

The Arc of Formation

Older Elementary grades 4 and 5 (Good Shepherd 4&5)

Worship

- Able to participate in worship without the assistance of worship bag activities
- Begin to participate in worship in a more intentional way
 - Know and anticipate movement of the liturgy
 - Stands, sits, kneels at appropriate times with no guidance
 - Sings hymns along with the congregation
 - Recites prayers and responses in unison with congregation
 - Recite Collect for Purity and Nicene Creed from memory
- Transition from Children's Chapel to the Worship Service
 - Listens to the sermon
 - Participates in Passing of Peace (beyond family members)
- Recognize the basics of the liturgical calendar in the different forms of worship
 - Able to articulate the differences between liturgical seasons
 - Able to connect seasons to key Biblical narratives
- Able to understand the practical ways the Church observes Karios
 - Sabbath, Liturgical Seasons, Holy Days, etc.

Formation

- Begin to understand what makes the Bible a distinctive book
 - Story of God's redeeming work in the world
 - Collection of books
 - Memorize the Books of the Bible
- Develop an understanding of the Old and New Testaments
 - Able to recognize their different and shared stories and themes
- Widen their understanding of Old Testament narratives and themes
 - Noah and the Flood
 - Call of Moses
 - Slavery in Egypt
 - Israel's time in the Promised Land
 - Call of Judges
 - Kingdom of Israel
 - David
 - Solomon
 - Fall and Exile
 - Ruth
 - Esther
- Widen their understanding of New Testament narratives and themes
 - Birth of John the Baptist
 - John the Baptist's Ministry
 - Jesus' Miracles
 - Wedding at Cana
 - Calming the Storm

- Healing of the Centurion's Servant
 - Healing of the Bent Woman
 - Raising of Lazarus
- Jesus After the Resurrection
 - Walk to Emmaus
 - Peter Reinstated
 - The Great Commission
 - Ascension
- Calling and Ministry of the Disciples
- Saul's Conversion
- Paul's Ministry

Fellowship

- Participate in age appropriate fellowship and worship opportunities to deepen their connection to and comfort with The Redeemer community (peers and elders alike)
 - Participate in Church School Christmas Pageant
 - Resident Training Choir
 - Acolyte (Torch Bearers)
 - Attend All Souls Requiem
 - Attend Ash Wednesday Service

Outreach

- Participate in Outreach events to begin to recognize that the Church works on behalf of others.
 - Villanova Day of Service
 - Dad's Playground Clean-up
 - St. James Episcopal School Work Days

Resources:

The Story of God's Love for You by Sally Lloyd-Jones