

SUNDAY SCHOOL
PARENT PACKET

2020-2021

September 26, 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2020 – 2021 Sunday school year!

The last few months have been a roller coaster and we hope you and your families have stayed safe and healthy. It's been a long time since the kids have gathered together but due to COVID-19, we will be running Sunday school remotely this year.

We'll begin next week on October 4th, 2020.

We'll continue learning from the curriculum LIFE: Live in Faith Everyday. This curriculum was created by Rachel, using resources and lessons from the past. Lessons will be broken up into units throughout the year. Each unit will consist of a series of Bible stories with a common theme.

Normally, our weeks would consist of playing games, working on individual and group projects, and exploring with hands-on activities and crafts to understand each theme in the Bible and connect it to real life as it is today. Due to being online, we'll do our best to accommodate the remote learning so the kids get the most out of the lessons as well as have fun. This will be a great opportunity for you as the parents to explore these lessons and themes with your kids, to grow and learn together.

Resources and materials will be sent to you via email every Sunday. There is nothing you need to buy. We understand life has been hectic as of late with school reopening. There has been a lot of unexpected change all around us and understand everyone may be feeling a little stressed. This is why we've decided that lessons for Rachel's class will be optional, but still encouraged.

Should you do the lessons with your kids, please send Rachel an email or text message sharing you child's work. We'd love to keep in touch as much as possible.

More ideas to remain in touch and keep the kids engaged are in the works. Should you have any thoughts, please don't hesitate to reach out.

We can't wait,

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LIFE's Philosophy

LIFE's mission is to connect the Bible to real life events and teachings to the Christian education of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Every LIFE lesson includes an opening and closing prayer based on the current week's lesson as well as a memory verse and vocabulary. Each week, children and teachers will gather together to explore the Bible, enjoy fun activities, pray, and grow in faith. LIFE uses resources such as technology and active learning created for today's Christians matching the 21st century lifestyles.

LIFE is Bible-centered and the students will interact with the Bible for every lesson. They will read stories and passages, look at pictures, and examine each story closer in depth. They will learn the moral of each story and be able to connect it to their real life. In addition, the kids will have hands-on activities, crafts, and games to help better understand the lesson, be able to refer to real life situations, and also have fun doing so.

LIFE's Resources

Over the years, Trinity has used many different curricula. One is called Witness and the most recent one is called Spark. They are both fun and informative programs.

In creating LIFE, I have pulled a select few resources from Witness and Spark such as posters, worksheets, and craft ideas.

For the LIFE curriculum, we will use the Spark Story Bible for the younger age group and the Spark Bible (NRSV) for the older age group.

Most resources will be found within our classroom and church as the kids explore the Bible and the real world around them.

2020-2021 Lessons

Date	Unit
October 4, 2020	First Day
October 11, 2020	Responsibility (1)
October 18, 2020	Responsibility (2)
October 25, 2020	Responsibility (3)
November 1, 2020	Responsibility (4)
November 8, 2020	Responsibility (5)
November 15, 2020	Grateful (1)
November 22, 2020	Grateful (2)
November 29, 2020	Advent (1)
December 6, 2020	Advent (2)
December 13, 2020	Advent (3)
December 20, 2020	Advent (4)
December 27, 2020	Christmas
January 3, 2021	Epiphany
January 10, 2021	Grateful (3)
January 17, 2021	Grateful (4)
January 24, 2021	Grateful (5)
January 31, 2021	Patience (1)
February 7, 2021	Patience (2)
February 14, 2021	Patience (3)
February 21, 2021	Lent
February 28, 2021	Patience (4)
March 7, 2021	Patience (5)
March 14, 2021	Honesty (1)
March 21, 2021	Honesty (2)
March 28, 2021	Palm Sunday
April 4, 2021	Easter Sunday
April 11, 2021	Honesty (3)
April 18, 2021	Honesty (4)
April 25, 2021	Honesty (5)
May 2, 2021	Emotions (1 – Anger)
May 9, 2021	Emotions (2 – Sadness)
May 16, 2021	Emotions (3 – Jealousy)
May 23, 2021	Pentecost
May 30, 2021	Emotions (4 – Fear)
June 6, 2021	Emotions (5 – Happiness)
June 13, 2021	Last Day

Lesson Objectives

Units – LIFE curriculum is made up of different units connecting various Bible stories to the real world. For the 2019-2020 year we'll be discussing community, kindness, perseverance, forgiveness, and love. These are faith traits promoted in past curricula the Sunday school has used. By zeroing in on these specific positive traits, the kids will take an in-depth look at the Bible as well as be able to connect it to their day-to-day life.

Church Seasons – The church calendar is broken up into seasons – Advent, Epiphany, Lent, and Pentecost. As these seasons begin, we will do a lesson discussing in-depth about the current season to have a better understanding of the church calendar and timeline.

Sunday School Registration

Please email Rachel at Sundayschool@TrinityofWoburn.com with the following information for all your children to ensure you get my emails.

1. Name
2. Birthday
3. Grade
4. Home address
5. Email address
6. Parents' cell phone numbers
7. Best way to get in contact with parents

In addition, please add the Sunday school email address to your contacts so nothing will end up in spam.

Thank you!