

HIGHLANDSKIDS

HELPING YOUR KIDS GROW IN THEIR FAITH

FIRST THROUGH FIFTH GRADE

**I have no greater joy than to hear that my
children are walking in the truth.**

3 John 1:4



OUR GOAL

We want to help your kids have a genuine relationship with God, build a biblical foundation for their lives, grow with friends and leaders, and love being at church.

We are a church of Small Groups, and this starts with our kids.

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Every weekend, your children in first through fifth grade will come to a Highlands Kids service where they'll experience dynamic worship and biblical teaching. Most of their time will be spent in their Small Group to give them the benefit of a consistent Group Leader and interaction with kids their age. Together, they'll learn about the Bible and how to have a relationship with God, memorize Scripture, and have fun developing friendships with each other.

Your kids will also be guided with the Highlands Kids values:

Love God because God is love and He first loved us.

Love People because God loves all people.

Do Your Best and God does the rest.

Have Fun because God gives us joy.

HIGHLANDS KIDS SERVICE EXPERIENCE



Engaging in
Praise and
Worship

We invite God's presence into our lives through praise and worship, and we want your children to grow up experiencing the joy and benefit of worshipping Him.




Making Friends
in Their
Grade Level

God designed us for community, and we want your kids to build healthy relationships with other kids their age. Making friends and growing alongside their peers is an important part of their spiritual growth.



Memorizing
God's Word

God tells us to hide His Word in our hearts (Psalm 119:11). One of the most important ways we help your children build a biblical foundation for their lives is by filling their minds and hearts with God's truth through Scripture memorization.



Age-Specific
Learning

Kids need different things at different ages, and we want to help your child understand and learn God's Word at the right pace. Each year, they'll grow by engaging in age-specific learning that is relevant and interesting to them.



Consistent
Small Group
Leader

We want your kids to look forward to seeing a familiar face at church each week. As they build a relationship with their Small Group Leader, we hope they'll share, ask questions, and feel supported and cared for as they grow in their faith.



LEARNING PLAN

Your children will be taught biblical truths and practical lessons through a learning focus for their grade level and a collection of series topics throughout the year.

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They will spend time learning in both of these areas every week. The learning focus for their grade level will be taught by their Small Group Leader, and their group will work together on learning objectives like memorizing Scripture and understanding biblical principles. The series topic will be presented through a video Bible lesson, followed by age-specific guided discussion with their Small Group.

In the following pages, you will find more detailed information on the yearly learning focus for each grade level, as well as the series topics and Bible lessons for the year.

SMALL GROUP FOCUS BY GRADE

Age-specific learning happens in Small Groups every week with a yearly focus for each grade. Your kids will learn about these topics through Small Group lessons, Scripture memorization, and biblical life application.

First Grade Small Group Focus: Identity

First Graders will grow in their personal identity by learning that they are created by God, loved by Him, and that Jesus wants to be their best friend.

Throughout the year, they will:

- Memorize 12 Bible verses
- Learn about God as the Creator
- Learn the Gospel message using the Wordless Book
- Practice the Highlands Kids Values

Second Grade Small Group Focus: Prayer & Worship

Second Graders will learn how to grow in their relationship with God through praying and worshipping Him.

Throughout the year, they will:

- Memorize 12 Bible verses
- Memorize The Lord's Prayer and apply it to their personal prayers
- Learn about the Armor of God
- Learn about the 10 Commandments

Third Grade Small Group Focus: Relationships

Third Graders will learn how to build positive relationships by focusing on the two greatest commandments: loving God and loving people.

Throughout the year, they will:

- Memorize 12 Bible verses
- Study the Fruit of the Spirit
- Study the Gifts of the Spirit
- Learn about Jesus' 12 disciples

Fourth Grade Small Group Focus: God's Word

Fourth Graders will learn more about the Bible, how to appreciate the amazing gift it is, and start to understand the authority it has in our lives.

Throughout the year, they will:

- Memorize 20 Bible verses
- Memorize the books of the New Testament
- Learn about the structure of the Bible
- Go through Highlands Kids Next Steps

Fifth Grade Small Group Focus: Leadership

Fifth Graders will explore their God-given purpose by learning about spiritual gifts and how to share the hope of Jesus with others.

Throughout the year, they will:

- Memorize 20 Bible verses
- Memorize the books of the Old Testament
- Memorize the Apostles' Creed
- Go through Highlands Kids Next Steps



SERIES TOPICS

Throughout the year, your children will learn through a short weekly video lesson. The video will teach on the current series topic by using relevant Bible stories. Your kids will watch the video in their group and then discuss what they're learning with their friends and Group Leader in age-specific guided discussion.

The topics repeat every three years to provide a well-rounded learning experience. By repeating topics, these lessons are reinforced through different Bible stories, and your kids get the benefit of revisiting valuable principles as they grow.

2019 SERIES TOPICS

1	Growing in Maturity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Man Who Built More Grain Storage (Luke 12:13-31) • Elisha and the Rich Woman from Shunem (2 Kings 4:8-17) • Jesus Builds the Church (Matthew 16:13-20) • The Builder Who Did Not Finish (Luke 14:25-35)
2	Building Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love Your Enemies and Pray for Those Who Hurt You (Matthew 5:44 NIRV) • Lessons from the Book of Proverbs
3	Having Courage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moses and the Egyptian Slavemaster (Exodus 2:1-15) • Esther the Brave Queen (Esther 2-7) • Do What's Right - David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17) • Courageous Prayers - Elijah Prays for Rain (1 Kings 18:41-19:8)
4	Easter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus Is Risen (Luke 24:1-7)
5	Putting Others First	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Boy with Five Loaves and Two Fish (John 6:1-13) • The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) • Putting Others Before Ourselves (Mark 9:33-37) • Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet (John 13:1-17)
6	Character Study Abraham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Call of Abraham - Covenant (Genesis 12:1-9; 15) • God Reminds Abraham of His Promise (Genesis 17:1-9) • God Promises Isaac (Genesis 17:15-19) • Abraham's Obedience (Genesis 22:1-18)

7	Discovering Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Esther (Esther 5-7) • Deborah (Judges 4-5) • Noah (Genesis 5:32-10:1) • Jesus Heals the Bleeding Woman (Mark 5:25-34)
8	Book Study The Gospel of John	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bible Is God's Truth (John 1:1-18) • The Ministry of Jesus (John 1:19-51) • The Miracles of Jesus (John 2-11) • The Love of Jesus (John 12-21)
9	Being the Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Paralyzed Man and His Four Friends (Mark 2:1-12) • Ruth and Naomi (Ruth 1:1-2:16) • The Story of Boaz (Ruth 1-4) • Rahab and the Spies (Joshua 2:1-24; 6:22-25)
10	Understanding Identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacob: A New Identity (Genesis 32:24-33) • Saul on the Road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-31) • Sarai to Sarah (Genesis 17) • Moses: From Prince of Egypt to Servant of God (Exodus 2:1-4:18)
11	Facing Fear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel in the Lion's Den (Daniel 6) • Peter Walks on Water (Matthew 14:22-33) • Gideon (Judges 6) • Jesus Stills the Storm (Mark 4:37-41)
12	Christmas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus Is Born in Bethlehem (Luke 2:6-19)

2020 SERIES TOPICS

1	Making Wise Choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solomon Asks for Wisdom (1 Kings 3:1-15; 2 Chronicles 1) • Job (Job 4-23) • Jesus in the Desert (Matthew 4:1-11) • Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:41-43)
2	Pursuing Purity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samson and Delilah (Judges 16:4-30) • Paul's Change of Heart (Acts 9:1-22) • Daniel and the King's Food (Daniel 1:8-16) • Baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17)
3	My Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gideon (Judges 6) • Don't Worry About What Others Think - Daniel In the Lion's Den (Daniel 6) • Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25; 27; 32; 33) • David Spares King Saul's Life (1 Samuel 24)
4	Easter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus Is Risen (Matthew 28:5-7)
5	Understanding Grace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) • Paul and the Shipwreck (Acts 27; 2 Corinthians 11:25) • The Last Supper (Matthew 26:17-30) • The Crucifixion (Mark 15:24-37)
6	Character Study Paul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus Transforms Paul's Life (Acts 9:1-19) • The Great Escape (Acts 9:19-31) • Paul and Silas (Acts 16:16-34) • Shipwrecked (Acts 27:13-44)

7	A Heart of Worship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Heart of Worship (Psalm 100) • David Dancing in the Streets (2 Samuel 6:14) • Story of Hannah (1 Samuel 1:1-2:11) • Jesus Rides on a Donkey (Mark 11:1-10)
8	Book Study Ruth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God Loves All People (Ruth 1) • You Are Important to Jesus (Ruth 2) • God Uses “Little” Things for His Great Plan (Ruth 3) • God Is Our Redeemer (Ruth 4)
9	Having Faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Faith of Abraham (Genesis 15:1-20; 22:1-19) • God Releases Peter from Prison (Acts 12:1-17) • Moses and the Exodus (Exodus 3; 4:1-12; 5; 7:14-25; 8-14) • The Faith of the Centurion (Matthew 8:5-13)
10	Being a Disciple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's a Disciple - Jesus and the Rich Man (Mark 10:17-31) • Disciples Know Jesus: Parable of the Farmer (Matthew 13:1-23) • Jesus and the Widow's Offering (Mark 12:41-44) • Make Disciples: Peter and John Heal the Lame (Acts 3-4)
11	Living with Generosity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph of Cyprus (Barnabas) (Acts 4:32-37) • Elisha and the Woman with the Olive Oil (2 Kings 4:1-7; 42-44) • Widow's Offering (Luke 21:1-4) • The Lame Man Healed (Acts 3:1-11)
12	Christmas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus Is Born (Matthew 1:21-23; 2:10-11)

2021 SERIES TOPICS

1	Being Obedient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and the Furnace (Daniel 3:1-27) • Jonah and the Big Fish (Jonah 1-3) • Jesus Before Pilate (Mark 15:1-15) • Jesus Carries His Own Cross (John 19:16-18) • Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22:1-18)
2	Giving Honor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25; 27; 32; 33) • Nehemiah Respects the King (Nehemiah 2:1-8) • Job Honors God (Job 42:2, 10-17) • Paul Escapes in a Basket (2 Corinthians 11:32-33)
3	Spiritual Disciplines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elijah and the Prophets of Baal (1 Kings 17:1; 18) • Herod and the Wise Men (Matthew 2:1-18) • Jesus Walks on Water (Matthew 14:22-33) • I Can Choose Joy (Philippians 1)
4	Easter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus Is Risen (Matthew 28:5-7)
5	Forgiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph Forgives His Brothers (Genesis 37:12-28; 45:1-8; 50:15-21) • David and Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9) • The Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:21-35) • The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)
6	Character Study Joshua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joshua Takes the Land (Joshua 1) • Crossing the Jordan River (Joshua 3) • Battle of Jericho (Joshua 6) • The Sun Stands Still (Joshua 10)

7	Understanding the Power of God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Creation Story (Genesis 1) • Moses and the Miracle Water (Exodus 15:22-25; 16:1-3, 11-15; 17:1-6) • Jesus Cures a Sick Woman (Mark 5:21, 25-34) • Jesus Heals Through Peter (Acts 9:32-43)
8	Book Study Ephesians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Place in Christ (Ephesians 1) • Walking in Christ (Ephesians 4) • Walking in Love (Ephesians 5) • Standing with Christ (Ephesians 6)
9	Evangelism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John the Baptist (Luke 3:1-16, 21-22) • Jesus and Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10) • Peter's Friendship with Cornelius (Acts 10:9-28) • Disciples' Great Commission (Matthew 28)
10	Having Influence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David the Musician and King Saul, David and Goliath (1 Samuel 16:14-23; 17:1-51) • Benaiah (2 Samuel 23:20-23; 1 Chronicles 11:22-24) • Josiah (2 Kings 22) • Joseph (Genesis 37-50)
11	Understanding the Nature of God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus' Birth and the Revelation to the Shepherds (Luke 2) • The First Pentecost (Acts 2:1-21) • Parable of the Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Lost Son (Luke 15)
12	Christmas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus Is Born (Matthew 1:21-23; 2:10-11)



PARTNERING WITH PARENTS

We believe the best way we can help your kids develop a strong spiritual foundation is by partnering with you. Together, we can help encourage, train, and pray for them as they grow in their faith.

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Here are some practical ways you can help us make the most of your child's time spent at church:

- Pick a consistent service time and location to help your kids build relationships with their Small Group Leader and other kids their age.
- Practice the current Highlands Kids Scripture memorization with your kids.
- Opt in to receive text updates about what your child is learning each week. Simply text “Kids” to the number 74000 to opt in.
- Stay connected to Highlands Kids on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.
- Build relationships with other Highlands parents on the Highlands Parents Facebook Community Group.
- Pray for your children each week as they come to church, and pray for our teams as they serve and care for your kids.

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