



# 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

*Psalm 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 Kindergarten – 3rd Grade

## DISCOVER AND APPLY

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Elementary-age children experience an expanding world of relationships. Adults, other than parents, assume greater importance, and peers offer opportunities for deeper friendships. These children are beginning to think more logically about cause and effect, and can see the integration of distinct parts to a whole. Our Faith Formation Task Force has designed specific goals for this age group which will be met through the following:

### *In Kindergarten – 3rd Grade Sunday School, we:*

Gather as a large group for worship which allows children to lead in music, prayer and liturgy (S & C)

Recite the Lord's Prayer, Doxology, Gloria Patri and the Apostle's Creed (S)

Provide a consistent Shepherd (small group leader) for classes that are separated by age and gender (C)

Utilize a rotation model using the Spark-House curriculum for teaching units so that children can experience the word of God through all of their senses (S & C)

Explain the division of the Bible into Old and New testament; and that the life of Jesus is recorded in the New Testament (S)

Introduce memory verses and actions to reinforce the message (S)

Provide a copy of monthly memory verse and take-home page for each family (S & C)

Model and teach intercessory prayer within small group time (S)

Give opportunities for children to learn about service through participation in the Mission Station rotation and church-wide family offerings (Sv)

Provide a daily examen for families to practice at home (S)

Present Bibles for first graders in front of the congregation (C)

Offer a Communion Conversation for second and third graders (S & C)

Encourage worship as a family for second and third graders (S & C)

Solitude (S)

Community (C)

Service (Sv)