



First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville

Faith Step #9

Bible Presentation (3rd Grade)

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



Faith Step Marker

In the fall of their 3rd grade year, students are given a **SPARK (NRSV) Bible** during a designated Sunday morning worship service. The service is followed by a reception and a workshop for parents and students. The SPARK Bible is the same translation as our pew Bibles; however they have special notes that help a child in elementary school to understand some of the more difficult concepts. Have your child read parts of it to you each day. Take the time to talk about the notes that refer to the passage you read. Help your child develop the habit of reading their Bible daily, and strengthen yours at the same time.



Bible Verse (NRSV)

“Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.” Psalm 119:105



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

Q32—What is the gospel?

The gospel is the good news about Jesus. It promises us the forgiveness of our sins and eternal life because of him. Forgiveness and eternal life with God are what we mean by salvation.

Q37—How do we know this good news?

Through reading the Bible and hearing it taught and preached. The Holy Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and helps us rely on its promises today.



Caring Conversations

- Count how many Bibles are in your home. What versions are they? What special significance do they hold...your personal Bible, an old family Bible, etc?
- Read some of your favorite Bible stories with your child and share why they are your favorites.



Music

- The B-I-B-L-E
- Thy Word
- SPARK Song CD (Books of the Old Testament & Books of the New Testament)

Faith-filled Actions



- **SPARK Family Pages:** A weekly family page accompanies every Sunday School lesson and encourages an interactive approach to Bible study using the SPARK Bible. Use it throughout the week to 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
- **A great summertime suggestion:** Use *God's Big Story* cards to focus your family devotional time. Use the prompts from the cards to dig deeper into your SPARK BIBLE by wondering, praying, praising, sharing and responding to God's word. Be sure and take your Bible and your Story Cards with you on vacation... remembering that God will meet you anywhere you go!
- **Give the gift of a Bible:**
Find out more at <http://gift.americanbible.org/bibles-children>

Prayer



Dear God, we thank you that you have given us your message of faith, hope, and love in the Bible. Help us to love the message of the Bible and read it, to offer our prayers as we read it, and to live it everyday. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Books (available in church library)

for Children

- *SPARK Bible* (NRSV) from www.augsburgfortress.org
- *God's Big Story* from www.faithaliveresources.org

for Parents

- *Opening the Bible with Children* by Patricia Griggs
- Pamphlet: "*Opening the Bible with Children*"

On the Web

- <http://gift.americanbible.org/bibles-children>
- <http://www.deepbluekidsbible.com/>
- Bible Word Find (iPad/iPhone app)

Who to Contact

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