



Dear Parents,

The Bible is clear. Parents have the God given responsibility and the opportunity to be the primary instructors for their children's spiritual and eternal well-being. The reason for classroom teaching Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings is to support parents in their work of "[bringing their children] up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Eph 6:4). Our desire is to give you, the parents, tools with which you can intentionally fulfill God's purpose for you.

For parents of elementary children, we provide a weekly *Growing in faith Together: Parent and Child Resource Page* which includes the Main Ideas of the lesson, the Memory Verse, Scripture References, and a Lesson Summary to help you understand what your child is learning in class. There are also suggestions to help you to interact with your child about what they have learned and how to apply what they have learned. This valuable tool can be used to help your child have a biblical perspective on life that, with the enlightening power of the Holy Spirit, can transform their hearts to love, revere, and worship God (which is our ultimate purpose).

In addition, we make available memory verse cards for you to use with your children. Memorizing scriptures not only helps children (and adults) better understand passages from the Bible, but can be used in the future as they live out faith in Christ. The memory verse cards for 1st and 2nd grade children also include lesson main ideas for you to go over with your child.

Parents of 5th grade children are also given a book called *God's Names* by Sally Michael (also author of the 5th grade curriculum – *How Majestic is Your Name*). This book was written for parent and child to read together and can be used with the whole family to better understand, love, and serve our gracious God.

We pray that you will take advantage of these tools in order for you and your children to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For God's glory,

Pastor Steve Alde