

## Faith Formation for Children and Parents

Our goal is to give the children of our church and community a place to begin experiencing the love that God has for all of his children young and old. They are shown that here at Associated Church we strive to have a loving relationship with God through our life journey. We focus on have a relationship focused ministry, where all the kids get to build a relationship with peers, adults, and the God we meet in Jesus through our time together. Building relationships with peers is the time they spend together getting to know one another. They get to build relationships with adults by time spent with adults through worshipping together in the service, conversations during Church School and Kid's Klub, and general fellowship times (i.e. Java, Juice, and Joy). The kids get to build a relationship with God and Jesus through finding grace and miracles that have been provided through relationships with others, nature, themselves. They personally can see the God we meet in Jesus working in their lives. The kids learn that the relationship pieces that are taught at church are also meant to be practiced outside of the church walls at home, in the car, or whenever.

As part of our relational ministry, the children learn about the history and background of our faith and church. The kids between the age of 3 and 5<sup>th</sup> grade are taught the stories of the Bible, Lord's Prayer, process and meaning of communion and baptism. Using the Rotation Model of Church School, our educational portion of the program, by the time the children leave the program in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and make their transition into the youth program we hope they have a firm grasp on the information below but most importantly we would like them to know what it means to have a relationship/friendship with Jesus/God.

The following are our three core parts to the Children's Ministry Program:

- **Church School (Sundays 10:15-11:15am)**

- **Age/Grade:** Age 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- **Focus:** Educational
- **Description:** Children learn about how our faith laid out to us by the Bible. We also learn the Ecumenical Version of the Lord's Prayer and the process and meaning of communion and baptism
- **Topics:**

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| 1. Creation          | 6. Joseph and His     | 11. The Red Sea           |
| 2. The First Sin     | Brothers              | 12. Wandering in the      |
| 3. Noah's Ark        | 7. Joseph and Pharaoh | Wilderness                |
| 4. Abraham and Sarah | 8. Baby Moses         | 13. The Battle of Jericho |
| 5. Isaac and Rebekah | 9. The Burning Bush   | 14. Ruth                  |
|                      | 10. The Plagues       | 15. Hannah and Samuel     |

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| 16. David                     | 27. The Sower                    | 38. The Prodigal Son             |
| 17. Solomon Builds the Temple | 28. Walking on Water             | 39. Ten Men Healed               |
| 18. Queen Esther              | 29. Holy Week and Easter         | 40. Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday |
| 19. The Lord is My Shepherd   | 30. The Widow's Offer            | 41. Wedding at Cana              |
| 20. Daniel and the Lions      | 31. Jesus and John the Baptist   | 42. Woman at the Well            |
| 21. Jonah and the Big Fish    | 32. The Disciples                | 43. Jesus Feeds 5,000            |
| 22. Advent and Christmas      | 33. Four Friends                 | 44. The Last Supper              |
| 23. Jesus is Born             | 34. Banquet with Simon           | 45. Doubting Thomas              |
| 24. The Lord's Prayer         | 35. The Good Samaritan           | 46. Lydia                        |
| 25. House on the Rock         | 36. Mary and Martha              | 47. Love is...                   |
| 26. A Storm                   | 37. The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin | 48. Fruit of the Spirit          |

- **Kid's Klub(Wednesdays 5-6pm)**

- **Age/Grade:** Age 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- **Focus:** Relational and Educational
- **Description:** Children get to be together playing games and learning the same thing as in church school.
- **Topics:** Same as Church School plus a case by case scenario depending on what is going on at the time

- **Kid's Night Out (Fridays, Quarterly throughout the year)**

- **Age/Grade:** Age 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- **Focus:** Relational
- **Description:** A time for the children to have fellowship with each other by watching movies, playing games, etc.