



August 20, 2020

Dear Sunday School Families,

We hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well. The past few months have been incredibly challenging for everyone in many different ways. And we know this will continue as we head into the new school year. That's why we've worked (and thought and prayed!) hard to determine how to best provide Christian education to our Sunday School children this year.

With input from teachers, parents, and church leadership (and our experience/feedback from spring and summer virtual Sunday School), we have developed a Sunday School model that we hope will not only support your child(ren)'s Christian education, but will also be flexible enough to meet the various needs/schedules/priorities of our Sunday School families.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FORMAT

For the health and safety of our church family, we are planning for at-home Sunday School throughout this school year. We have tailored the curriculum to support parents in guiding your child(ren)'s Christian education from home. As parents ourselves, we fully understand the challenges this presents, and want you to know you have our full support to "do Sunday School" in whatever way works best for your family.

A few important details:

- Lessons will be released monthly, on the first Sunday
- Each lesson will include both tech and tech-free options
- Once posted, lessons will remain available throughout the school year

If our congregation resumes in-person worship during the school year, we will evaluate whether or not to offer in-person Sunday School as well. At-home resources will continue to be available throughout the year regardless of the in-person scenario.

CURRICULUM FOCUS

For many, the global COVID-19 pandemic has been a reminder that we live in an interconnected world. This is not just about our families and our local communities, but an entire planet -- all of God's creation! As Sunday School leaders, we feel strongly that what our children learn in Sunday School should be (and is!) relevant in today's world. That's why we've chosen to connect our Spark curriculum with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. You can learn more about the goals here: www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/

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COMMUNICATIONS METHODS

There are several ways your family can stay connected with Sunday School this year:

- Remind (text messaging): Receive occasional Sunday School-related text messages, like notifications when new lessons are posted on the website. If you're not already signed up, contact us at sundayschool@sharefollowserve.com to get the link.
- *NEW* Sunday School emails: New this year, Sunday School families will receive separate emails containing only Sunday School-related information, including links to monthly lessons (emails will be sent weekly, at most).
- *NEW* COR Sunday School Facebook group (facebook.com/groups/757369568331395): This private Facebook group is a place for Sunday School families to connect with one another.

And here are ways for your family to stay connected to our congregation:

- Church website (www.sharefollowserve.com)
- Church e-newsletter (contact office@churchoftheresurrection.org if you don't already receive this)
- COR Facebook page (facebook.com/CORPewaukeeWI)

NEXT STEPS

Spark Story Bibles

Our curriculum utilizes the Spark Story Bible, which the church will provide for each of our Sunday School families to keep at home. Watch for a text/email from us about this soon.

Parent Info Sessions (via Zoom)

We'd love to see you, give you some tips on how to engage and use the curriculum, and answer your questions. Please save the date for one of these upcoming info sessions and watch your email and the church e-newsletter for the Zoom links:

- Thursday, August 27 at 7:00 PM
- Friday, August 28 at 2:00 PM
- Friday, August 28 at 8:30 PM

Add to Your Calendar

- August 30 - 3rd grade Bibles presented to parents at drive-in worship
- September 6 - September Sunday School lesson posted on website
- September 20 - 3rd grade Bibles presented to students at drive-in worship
- September 20 - Family "tailgate" gathering after drive-in worship (watch for more info)

THANK YOU

Our most sincere gratitude for your ongoing support - both for our church and for your child(ren)'s Christian education - during this challenging time. Please know that we are here for you and your families. Don't hesitate to reach out to us at any time!

With hope and love,

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