

FAMILY TOOLBOX



SERIES

BIBLE CONTENT



Children's Ministry

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A Note to Families

The Children's Ministry of Golden Hills Community Church exists to *"Glorify God by helping families develop age-appropriate disciples who impact their world for Christ"*.

In order to accomplish this task, we at GHCC have attempted to describe the discipleship of a believer, which includes these three elements:

- **Worship**
- **Grow**
- **Serve**

We believe that children, as followers of Christ, can also participate in the discipleship process. We have further identified twelve specific spiritual growth issues within these three elements of discipleship.

It is our desire in Children's Ministry, to create a balanced program, which addresses all of these spiritual growth issues, helping to produce a healthy, age-appropriate disciple.

However, statistics tell us that the national average for children attending Sunday school is 26 hours each year (that's only half of the time). And our church is no exception to this. Our average Sunday attendance is roughly half of our total registration. What does this mean? Well, we could have the best programming, the best teachers and staff (which, by the way, I think we do) and we would still have a very hard time in accomplishing the goal God has set before us. But there is a way.

The way in which we can realize the goal of making age-appropriate disciples is stated in our purpose: "...by helping *families* develop age-appropriate disciples..." In fact, the best approach to aiding your child's faith development is *not* in the formal setting of the church, but in the informal, everyday life of your home. God's Word clearly reminds us of this in Deuteronomy 6:4-7:

"Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. The commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress (teach) them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home, and when you walk along the road, when you lie down at night and when you get up."

We encourage you to take advantage of every opportunity to "impress upon your children" spiritual truth. Use dinner conversation, driving in the car, bedtime routines and getting ready each morning as times to reflect and teach about God and his faithfulness.

To help you in these discussions, we have developed a series of tools for you to use. These tools are series of booklets (**THE FAMILY TOOLBOX SERIES**), each addressing the spiritual growth issues. In them you will find information, discussion questions and activity suggestions to help you guide your children on their spiritual journeys.

Dear Parents,

This booklet in the **FAMILY TOOLBOX SERIES** addresses Bible Content. This is simply a listing of the major Old Testament and New Testament stories your child should be familiar with. By the time your child leaves children's ministry at the conclusion of 5th grade, he or she will have been exposed to most of these stories as they are presented in our curriculum.

However, as good as any curriculum may be, there still exist gaps in your child's exposure and understanding of God's Word. You can use this booklet in the following ways:

- As part of your family devotion time.
- As a family discussion around the dinner table.
- As reinforcement of your child's Sunday school lessons.
- Use it however you see fit. In fact, I'd love to know any creative way you were able to this booklet, so let me know!

God bless you as you lead your children through God's Word.

Pastor Mark

Bible Content, Old Testament Lessons

<u>Scripture Reference</u>	<u>Bible Lesson</u>
Genesis 1-2	Creation
Genesis 2-3	Sin enters the world
Genesis 4	Cain & Abel, the first children
Genesis 6-9	Noah & the flood
Genesis 21-22	Abraham's faith tested
Genesis 25-27	Jacob and Esau
Genesis 37	Joseph sold by his brothers
Genesis 41-42	Joseph put in charge of Egypt
Exodus 1-2	Baby Moses
Exodus 3-4	The call of Moses
Exodus 7-12	The 10 plagues of Egypt
Exodus 13-15	Crossing the Red Sea
Exodus 15-17	Complaining Israelites
Exodus 20	The 10 Commandments
Numbers 13-14	The spies sent out
Joshua 2-6	The fall of Jericho
Judges 4-5	Deborah & Barak deliver Israel.
Judges 6	Gideon learns to be bold for God
Judges 16	Samson, the strongest man
Ruth	Ruth chooses the God of Israel
1 Samuel 1-2	Hannah's special prayer
1 Samuel 2-3	God speaks to Samuel
1 Samuel 4	Philistines capture the Ark of the Covenant
1 Samuel 15	Saul's disobedience
1 Samuel 16	God chooses a king
1 Samuel 17	David & Goliath
1 Samuel 18-20	Jealous Saul tries to kill David
1 Kings 16-17	God provides for Elijah

1 Kings 18
2 Kings 4
1 Chronicles 28-29 &
2 Chronicles 2-7
2 Chronicles 34
Esther
Nehemiah 8-12
Daniel 3
Daniel 5
Daniel 6
Jonah

Elijah and the contest with Baal
Elisha and the widow's oil
Solomon builds the temple

Josiah, a leader who took a stand
Esther saves her people
Nehemiah rebuilds
The fiery furnace
The handwriting on the wall
Daniel in the lion's den
Jonah and the big fish

Bible Content, New Testament Lessons

Scripture Reference

Bible Lesson

Matthew 1-2	Birth of Jesus
Matthew 4	Temptation of Jesus
Matthew 14	Peter walks on water
Matthew 17	The Transfiguration
Matthew 21	Jesus' Triumphal entry
Matthew 26	Jesus in the garden
Mark 1	John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus
Mark 2	Jesus heals a paralyzed man
Mark 4	Jesus calms the storm
Mark 6	Feeding of 5,000
Mark 10	Blind Bartimaeus
Luke 1-2	The birth of Jesus
Luke 5	Fishers of men
Luke 10	The Good Samaritan
Luke 15	The Good Shepherd
Luke 15	The parable of the lost son
Luke 19	Zacchaeus meets Jesus
John 3	Nicodemus comes to Jesus at night
John 4	The Samaritan woman
John 11	Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead
John 13	Jesus washes the disciples feet
John 18-19	Jesus put on trial and crucified
John 20	Jesus rises from the dead
Acts 1	The risen Lord ascends into heaven
Acts 2	The early Christians see God's power

Acts 3

Acts 5

Acts 9

Acts 12

Acts 16

A lame man is healed

The Apostles are persecuted

Saul becomes a believer

God delivers Peter from prison

Paul and Silas rejoice in prison

The Spiritual Growth Issues:

Worship

- Salvation
- Worship

Grow

- Bible knowledge/Application
- Bible Memory
- Stewardship
- Healthy Relationships
- Using Gifts, Talents and Skills
- Church Commitment

Serve

- Outreach
- Missions Involvement
- Christian Service