus' Trial and Death
	02/18/27		NO BIBLE SCHOOL - Prayer Week
20	02/25/27	YR3-17	Resurrection and Ascension
21	03/04/27	YR3-18	Jesus Fulfilled Prophecies
22	03/11/27	YR3-20	The Church Begins
23	03/18/27		Easter Lesson #1
	03/25/27		NO BIBLE SCHOOL - Passion Thursday
24	04/01/27	YR3-21	The Early Church Grows
25	04/08/27	YR3-22	The Conversion of Paul
26	04/15/27	YR3-23	The Church Expands
	04/22/27		NO BIBLE SCHOOL - Prayer Week
27	04/29/27	YR3-24	The Church Spreads
28	05/06/27	YR3-26	The Book of Galatians
29	05/13/27		End-of-Year Bible Quest
	05/20/27		NO BIBLE SCHOOL - Prayer Week
30	05/27/27		Graduation Night

