



1st Grade

Bible Scholar Tasks and Answers

Parents: The following information and answers are for your eyes only. Use the "answers" provided to help you guide your child towards becoming a Bible Scholar. Begin your work together as soon as possible so that your child has plenty of time to fully comprehend and learn the material. You may begin with any task that you want. Bible Scholar Adults will be available to meet with your child beginning in January. When your child feels they have successfully completed a task, they should bring their Bible Scholar card and any applicable "proof" with them to the Children's Hosmer Library. The Bible Scholar Adult will punch your child's card if the task has been completed satisfactorily. The deadline to complete all tasks is the end of May. Those who complete all 11 tasks will be recognized as Bible scholars during worship on the last day of Sunday school. Many thanks for the support and encouragement you will give your child.

- **Attend 10 Sunday school lessons**

After our child has attended 10 Sunday school classes, they should have their Sunday school teacher sign the back of their Bible Scholar card.

- **Read two Bible Stories:** Retell one of them; Draw a picture of the other

You will need to read the story with your child and help them remember what they read. There are many good children's story Bibles in the Hosmer Children's Library or you may read from the New Adventure Bible.

The Creation Story (OT) Genesis 1:1-2:3

Jesus Loves the Little Children (NT) Luke 18:15-17

- **What are the two parts of the Bible? What is each part about?**

Testament means "covenant"

The Old Testament records the story of God's chosen people, Israel. It teaches us about God and His relationship with people before Jesus.

The New Testament refers to the promise God made with all people to save them through His Son, Jesus Christ. It teaches us about Jesus and how He changed our relationship with God.

- **Memorize and recite:**

Joshua 24:15 (OT) Then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve....But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.

Luke 10:27 (NT) Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.

- **Learn a table grace or a bedtime prayer**

There are many table graces for children to learn; you may already have a family favorite. If you want to learn new ones simply Google "table graces" or "bedtime prayers" on the internet. Here are some favorites:

Table graces:

Bless, O Lord, this food to our use and us to thy service, and keep us ever mindful of the needs of others. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Thank you for the world so sweet,
Thank you for the food we eat,
Thank you for the birds that sing
Thank you God for everything.

Bedtime Prayers:

Be near me, Lord Jesus: I ask you to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with you there.

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep:
May God guard me through the night
And wake me with the morning light. Amen.

- **Go on the Church Scavenger Hunt**

A Scavenger Hunt clue sheet (and answers for parents) will be available in early October. This activity must be done at a time separate from the worship service.

- **Sing or Say the Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures, here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

- **Think about God. What did God do? What is God like? Why did He make us?**

God made all things: the earth and everything in it, including people
God is loving, patient, powerful, forgiving.....and many more!
God made us because He loves us and for His own glory.

- **What is the season of Advent? Color a picture of an Advent Wreath**

Advent is a time when we get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It begins four Sundays before Christmas Day so the exact date of the first day of Advent is different every year. The color of Advent is purple. A symbol is the candle which helps us remember that Christ brought light into our lives. The Advent Wreath is in the form of circle with no beginning and no end, symbolizing eternity and an everlasting God. The wreath is traditionally covered with evergreens to represent eternal life. Lighting the candles of the wreath during the four weeks of Advent helps to prepare for the birth of Christ. The three purple candles represent hope, peace and love. The pink candle represents joy. The white candle represents Christ.

Your child may draw and color their own Advent wreath or color in a picture of one that we have in the Resource Room. The colors your child uses should be the correct Advent colors as described above.

- **Create a family Giving Box**

The Giving Box is a simple, hands-on way of helping children understand the importance of giving to those less fortunate. Begin with a small weekly allowance by doing age appropriate chores around the house. If your child's allowance is \$3, the first dollar is for their own personal spending. The second dollar is for savings. The third dollar is for the Giving Box. As opportunities arise such as the Toys for Tots campaign during the holidays, or the Hat and Mitten tree at our church, or the local food drive for the homeless shelter, use the money collected in the Giving box to make purchases. As a family, deliver the purchases where they need to go. By letting your children use the dollars to purchase physical items such as toys, clothing, or food and by letting them participate in the delivery they have a better understanding of how they can help. Remember, the dollar amount isn't what is important, but rather the sense of compassion you are inspiring in your children by teaching them to set aside some of their "earnings" for those less fortunate.

- **Read a book from the Children's Hosmer Library about Prayer. Tell about it and what you learned.**

Prayer is a conversation with God. God loves you and is always available to listen and answer your prayers. We can pray anytime and anywhere.

