

LEARNING GUIDE

PRE-K to 5TH GRADE

Welcome

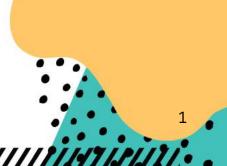
We're so glad you've chosen to visit us today! Kids at the Shores exists for children to hear the life-giving message of Jesus, develop a genuine relationship with God, build a biblical foundation for their lives, grow with friends and leaders, and love being at church.

We're committed to creating a place where children from six-weeks-old through fifth grade can discover and develop a passion for God through worship, Bible teachings, Small Groups, and a variety of fun activities.

We believe the best way we can help your kids develop a strong spiritual foundation is by partnering with you, their family. Together, we can help encourage, train, and pray for them as they grow in their faith.

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

3 John 1:4 NIV



Preschool

Designed specifically for children six-weeks-old through kindergarten, our Nursery/Preschool services are a place for our youngest generation to learn about the love of Christ.

During service, your child will engage in a thoughtfully-planned learning experience reinforced with songs, Bible stories, and activities.

Elementary

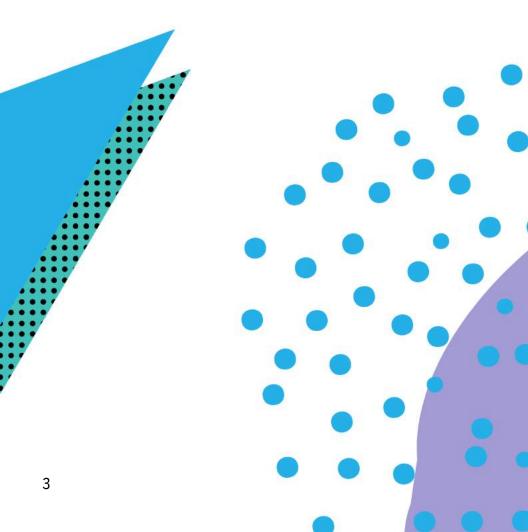
Kindergarten through fifth grade children will have the opportunity to engage in dynamic worship and biblical teaching through our grade-specific learning model.

During service, children will spend most of their time in a Small Group to give them the benefit of a consistent Small Group Leader and interaction with kids their age.

Together, they'll learn about the Bible and how to have a relationship with God, memorize Scripture, and have fun developing friendships with one another.

Your greatest contribution to the Kingdom of God may not be something you contribute, but someone you raise.

Andy Stanley



What to Expect

Check-In

To make your first visit as easy as possible, we have created both an online and in-person registration process for you and your family. During registration, we'll get to know things like how many children are in your family, what allergies your children may have, and the best way to contact you. Once you are registered and checked in, both you and your children will receive a set of stickers with a matching code, also known as a "security tag".

On the tag, you will also find your child's corresponding room. This sticker is what you'll use to pick up your child after the service. If, for any reason, we need to reach you, you'll receive a text to the registered phone number letting you know your child needs assistance.

Drop-Off/Pick-Up

Once your children are checked in and arrive at the room printed on their sticker, our leaders will be ready to greet your family and engage your child in an age-appropriate activity. At the end of the service, a team member will verify that your security tag code matches the code on your child's tag before he/she is released into your care. In the event of a lost sticker, we will use your driver's license as an alternative to the security tag to verify information and check out your child.

Safety

In Kids at the Shores, we are committed to safety, and it is the heart of our children's ministry to make every effort to ensure the safety and well-being of every child.

With this in mind, we do not allow anyone into our classrooms without a corresponding security tag, and all team members serving in a Kids area go through a screening process before serving. All team members serving in Kids at the Shores are background-checked and trained in safety and security protocols.

Once in our care, a child is not allowed to be picked up by anyone who does not have a sticker with the code that coincides with the one on his/her sticker. If a security tag has been lost, photo identification must be presented and matched with the guardian information on the registered account. If a need arises or you have any questions, please contact a staff member and they will be happy to assist you.



Small Groups and Learning Plan

In Kids at the Shores Elementary services, your children will be taught grade-specific, Biblical truths and practical lessons through a learning plan and collection of series topics throughout the year.

The learning plan for your child's specific grade level will be taught by their Small Group Leader. Each week in their Small Group, they will work together on learning objectives like memorizing Scripture and understanding biblical principles.

Series topics will be presented through a video Bible lesson, followed by an age-specific, guided discussion with their Small Group.

In the following pages, you will find more detailed examples of the prospective yearly learning focus for each grade level, as well as the series topics and Bible lessons for the year.





Partnering with Parents

We believe the best way we can help your kids develop a strong spiritual foundation is by partnering with you. Together, we can help encourage, train, and pray for them as they grow in their faith.

Here are some practical ways you can help us make the most of your child's time at church:

- Pick a consistent service time to help your kids build relationships with their Small Group Leader and other kids their age.
- Practice the current monthly Scripture memorization with your kids.
 Stay connected to Kids at the Shores on Facebook, texts, and emails.
- Build relationships with other Shores parents during events we hold throughout the year.
- Pray for your children each week as they come to church, and pray for our teams as they serve and care for your kids.



Each week, your kids will be guided with the Kids at the Shores Next Steps:

KNOW GOD

Because God is after a relationship with us.

LOVE PEOPLE

Because God loves all people.

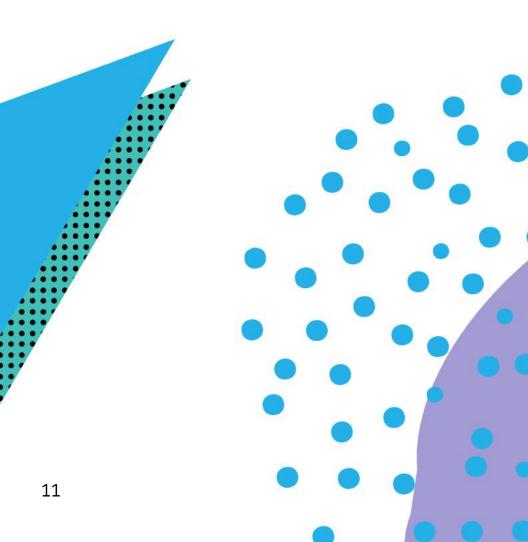
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Because we are given the opportunity to serve.

GROW DEEPER

Because we can keep learning and growing.

Elementary Service Experience





We invite God's presence into our lives through praise and worship, and we want your children to grow up experiencing the joy and benefit of worshipping Him.



God designed us for community, and we want your kids to build healthy relationships with other kids their age. Making friends and growing alongside their peers is an important part of their spiritual growth.

Memorizing God's Word God tells us to hide His Word in our hearts (Psalm 119:11 NIV). One of the most important ways we help your children build a biblical foundation for their lives is by filling their minds and hearts with God's Truth through Scripture memorization.



Kids have different needs at different ages, and we want to help your child understand and learn God's Word at the right pace. Each year, they'll grow by engaging in age-specific learning that is relevant and engaging to them.

Consistent Small Group Leadership We want your kids to look forward to seeing a familiar face at church each week. As they build a relationship with their Small Group Leader, we hope they'll share, ask questions, and feel supported and cared for as they grow in their faith.

Learning Plan

Age-specific learning happens in Small Groups every week with a yearly focus for each grade. Your kids will learn about these topics through Small Group lessons, Scripture memorization, and biblical life-application.

In the following pages, you will find examples of the series topics, Scripture memorization, and Bible lessons for the year.

Small Group Focus: Identity

Students will grow in their personal identity by learning that they are created by God, loved by Him, and that Jesus wants to be their best friend.

Throughout the year, they will:

- Memorize 12 Bible verses
- Learn about God as their Creator.
- Practice the Kids at the Shores Next Steps

Small Group Focus: Pray First

Students will learn how to grow in their relationship with God through praying and worshipping Him.

Throughout the year, they will:

- Memorize 12 Bible verses
- Learn about The Lord's Prayer and apply it to their personal prayers
- · Learn about the Armor of God
- Learn about the 10 Commandments

Small Group Focus: Relationships

Students will learn how to build positive relationships by focusing on the two greatest commandments: Loving God and loving people.

Throughout the year, they will:

- Memorize 12 Bible verses
- Study the Fruit of the Spirit
- · Study the Gifts of the Spirit
- · Learn about Jesus' 12 disciples

Small Group Focus: God's Word

Upper elementary students will learn more about the structure of the Bible, how to appreciate the amazing gift of God's Word, and start to understand the authority that Scripture has in our lives.

Throughout the year, they will:

- Memorize 12+ Bible verses
- · Learn about the structure of the Bible
- Learn how to study and apply Scriptures

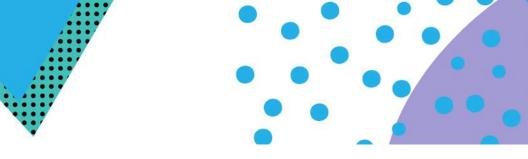
Small Group Focus: Leadership

Upper elementary students will explore their God-given purpose by learning about spiritual gifts and how to share the hope of Jesus with others.

Throughout the year, they will:

- Memorize 12+ Bible verses
- Learn how to study and apply Scriptures
- Assist leaders in facilitating discussion groups





Throughout the year, your children will learn through a short, weekly video lesson. The video will teach on the current series topic by using relevant Bible stories. Your kids will watch the video in their Small Group and then discuss what they're learning with their friends and Small Group Leader in an age-specific, guided discussion.

The topics repeat every three years to provide a well-rounded learning experience. By repeating topics, these lessons are reinforced through different Bible stories, and your kids get the benefit of revisiting valuable principles as they grow.

1	The First Sin	The story of God's grace begins in the Garden of Eden. Teach your kids how to weigh if something is a sin or not and how to obey God because He cares for us. The Point: God Helps Me Make the Right Choice! Verse: James 1:5
2	Through the Roof	Walk through the story of the sick man who was lowered through the ceiling by his friends so that Jesus could heal him. Teach kids about the love and healing power of Jesus, and the faith we can have in Him The Point: God Helps Me Care and Share! Verse: Romans 12:13
3	God's Wonderful Gift	Learn about the power of the Holy Spirit, the gift God gave to the disciples and the Church after Jesus was resurrected. Anyone who accepts Jesus' sacrifice will receive God's gift! The Point: <i>The Holy Spirit Gives Me Power!</i> Verse: Romans 15:19
4	A Happy Sunday	Talk about the story of Jesus' resurrection, and teach your kids how to have a relationship with God through Jesus' sacrifice. The Point: Jesus Makes Me God's Friend because I Believe! Verse:
5	Abraham's Big Test	Faith is choosing to trust, believe, and live God's way, even when we can't see Him or understand what's going on around us. Our faith seed grows when we remember the great things God has done before, and wait patiently to see His promises to us come true. The Point: I Show Faith Everday When I Trust & Obey! Verse: Psalm 31:14
6	The Donkey and the King	God is big, strong, amazing, and wonderful! He made us and gave us everything we have. We give it all back to God by worshiping Him! Talk about Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and look at how kids can use anything—like palm leaves—to worship God. The Point: I Give God All of Me! Verse: Psalm 100:2

7	Two by Two	Take your kids through one of their favorite Bible stories: Noah's Ark. Teach about the importance of obedience and the promises God makes to us. The Point: I'm God's Friend, so I Obey! Verse: Ephesians 6:1
8	Journeys for Jesus	Jesus tells all His friends to go into the whole world and preach God's Good News. Everyone needs us to share Jesus with them, everywhere we go! The Point: I Share Jesus with everyone! Verse: Mark 16:15
9	Dreams Come True	Walk through the life of Joseph with your kids— from his imprisonment in Egypt to his God-given ability to interpret dreams. The Point: I Can Live Like Jesus! Verse: 1 Timothy 4:12
10	The Big Picnic	Kids will learn that no matter how big their problems are, God is bigger! They can trust God to take care of their problems with His big, strong power. The Point: Nothing Is Too Big For God! Verse: Jeremiah 32:17
11	The King and the Kingdom	Kids will learn that Jesus is the best teacher because He teaches us how to live God's way. When we obey Jesus, it's like building a house on a strong rock. Kids will learn to look in the Bible to find out what Jesus teaches. The Point: Jesus is my Teacher! Verse: John 13:13
12	The First Christmas Gift	Let's celebrate Jesus' birthday by being givers like God! God sent Jesus as a very special gift to the world. Jesus saves us and shows us God's love. Celebrate His birthday and give to others to show God's love. The Point: I Give Because God Gave Me Jesus! Verse: John 3:16

1	A Baby & a Bush	God made kids to do big things for Him! And they don't even have to be a grown-up to do it! Kids will learn to be strong for Him by obeying in the little stuff each day. The Point – I obey God more each day! Verse – Luke 16:10
2	A Test in the Desert	Sin makes our hearts dirty! Eeew! Ask Jesus for His love and forgiveness. He will wash our hearts pure and clean from sins. Stay pure by saying, "No!" to sins like Jesus did when he was tested in the desert. The Point – I say, "No!" to sins! Verse – Psalm 51:10
3	The Brave and Beautiful Queen	Discover the story of Esther, the beautiful queen who saved her people. Teach your kids about being brave, because God is with them wherever they go! The Point – God makes me brave! Verse – Joshua 1:9
4	It is Finished	Jesus showed love for everyone when He died for our sins on the cross. Three days later, He came back to life! When we choose to follow Jesus, we can love others the way He loves us. The Point – I show love to everyone! Verse – John 13:34
5	Stones, Slings, and Giant Things	A heart that matches God's heart is ready to do what is good! But how do we know if our hearts match God's heart? Get to know God by reading the Bible, singing to God, and praying. The Point – I get to know God! Verse – Titus 3:1
6	The Dreamer	God has good plans for everything He made. Most of all, God has good things for us to do when we trust and follow Jesus! He uses our good days and our bad days to help us do the good plans He has for us! The Point – God has good plans for me! Verse – Jeremiah 29:11

7	God's Good News	The Bible is God's true story. It tells kids that God made them to be His friends! Help them hide the Bible's truth in their hearts so they can learn from it. The Point – The Bible is God's true story! Verse – 2 Timothy 3:15
8	Everybody's Welcome	God's Church isn't just a building where we learn about God. God's Church is God's family! Everybody is welcome in God's family when they trust and follow Jesus. We all fit in God's family! The Point – The Church is God's family! Verse – 1 Timothy 3:15
9	In the Beginning	Do you know what God's most amazing creation is? It's us! God made people to be like Him so we can trust and follow Jesus, and be His special friends! The Point – God made me amazing! Verse – Psalm 139:14
10	A Roaring Rescue	God is bigger and stronger than any scary thing, and our big, strong God is always with us. God promises to help us when we're afraid. This story of Daniel in the lion's den will teach kids about trusting God in the face of any fear! The Point – Goodbye, fear! God is here! Verse – Isaiah 41:13
11	A Voice in the Night	Start the day by praying to God, and talk and listen to Him all day long! Even if we go really far away, He's always listening. Through Samuel's story, teach your kids that God is always ready to talk with us. The Point — I can pray all night, all day! Verse — Psalm 55:17
12	The First Christmas Gift: Always With Us	God gave us His Son, Jesus, as the very first Christmas present. Jesus is Immanuel, God with us. He shines a light so we can see what God is like! The Point – How do I know what God is like? I look at Jesus! Verse – Matthew 1:23

1	The Miracles of Jesus	Jesus Calmed the Storm Matt 8: Mark 4: Luke 8 Jesus Healed and Forgave Matt 9: Mark 2: Luke 5	Jesus Healed Sickness Matt 9: Mark 5: Luke 8 Jesus Fed Many People Matt 15: Mark 8
2	The Teachings of Jesus	Jesus Taught about Character Matt 5 Jesus Taught about Behavior Matt 6	Jesus Taught about God's Love Luke 15 Jesus Taught about God's Kingdom Matt 13
3	The Rejection of Jesus	Jesus Knew He would be Rejected Luke 13 Jesus Raised Lazarus John 11-12	The World is Against God Eph 6 Jesus Triumphant Entry John 12 Jesus is our King Col 1
4	Jesus is Alive	Jesus Appeared to the Disciples Luke 24 Jesus Appeared to Thomas John 20	Jesus Forgave Peter John 21 God Wants Us to Know Him Matt 28
5	The Church Begins	Jesus Gave His Followers a Mission Acts 1 The Disciples Replaced Judas Acts 1	The Holy Spirit Came Acts 2 The Holy Spirit Changes Us Galatians 5
6	Peter's Ministry	Peter Preached in Jerusalem Acts 2 Peter Healed a Man Acts 3	Peter Continued to Preach Acts 4 Peter Confronted Sin Acts 4-5 We are to Tell Others about Jesus Romans 10

7	The Church is Opposed	The Apostles Were Arrested Acts 5 The Church Handled a Problem Acts 6	Stephen was Arrested Acts 6-7 The Church was Spread Out Acts 8
8	The Church Grows	Peter Performed Miracles Acts 9 Peter Learned that Jesus is for All Acts 10	Gentiles Became Part of the Church Acts 11 Peter was Rescued from Prison Acts 12 We are Part of One Church 1 Cor 12
9	The Church Goes On Mission	Paul Became a Christian Acts 9 Paul Became a Missionary Acts 10	Jesus Can Forgive Anyone 2 Cor 5 The Church Met Together Acts 15 Paul and Silas Started Churches Acts 15-18
10	Paul's Mission to Rome	Paul Visited the Churches Acts 18-21 We are Here to Glorify God Romans 15	Paul Returned to Jerusalem Acts 21-23 Paul was on Trial Acts 27-28
11	Paul's Mission to Rome	Paul was Sent to Rome Acts 24-26 Paul Went to Rome Acts 27-27	Paul Preached in Rome Acts 28 We are Here to Make Much of Jesus 1 These 4-5
12	The Church's Hope	Jesus is Worthy of Worship Rev 4-5 Jesus Will Return One Day Rev 19-20	We Will be a Part of the New Heaven and Earth Rev 21-22 The Christmas Story Luke 2

1	Creation and Covenant	God Rules over Creation: Genesis
2	Creation and Covenant	God Made a Promise: Genesis
3	Creation and Covenant	God is in Control: Genesis, Job
4	Law and Life	God Delivers His People: Exodus
5	Law and Life	God Instructs His People: Exodus, Leviticus
6	Law and Life	God Guides His People: Exodus, Leviticus

7	Land and Loss	God is Powerful: Joshua
8	Land and Loss	God is Gracious: Judges
9	Land and Loss	God Sees and Hears: Ruth, 1 Samuel
10	Foolishness and Wisdom	King Saul: 1 Samuel
11	Foolishness and Wisdom	King David: 1-2 Samuel, Psalms
12	Foolishness and Wisdom	King Solomon: 1 Kings, Ecclesiastes, Proverbs



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