



# Faith Formation Statement

Covenant Children and Family Ministry strives to encourage kids and support families to wonder, question and grow in faith as we follow Jesus wherever we live, work and play. Using the life and redemptive work of Jesus as a guide for everything we do and trusting God to provide a safe community where children are known and come to know God, we will:

## 1. Share God's stories Biblical and historic (the Bible and early church).

SOLITUDE

*2 Timothy 3: 14 - 15 (ESV): But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.*

## 2. Encourage individuals to share their gifts and talents with the larger community.

COMMUNITY and SERVICE

*1 Peter 4:10 (ESV): As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

## 3. Connect children and families with how God's people worship and teach children the traditions and prayers that bring them into the larger family of God as well as God's stories in today's world.

COMMUNITY

*Acts 2:42-47 (ESV): And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts.*

## 4. Recognize and respond to God's goodness and His work in the world (intrapersonal, in my family, in the larger community and in the Church).

SOLITUDE and COMMUNITY

*Psalms 34:8 (ESV): Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!*

### Children and Family Ministry Commitments:

- Relevant parent education and resources
- Opportunities for fellowship
- Partnerships for prayer
- Seasonal activities



# Ages Fourth and Fifth Grade

## INVESTIGATE AND ENGAGE

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Intermediate age children find belonging to a peer group a high priority. Conformity to group norms is essential, and children this age often value the opinions of their peers above those of their parents and teachers. These children are learning to organize their worlds in more sophisticated and abstract ways. Our Faith Formation Task Force has designed specific goals for this age group which will be met through the following:

### *In Fourth and Fifth Grade Sunday School, we:*

Divide children into small groups by gender for fourth grade and then combine them for fifth grade in "Team 5" (C)

Provide a consistent teacher for each group (C)

Follow a two-year study through the entire Bible using the Connect Curriculum (S)

Allow children the freedom to investigate and question through small group time (C)

Investigate the why and hows of sacraments through scripture (S)

Provide additional study of church-wide liturgy and rituals, reviewing the Lord's Prayer, Doxology, Gloria Patri and the Apostle's Creed (S)

Model and practice intercessory prayer within small group time (S & C)

Practice scripture memorization (S)

Facilitate a strong connection to their faith community through regular engagement in a mission or service project both as a group and with the congregation as a whole (Sv)

Provide Bibles for fourth graders at the beginning of the year to introduce the new curriculum (C)

Recognize and support Team 5 as the bridge to youth ministry (C)

Encourage worship as a family (S & C)

Solitude (S)

Community (C)

Service (Sv)