

**" What if we could see kids building  
a personal relationship with God's word?"**



Dear

Thank you for registering your child(ren) for Sunday School. The opportunity for your kids to connect to God's Word is invaluable and a cornerstone of their Christian education. This fall, our congregation will be introducing Spark Sunday School as our new faith formation program. Designed to fit all the different ways kids learn, Spark empowers kids to interact and engage with the Bible.

### **About Spark**

Spark has been designed by children's education experts to accommodate all the different ways kids learn. Your child may learn best through hands-on activities or maybe through writing and reading activities. Our kids will explore their faith through interactive activities and games, colorful lesson leaflets, creative act projects and engaging music.

What we are most excited about is that our kids will be opening the Bible and engaging with God's Word each and every week. Age-specific Bible goals set for each age level help ensure kids in our congregation will engage with their Bibles in age appropriate ways.

#### **Ages 2-3**

Present ways for kids to become familiar with the Bible stories and understand the stories' basic meaning.

#### **PreK-K**

Present ways for kids to relate with Bible characters and put themselves in the Bible story.

#### **Grades 1-2**

Present ways for kids to comprehend stories, identify with characters, and apply an action they can take in their own lives.

#### **Grades 3-4**

Present ways for kids to understand the structure of the Bible, and be able to navigate within the Bible to find stories they know or want to explore.

#### **Grades 5-6**

Present ways for kids to know the Bible well enough to dig further into the stories, to interpret and determine ways to apply and compare Bible text to their own lives.



## The Spark Bibles

Unlike any other Sunday School faith formation program, the Bible serves as the primary learner resource to help our kids become familiar with the Bible and begin building a lifelong relationship with God's Word.



### Spark Story Bible

- \* Easy to read aloud—uses creative language familiar to kids and full page, vibrant artwork
- \* 150 Bible stories—an excellent foundation for a biblical education
- \* Encourages imagination through images and text that is engaging, thought provoking, and fun!
- \* The very youngest will delight in finding a familiar caterpillar character in every spread.
- \* Designed for age 2-Grade 2



### Spark Bible (NRSV)

- \* Plays an essential role in every Spark lesson
- \* Stickers help kids engage with the Bible by thinking about the text in a personal way with questions and statements like "I memorized it!", "Makes me feel..." and "Reminds me of..."
- \* Encourages kids to engage with Scripture with activity suggestions and reflective questions
- \* Designed for Grade 3 - Grade 6

## How our congregation uses Spark

Our congregation chooses to use the classroom curriculum model. This means that we will be going through the key Old Testament and New Testament Bible stories each year, in a two-year cycle. The Old Testament stories are presented in the fall quarter and the New Testament stories are presented in the winter and spring quarters. Christmas, Easter and Pentecost stories are included in the lesson sequence each year. We will also be using Classroom Learner Leaflets along with our Bibles to engage our kids in their Bible lessons.

We are so blessed to work together to activate faith in our congregation. Thank you for your support and the many gifts and talents that your children bring to our ministry.

In Christ,