

## **GPU Scholars**

**GraceKids University Scholars is a set of self-paced Bible memorization programs encouraging kids to read through the Bible and hide God's Word in their hearts.**

**GPU Scholars** is designed for kids in elementary grades. (See **Little Scholars** program created for preschoolers on the preschool section of this website.) Kids earn awards for each program completed. (At Grace Church kids earn an engraved medal and a permanent star in the kids' foyer.) We challenge every child to complete the first program, Scholars, by the time they graduate from the children's ministry. Kids can also complete 4 additional programs. The child who completes all 5 programs will have read through two different Bibles and memorized 305 verses.

The children's department can create a Scholars notebook, or make one for each grade level. Insert a page for each child who begins the program and record their progress. When a child masters an objective, he recites it to a teacher at the end of a service and it is recorded on his notebook page. Record the date each individual objective is completed and give the child a small certificate and a piece of candy. A child earns large awards (such as a medal and a permanent star) after completing the entire program. When needed, start a notebook for each of the additional programs.

Included in the programs are three service projects that your church creates for your kids to do. At Grace Church, our service projects include serving on the church Welcome Team, and other projects to help our church family and community.

It's so rewarding to see kids lined up after a service to recite scripture! Kids will rise to our expectations, and many will want to accomplish these Bible reading and memorization goals! Just think, these kids will have God's Word hidden in their hearts the rest of their lives to bring truth, wisdom, guidance, comfort, and peace!

The first program, Scholars, is presented here. See below for additional programs: Masters, Masters 2, Masters 3, and Masters 4.

# SCHOLARS

(includes reciting 68 verses)

1. Read through the Bible (*Day by Day Kid's Bible*)
2. Old Testament book names
3. New Testament book names
4. The Lord's Prayer
5. Psalm 23
6. Psalm 139 excerpt
7. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
8. Memory Verse Alphabet (37 verses with references)
9. The Story of Hearts
10. How to lead a friend to Christ
11. Bring a visitor to GraceKids

## **READ THROUGH THE BIBLE**

Read the *Day by Day Kid's Bible* by Karyn Henley, written for ages 7-12. Kids can read the Bible in one year by reading 7 min. a day. The Bible, which is a chronological Bible, shows you what to read each day. A parent could read to the child, or the child can read independently. Also, you don't have to wait until Jan. 1 to begin reading a Bible like this, but you can begin any time! Your child does not have to complete the Bible in one year—you could take more time if that works better for your family.

## **OLD TESTAMENT BOOK NAMES**

### **THE LAW:**

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

### **HISTORY:**

Joshua, Judges, Ruth,

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings,

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther

### **POETRY:**

Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

### **MAJOR PROPHETS:**

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel

### **MINOR PROPHETS:**

Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum,

Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

## **NEW TESTAMENT BOOK NAMES**

### **GOSPELS:**

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

### **HISTORY:**

Acts

### **LETTERS:**

#### **(Paul's Letters)**

Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon

#### **(General Letters)**

Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude

### **PROPHECY:**

Revelation

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** Matt. 6:9-13 (KJV)

- Tell the reference when you recite this prayer.

Our Father which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done

in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, for ever. Amen.

## **PSALM 23** (NKJ)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**PSALM 139** excerpt (NLT)

- 1 O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.
- 2 You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my every thought when far away.
- 3 You chart the path ahead of me and tell me where to stop and rest. Every moment you know where I am.
- 4 You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord.
- 5 You both precede and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to know!
- 7 I can never escape from your spirit! I can never get away from your presence!
- 9 If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans,
- 10 even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me.
- 14 Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous--and how well I know it.
- 16 You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.
- 17 How precious are your thoughts about me, O God! They are innumerable!
- 18 I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up in the morning, you are still with me!
- 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.
- 24 Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

**1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8** The Love Chapter (NLT)

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude.

Love does not demand its own way.

Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged.

It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.

Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful,

and endures through every circumstance.

Love will last forever.



## MEMORY VERSE ALPHABET (Recite 5 or more verses at a time)

- A** All scripture is inspired by God. 2 Tim. 3:16
- B** Be kind to one another. Eph. 4:32
- C** Cast all your worries on the Lord, because He cares for you. 1 Pet. 5:7  
**Children**, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Eph. 6:1
- D** Do not fear, for I am with you. Isa. 41:10  
Do to others as you would have them do to you. Luke 6:31
- E** Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Ps. 100:4
- F** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16  
For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways. Ps. 91:11
- G** Go and make disciples of all nations. Matt. 28:19  
God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9:7
- H** He who walks with wise men will be wise. Prov. 13:20
- I** I am the Lord, who heals you. Ex. 15:26  
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil. 4:13  
I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Ps. 119:11  
If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Rom. 10:9
- J** Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. Heb. 13:8
- K** Keep on praying. 1 Thess. 5:17
- L** Love your neighbor as yourself. Matt. 22:39
- M** May the Lord bless you and protect you, May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace. Num. 6:24-26  
May the way I live always honor and please the Lord. Col. 1:10
- N** Nothing will be impossible with God. Luke 1:37
- O** Oh how I love your word. Ps. 119:97
- P** Pleasant words are a honeycomb. Prov. 16:24
- Q** The Lord's servants must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone. 2 Tim. 2:24
- R** Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Phil. 4:4
- S** Seek ye first the kingdom of God. Matt. 6:33
- T** This is the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. Ps. 118:24  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Ps. 119:105  
Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Prov. 3:5-6
- U** Use whatever gift you have to serve others. 1 Pet. 4:10
- V** My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27.
- W** When I lie down, I will not be afraid; When I lie down, my sleep will be sweet. Prov. 3:24  
Worship the Lord with gladness. Ps. 100:2
- X** Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Cor. 11:1
- Y** You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. Matt. 22:37
- Z** Never be lacking in zeal. Rom. 12:11

## **THE STORY OF HEARTS** (The Plan of Redemption)

1. In the beginning, God created Adam and Eve. They had happy hearts. They were close to God.
2. Then, Adam and Eve sinned. They disobeyed God when they ate the fruit God told them not to eat. Their hearts turned sad. They were no longer close to God.
3. Adam and Eve had kids, and their kids had kids, and so on. They had sad hearts, too, because they disobeyed God. No one was close to God.
4. God was very sad because the people had sad hearts and no one was close to Him.
5. God sent His Son Jesus to earth so that He would grow up and take away our sins and our sad hearts.
6. Jesus had a happy heart. Jesus was perfect---He never disobeyed God.
7. Then, Jesus died on the cross. Jesus took our sins and sad hearts on the cross.
8. Three days later Jesus rose from the dead. Later He went back up to heaven. The people who believed in Jesus and asked Jesus to come into their heart got happy hearts and were close to God.
9. If you ask Jesus into your heart, you will get a happy heart and you will go to heaven someday!

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## **HOW TO LEAD A FRIEND TO CHRIST** (including The Salvation Prayer)

- The purpose of this objective is to learn *how* to lead a friend to Christ. You do not need to actually lead a friend to Christ in order to complete this objective.
- Memorize the following information and recite it to a teacher, including the words of The Salvation Prayer. (The Salvation Prayer is based on Rom. 10:9.)

### **A. First, tell your friend about Jesus.**

1. Tell how much Jesus loves us.
2. Tell how Jesus died on the cross to take away our sins.
3. Tell how Jesus wants to live in our heart and be our best friend.
4. Tell how a person who has Jesus in his heart will go to heaven someday.
5. Or, you could tell the Story of Hearts.

### **B. Second, ask your friend if he wants to invite Jesus into his heart.** If he says yes:

### **C. Third, lead your friend in a Salvation Prayer.**

Ask your friend to say the words, one part at a time, after you.

#### **The Salvation Prayer**

Father, in the name of Jesus,

I ask Jesus to come inside my heart.

I say Jesus is my Lord.

I believe God raised Jesus from the dead.

I will go to heaven someday because Jesus lives inside me.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

**BRING A VISITOR TO GRACEKIDS**

After you bring your visitor, fill in this form and turn it in.

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**Bring a Visitor Form**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**a.** What is the name of the visitor you brought?

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**b.** What date did you bring your visitor? \_\_\_\_\_

**c.** What did your visitor say about visiting your church?

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**d.** Did he/she enjoy visiting your church? \_\_\_\_\_

**e.** What part of the service did he/she like best?

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**f.** Did your visitor ask Jesus into his/her heart? \_\_\_\_\_

**g.** How did you feel when you brought a visitor?

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**h.** Why is it important to bring visitors to church?

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