

**ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH SCHOOL**

IS A PLACE WHERE KIDS GET CONNECTED WITH GOD!

Church School 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. on Sundays



Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me.”
Mark 10: 14b

WHY IS THE BIBLE THE KEY TO OUR TEACHING?

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

Psalm 119:105

The Holy Bible is God’s communication to us and, therefore, the most valued of all books in our library. Despite different ways of interpreting biblical passages, God to speaks to all generations. It is our privilege and responsibility to study God’s word in order to understand the God of history and the God of today. God gave us free will to ignore God’s claim upon our lives or to love God with all of our beings. God sent Jesus, his only Son, to bring us God’s love and forgiveness and to model a life of loving God and serving others. Jesus Christ is our Leader, Friend and Savior. When we decide to become disciples of Jesus, God gives us the Holy Spirit to guide and empower us.

WE ASK YOU TO JOIN US IN READING AND DISCUSSING BIBLICAL PASSAGES SO THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL GET CONNECTED WITH GOD.

“because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Romans 10:9

When the Pharisee asked Jesus which commandment in the law was greatest, Jesus replied,

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

And a second is like it:

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

**PLEASE JOIN US IN WRITING THOSE COMMANDMENTS ON
THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF YOUR CHILDREN, AND ALL
CHILDREN WHO COME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY WITH
EXPECTATION.**

**WHAT WE WANT KIDS TO LEARN AND EXPERIENCE
IN OUR CHURCH SCHOOL**

ENJOY MAKING CHURCH FRIENDS

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE BIBLE

SEEK GOD'S PURPOSE FOR OUR LIVES

GOD HAS A HOME FOR US

JESUS CHRIST OUR LEADER CALLS US TO FOLLOW HIM

JESUS BECOMES THE FORGIVER OF OUR SINS

BECAUSE JESUS LOVES US WE WANT TO LOVE OTHERS

THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS US

READING THE BIBLE WITH CHILDREN

Choose Bible storybooks for toddlers and older children.

Help children read from their own Bibles during elementary years.

Encourage children to mark special verses with sticky notes or pencil marks so that the Bible becomes a useful guide for their living.

Preschoolers and older children should each own their own Bible or Bible storybook.

SOME AGE APPROPRIATE BIBLES AND BIBLE STORYBOOKS TO CONSIDER PURCHASING:

Candle Bible for Toddlers by Juliet David. Candle Books publisher. About 65 Bible stories. \$14.99

The Beginner's Bible, Zonderkids publisher, 2005. Ages 4-7. \$16.99

The New Little Bible in Pictures for Little Eyes by Kenneth N. Taylor. Moody Publishers, 2002. Ages 4-7..\$15.99

The Young Reader's Bible, Standard publisher, 1998. Ages 5 -8. 70 action packed stories illustrated, Bible helps such as maps, time line, word meanings. Stories can be read by children with adult

The Children's Bible Storybook retold by Anne de Graef. Tommy Nelson Publisher, 2009. Almost 300 Bible stories with many illustrations. Elementary age. \$19.99

NIV Kids' Study Bible, Zonderkids publisher. Ages 6 -9. Introduction for each book; key verses to memorize; questions to help children verses; a few art illustrations. \$27.99

NIV Adventure Bible, Zonderkids publisher. Ages 9 12 Includes many Additional pages to impart facts and raise questions; verses to treasure and memorize; examples of life in Bible times; introduction for each book; maps; concordance; illustration. \$27.99

NIV Life Application Study Bible, Tyndale publisher. For Adults. Introduction to each book; charts, personality profiles, dictionary, concordance, notes on most verses and applications. Hardcover, \$39.99