

Welcome to Bible Hour 2008 - 2009

Welcome to Bible Hour 2008 – 2009. Our first class will be held on **September 7, 2008** and will continue thru May 14 (see attached schedule). **New this year, your child will go to service with you, have a devotional with Ferman, and then meet the teachers in the back of the auditorium to be brought to class.** Please make sure you take your child to the restroom before church begins (we will not be able to take them on our way to class). When service is over, you will need to meet your child in portable A.

Our study this year will be focused upon the Old Testament beginning with the creation through the first judges of Israel. Children ages 3 (as of September 7) – Kindergarten will gain a deeper understanding of God’s word through the teaching of Bible stories, puppet skits, and memory work.

Our memory work theme this year is: **Be a Part of God’s Plan.** We will be focusing on how God created the world, created each of us, and how he has a plan and purpose for each of our lives. Each student will have a punch card to track their progress toward completion of the memory work. After completing all the memory items, your child will receive a special reward.

Memory work must be learned and recited to one of the Bible Hour workers at the beginning of Bible Hour. Each child must recite the memory work **TWICE** (generally consecutive weeks) to be awarded credit for the memory work. A complete list of items and scriptures from the NIV Bible as well as, goals, policies, and procedures for this year is attached.

Memory Work:

- 1.) Genesis 1:1
- 2.) Genesis 6:8
- 3.) Exodus 20:12a
- 4.) Gal. 5:14a
- 5.) Deut. 6:18a
- 6.) Mark 9:23b
- 7.) Deut. 6:5a
- 8.) Prov. 17:17a
- 9.) I John 4:7
- 10.) Seven Days of Creation
- 11.) Books of the New Testament
- 12.) Books of the Old Testament

Memory Verses:

1. Genesis 1:1
 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
2. Genesis 6:8
 - But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.
3. Exodus 20:12a
 - Honor your father and your mother.
4. Galatians 5:14a
 - Love your neighbor as yourself.
5. Deuteronomy 6:18a
 - Do what is right and good in the Lord's sight.
6. Mark 9:23b
 - Everything is possible for him who believes.
7. Deuteronomy 6:5a
 - Love the LORD your God with all your heart.
8. Proverbs 17:17a
 - A friend loves at all times.
9. I John 4:7
 - Let us love one another, for love comes from God.
- 10.) Seven Days of Creation
 - Day One – day and night
 - Day Two – sky
 - Day Three – dry land, seas, plants, and trees
 - Day Four – sun, moon, and stars
 - Day Five – fish and birds
 - Day Six – animals and man
 - Day Seven - rested
- 11.) Books of the New Testament
- 12.) Books of the Old Testament

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Goals:

- 1.) To reinforce the New Testament pattern of worship.
- 2.) To instill in the children proper behaviors for worship.
- 3.) To teach the children the Bible is the inspired word of God and how the Bible is structured. (New Testament, Old Testament, book, chapter, and verse).
- 4.) To teach the children memory verses from the Bible. (Parent support required).
- 5.) To show practical applications of the Bible stories for the children's daily use.

Policies and Procedures:

1.) **Age of attendance 3 – Kindergarten**

The curriculum for Bible Hour is designed for children ages 3 and up. We will follow the promotion policy already in place for our Bible classes. Therefore, children must be 3 on or before September 1st to attend Bible Hour this year.

2.) **Arrival and Departure**

You will take your child to service with you, your child will have the opportunity to participate in a devotional with Ferman, and then be dismissed to the back of the auditorium where he/she will meet the teachers and be escorted to class. **Parents are expected to pick their children up at the Bible Hour room as soon as service is concluded.** Children will only be released to adults. Your cooperation with prompt pick-up will be greatly appreciated.

3.) **Behavior**

In order to achieve our goal of instilling proper behaviors for worship, the following procedure will be used for continued disruptive behavior: The child will be given several warnings from the teacher to correct the behavior, if the child does not correct the behavior, he/she will be taken to his/her parents for the remainder of the evening.

We are looking forward to an exciting year in Bible Hour. We are blessed to have the opportunity to share God's word with your child. Your support with regular attendance and memory work will provide your child an opportunity to begin a lifelong journey of growing in God's word!