

## Faith Milestones and Goals

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<b>2 year old</b>	<b>Story Hour: An organized group</b> <i>We will provide the children a familiar setting while being part of an organized group. There may be different people in the nursery leading the story hour, but the routine will be consistent and the leaders will all be someone the children would normally see as Nursery Attendants during worship services. Story Hour will consist of a 2-3 stories, a simple activity, and play time.</i>		
<b>3 year old 4 year old</b>	<b>To learn who God is</b> <b>To learn who they are in God's eyes</b> <b>To learn what the Bible is</b> <b>To learn about the church</b> <b>To talk easily with God - the importance of prayer</b> <i>We will help the children celebrate their faith through creative stories, music, games, and activities. We will help them understand the importance of prayer - as individuals and in groups - and celebrate their life through the Bible. Through creative story telling and activities, we will present stories in ways for children to identify with the Biblical stories.</i>	<b>Sunday School music</b>	<b>Classroom Children's Bible</b>
<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>Learn and understand the Lord's Prayer</b> <b>To become familiar with New Testament Bible Stories</b> <i>Our goal for the children is to understand and memorize the Lord's Prayer. By the end of the school year, the class will lead our Lord's Prayer during one or more of the church services. In an effort to begin to familiarize the children with the church service itself, we would like to teach them to stand during the church service when the Lord's Prayer is recited. Through creative story telling and activities, we will present stories in ways for children to identify with the Biblical stories.</i>	<b>Lead the Lord's prayer</b> <b>Sunday School music</b>	<b>Classroom Children's Bibles</b> <b>Classroom Recourse Books</b>
<b>1st grade</b>	<b>Learn and understand The Ten Commandments</b> <b>To become familiar with Old Testament Characters</b> <i>Our goal for the children is to understand and memorize The Ten Commandments. They will recite them during a worship service. Through creative story telling and activities, we will help the children identify with the specific Biblical characters of the Old Testament. Each week, we will discuss the commandment that might be comparable to the story and compare it to their daily lives.</i>	<b>Recite Ten Commandments</b> <b>Sunday School music</b>	<b>Classroom Children's Bibles</b> <b>Classroom Recourse Books</b>
<b>2nd grade</b>	<b>Understanding Emotions and Christian Values</b> <b>To become familiar with New Testament Characters</b> <i>Our goal is to help children understand their emotions, recognize values and manners. We will present ways for children to recognize the values, manners, and emotions as compared to New Testament Biblical characters.</i>	<b>Sunday School music</b>	<b>Classroom Children's Bibles</b> <b>Classroom Recourse Books</b>

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<b>3rd grade</b>	<b>Opening the Bible</b> <b>Learning to follow the Lectionary</b>	<b>Weekend readings</b> <b>Sunday School music</b>	<b>Child's own Bible</b>
	<p><i>The class will receive a Bible (a gift from the church) at the beginning of the school year. They will learn to navigate their way around "God's library" of stories and eventually read the weekly scripture readings during worship.</i></p> <p><i>Through Pre-K to 2nd grade, the students have reviewed stories and characters in both the New and Old Testament. This year, we will be able to "find" those stories and characters in OUR OWN Bibles.</i></p>		
<b>4th grade</b>	<b>Learn and understand The Apostles' Creed</b> <b>Understand the order of a worship service</b> <b>Follow Jesus' Parables</b>	<b>Lead the Apostles' Creed</b> <b>Sunday School music</b>	<b>Child's own Bible</b>
	<p><i>Our goal for the children is to learn and memorize the Apostles' Creed. They will then lead the congregation in the prayer at worship.</i></p> <p><i>We will present ways for the children to understand the order of a worship service (ex: the opening prayer, the sermon, the music, etc.).</i></p> <p><i>The past 5 years have primarily spent on stories and characters of the Old and New Testament. This year we will primarily focus on JESUS!</i></p> <p><i>We will follow the life of Jesus and His teaching the parables to looking at Jesus as a healer or miracle worker.</i></p>		
<b>5th grade</b>	<b>Martin Luther and other Faith Heroes</b> <b>Small Catechism</b> <b>Prepare for First Communion</b>	<b>First Communion</b> <b>Sunday School Music</b>	<b>Child's own Bible</b>
	<p><i>This class will learn the history of Martin Luther, the Lutheran hero in faith, and learn to recognize who with faith hero might be.</i></p> <p><i>A review of all the people and stories the children have heard over the past 5 years will help them recognize who their faith hero might be.</i></p> <p><i>This class will prepare for their First Communion.</i></p>		
<b>6th grade</b>	<b>What is community service?</b> <b>Become more familiar with the Books of the Bible</b> <b>Learn the structure of the Bible</b> <b>Lutheranism 101 for Kids</b>	<b>Report on Service Projects completed</b> <b>Sunday School Music</b>	<b>Child's own Bible</b>
	<p><i>We will help the children understand what Community Service means to themselves, their church, their community, and their world.</i></p> <p><i>They will complete 3 community service projects together throughout the year. In preparation for confirmation, the students will take a closer look at the Books of the Bible, the structure, and learn more about specific prophets.</i></p>		