

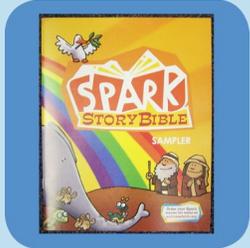


# First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville

## Faith Step #4

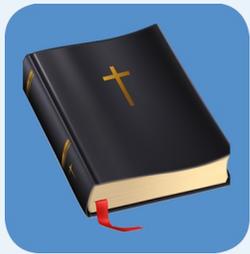
### Welcome to Sunday School (3 Year Olds)

*We are a companionship of faith on a spiritual adventure following Jesus Christ.*



#### Faith Step Marker

As a new year of Sunday School begins, 3 Year Olds will be invited to a “Graham Crackers & Milk—Welcome to Sunday School Party.” During that time students will have the opportunity to meet their Sunday School teachers and experience some of the fun activities that are in store for them in the year ahead. Pictures will be taken and a sampler of the **SPARK StoryBible** will be distributed. Excitement is building as we prepare for this time of learning the stories of God’s love.



#### Bible Verse (NRSV)

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD; and you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”  
Deuteronomy 6:4-7



#### We Believe – *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Q35—*What comfort does the good news give you?*

That I belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who died and rose again for my sake, so that nothing will ever separate me from God’s love.

Q36—*How do we know this good news?*

Through reading the Bible and hearing it taught and preached.



#### Caring Conversations

A weekly “family page” accompanies every SPARK Sunday School lesson. Begin the practice of using it throughout the week to connect with God’s word at your home. Activate your family’s faith:

- Read It—Review of Bible Story and Family Prayer
- Talk About It—Questions for Family Conversations
- Live It—Activities for Families to do Together



#### Music

- The B-I-B-L-E
- He’s Got the Whole World
- Spark Song CD

## Faith-filled Actions



*Encourage your child's participation in Sunday School.* Few young children can walk to church on their own; parents are responsible for getting their children there. Look for ways to support your child's participation: invite church school classmates to play, get to know other families in the church with a child at or near the age of your child, and take an interest in what your child is learning. You may want to purchase a *SPARK StoryBible* for use at home.

## Prayer



Dear Jesus, you have asked us to grow in our faith through worship and service, Bible reading and learning. May this Church School Year provide (name) with the opportunity to grow in your love. Amen.

## Books (available in church library)

for Children

- *SPARK StoryBible*
- Little Blessings Books by Kathleen Long Bostrom: *Who Is Jesus? What is God Like? What is Prayer? Why the Cross? What about Heaven? What is the Bible?*

for Parents

- *For Heaven's Sake! Parenting Preschoolers Faithfully* by Marilyn Sharpe

## On the Web

- [www.genonministries.org/genon-home/helping-parents](http://www.genonministries.org/genon-home/helping-parents)  
**Heartfelt parenting e-newsletter** is GenOn's free newsletter that supports the spiritual development of families through book recommendations, relevant and timely articles on a variety of topics, and helpful tips and advice.

## Who to Contact

- Our **Director of Children's Ministry** is Jan Schuett at [jschuett@boxp.net](mailto:jschuett@boxp.net)
- **Bible Time for Toddlers (BTT)** is a program offered on Thursday afternoons. Interested? Contact Jan Schuett.
- **Caffeine Break:** While children are at BTT, connect with the grown-ups in the church Narthex over a cup of coffee/tea.
- **CLUB M.O.M.** (Meeting Other Mothers) is a parenting group that welcomes mothers of young children. Regular meetings are set for 10:00-11:30 AM the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month September through April.

