

# CHILDREN'S Sunday School

## Family Guide

### Hello Saint Bartholomew's Families!

We want you to know what a great blessing it is for us to serve your family! Our ministry seeks to team with families to help inspire confident and compassionate children who know just how much God loves them. We can't wait to have fun with you this year!

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## Sunday School Schedule

On Sunday School Sundays, following the readings, the children will recess down to Sunday School in the undercroft where they will remain until the end of service. Children will be dismissed to a parent/guardian downstairs.

The last Sunday of each month, children will remain in the sanctuary for the entirety of the service for a special children's sermon and to receive communion.

2021 Important Dates:

September 12 - Welcome Home Sunday	September 26- Children's Sermon
October 24- Pumpkin Painting Party	October 31- Children's Sermon
November 28- Children's Sermon	
December 19- Christmas Pageant	December 26- Sunday School Break
January 2- Sunday School Break	

## Our Curriculum

This year we are using the Illustrated Ministry, recommended by the Washington Diocese. The Illustrated Ministry fosters authentic faith engagement with refreshing designs, creative activities, and an intergenerational focus.

Our first series, *An Illustrated Compassion: Learning to Love Like God*, will walk participants through twelve stories (six from the Hebrew Scriptures and six from the New Testament) that all focus on the theme of compassion.

*An Illustrated Compassion* turns to scripture and looks for examples of God's compassion throughout the Bible, and also asks what it might look like for all of us to lead more compassionate lives.

### **Module 1 – Compassion in the Hebrew Scriptures**

- Genesis 18:1-8: Abraham and Sarah's Guests
- Exodus 1:15-21: Shiphrah and Puah's Courage

- 2 Samuel 9:1-13: David Shows Kindness
- 2 Kings 6:8-23: The Feast that Brought Peace

## **Module 2 – Compassion in the New Testament**

- Matthew 9:35-38: Jesus' Compassion
- Mark 10:17-27: The One Thing
- Luke 7:11-17: Compassion that Heals
- John 5:1-9: Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

## **Module 3 – Living a Compassionate Life**

- Deuteronomy 10:12-22: You Were Immigrants
- Micah 6:6-8: What is Good
- Matthew 25:31-46: Lord, When Was It?
- Luke 10:25–37: The One Who Showed Mercy

## **Sunday School Policies**

\*\* If your child needs you at any time during the service, you will receive a text message on your cell phone. Please keep your phone on vibrate during the service \*\*\*

## **Wellness**

1. As of August 2021, all people ages 2 and up, regardless of vaccination status, will be required to wear a mask at all times while attending Sunday School. If the county/CDC revises their policy, we will revisit this at that time. Additionally, children will be grouped by family and assigned seating 3-6 feet apart.
2. If your child has been exposed or in close contact with anyone diagnosed with Covid 19 or placed in quarantine for possible exposure to Covid 19 within the last two weeks, we ask that you refrain from attending Sunday School.

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3. If your child (or anyone in their household) is experiencing the following symptoms associated with Covid 19, we ask that you refrain from attending Sunday School for two weeks
  - Fever over 100 degrees
  - Loss of taste or smell
  - Cough
  - Muscle Aches
  - Sore Throat
  - Congestion or Runny Nose
  - Shortness of breath
  - Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of appetite
  
4. Children must be symptom free from the following without medication for a FULL 24 hours before entering the classroom:
  - Fever of 100 or higher
  - Cough/Congestion
  - Vomiting or diarrhea
  - Conjunctivitis (pink eye or other eye infection)
  - Contagious Rash
  - Open sores
  - Excessive Nasal drainage
  - Green/ Yellow drainage
  - Sore throat
  - Cold
  - Flu
  - Lice
  
5. If a child is displaying any of these symptoms prior to entering the classroom OR If a child develops any of these symptoms while in class, the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick up the child.

## Injury and First Aid

1. We can administer only Band-Aids and Ice Packs. If your child has an accident you will be contacted (so you can decide if you need to pick up your child).

## Restrooms and Diapering

1. Parents are encouraged to take their toilet-trained child to the restroom prior to the start of church.
2. Children who are toilet trained are to be able to use the restroom completely independently. If they need help or have an accident, a parent/guardian will be called to assist.
3. Only parents/guardians may change children who are in pull-ups, and/or diapers. If your child needs to be changed we will call you to assist.

## Our Sunday School Expectations for Children

<b>Love God</b>	<b>Listen while others speak</b>
<b>Love Others</b>	<b>Take Turns</b>
<b>Follow Teacher Directions</b>	<b>Be kind and use caring words</b>
<b>Be safe and keep our hands &amp; bodies to ourselves</b>	<b>Ask for help, whenever you need it</b>
<b>Be curious and ask questions</b>	<b>Stay with the group/ in your assigned area</b>
<b>Treat the building and our supplies with care</b>	<b>Keep our friends healthy by letting a teacher know if you're not feeling well</b>
<b>Clean up your area</b>	<b>Have fun!</b>

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