

Dear Parents of our FISH Sunday School students,

The first few weeks we will be guiding "our" children through the old testament, starting "in the beginning." The children will first read the Creation story, how God superbly created light from darkness, the moon and the stars, the sky and the earth and every living thing. And he left the best for last. He created people in His image to responsibly care for all of His creation! This is such a wonder filled lesson that is rewarding to teach and learn!

The classes will then read further in Genesis (Gen 6-9) about how God keeps His promises. The story of Noah's Ark is familiar to most children because of all the animals that Noah gathered and cared for. But the story also shows the kids that they can trust God at all times!

Next we will go through Exodus with Moses and the Israelites, Exodus 5:1-6:13, Exodus 14:1-30 and Exodus 20:1-17. The children learn of the slaves being freed, escaping through the Red Sea and receiving God's Laws, The Ten Commandments!

As parents we may have complained that we wish we had an instruction book on how to raise kids! Well, the Ten Commandments pretty much covers most of parenting! Each week you will receive or have access to "Family Pages," that will include activities and questions to discuss at home with your kids to reinforce the lesson they had in Sunday School. That week's memory verse is also on these pages.

We have an outstanding team of Classroom Leaders who have volunteered to guide your children through these exciting adventures. You are an important part of this Children's Ministry, too. Take the time to become familiar with each week's story and find ways that you can discuss and implement each week's lessons in your daily routine. Or start a new tradition, take a few moments after the family meal to read the week's memory verse and practice it!

Thank you for sharing your beautiful children with their Church Family, and know that they are loved and prayed for while they are part of CLC'S FISH Sunday School!

Please visit with me at any time with ideas or questions.

Your Sister in Christ,

Susie Jensen