

GPU Masters 2

The GraceKids University Masters 2 program is for those kids who completed both GPU Scholars and the Masters program. All objectives must be mastered to earn the GPU Masters 2 medal and star.

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***The Purpose Driven Life Devotional Book for Kids* by Rick Warren**

We are asking kids who have finished reading through the Bible to begin this book of 365 devotionals. A family could read these devotionals together, or the child can study them alone. We encourage the child to take time to answer the questions and to look up the verses in each devotional. (The child does not need to write the answers or verses.) By completing all 365 devotionals in this book, a child can accomplish this Masters 2 objective. To receive credit in the Masters 2 program, a child must tell us when he begins the book. Then he will tell us when he has finished. He could read up to 2 entries a day, and finish in 6 months—but we recommend reading only one entry a day, and taking one year to accomplish this objective. A child can take more than a year to read this book. A child will only receive GKU Masters 2 credit by taking at least 6 months to study this book. These are thought-provoking devotionals and offer great discussion opportunities for parents to have with their kids.

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen

Information about the Creed

The Apostle's Creed is a statement of our Christian beliefs. It was not written by the apostles, but by early Christian leaders. This creed first appeared in the second century in Rome. Those who were getting baptized declared their faith by repeating this creed. Since that time, Christians all over the world continue to use this creed to describe their beliefs. This creed is recited in many churches. Also, the word "catholic" in this creed means "universal; world-wide".

We will ask you to answer the following questions about The Apostle's Creed.

1. What is the Apostle's Creed? (A statement of our Christian beliefs)
2. Did the apostles write this creed? (No)
3. When did the creed first appear? (2nd century)
4. Who uses this creed to describe their beliefs? (Christians all over the world)

The Beatitudes (Matt. 5:3-12 NIV)

(You must recite the reference along with the verses.)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Ten Commandments: Ex. 20:3-17 RSV

(You must recite the reference along with the commandments.)

1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself a graven image.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not kill.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

The Great Commandment: Matt. 22:35-40 NKJV

(You must recite the reference along with the verses.)

Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"

Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' "

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Ps. 63:1-8 NIV 1984

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you,
in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.
Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.
I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.
On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night.
Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.
My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

Ps. 91 NIV 1984

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."
Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.
He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.
A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.
If you make the Most High your dwelling—even the Lord, who is my refuge—
then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.
For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;
they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
You will tread upon the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.
"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
He will call upon me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.
With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Romans 12 NIV 2011

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
If he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Healing Verses

We will say the reference, and you will tell the words of that verse. You do not have to know the translation.

1. Ex. 15:26 NIV "I am the Lord, who heals you."
2. Ex. 23:25 NIV "Worship the Lord your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you."
3. Ps. 103:2-3 NIV "Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases."
4. Ps. 107:20 KJV "He sent his word, and healed them."
5. Prov. 4:20-22 NLT "My child, pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to my words. Don't lose sight of them. Let them penetrate deep into your heart, for they bring life to those who find them, and healing to their whole body."
6. Prov. 17:22 NIV "A cheerful heart is good medicine."
7. Matt. 8:17 NASB "He Himself took our infirmities, and carried away our diseases."
8. Mk. 16:18 NASB "They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."
9. James 5:14-15a NIV "Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up."
10. 1 Pet. 2:24 "By His stripes you were healed."

In Christ Verses

- a. You will recite the explanation that is underlined below.
- b. You will recite everything listed below, except the translation (NIV). Do not say “NIV”, etc. after the reference.
- c. You will recite everything below in order. You will say the “I am” statement, followed by the reference, and then the verse.

Explanation: These verses tell us our identity in Christ. They tell us who we are in Christ—now that we have invited Jesus to come live in our heart.

1. **I am blessed of God. Eph. 1:3** NKJV Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.
2. **I am a child of God. Gal. 3:26** NKJV For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
3. **I am a conqueror in God. Rom. 8:37** NIV In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
4. **I am forgiven by God. Eph. 1:7** NIV In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.
5. **I am loved by God. Eph. 3:18-19** NIV I pray that you grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge.
6. **I am a new creation in God. 2 Cor. 5:17** NIV Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
7. **I am an overcomer in God. 1 John 4:4** You are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.
8. **I am provided for by God. Phil. 4:19** KJV But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
9. **I am the righteousness of God. 2 Cor. 5:21** NIV God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
10. **I am strong in God. Phil. 4:13** NKJV I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
11. **I am victorious in God. 2 Cor. 2:14** NKJV Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ.
12. **I am the workmanship of God. Eph. 2:10** NIV For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Verses about the Words We Speak

We will say the reference and you will tell the words of that verse. You don't need to know the translation.

1. Ps. 19:14 NIV "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.
2. Ps. 34:1 NKJV "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in mouth."
3. Ps. 39:1 NIV "I said, 'I will watch my ways and keep my tongue from sin; I will put a muzzle on my mouth as long as the wicked are in my presence.' "
4. Prov. 11:12 Day by Day Kid's Bible "Foolish people say bad things about their neighbors. A wise person keeps quiet."
5. Prov. 12:18b NIV "The tongue of the wise brings healing."
6. Prov. 12:25 NIV "An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up."
7. Prov. 15:1 NASB "A gentle answer turns away wrath. But a harsh word stirs up anger."
8. Prov. 18:21 NKJV "Death and life are in the power of the tongue...."
9. Matt. 12:34 NKJV "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks."
10. Eph. 4:29 NIV "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."
11. Eph. 4:29 Message "Say only what helps, each word a gift."
12. James 1:9 NIV "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry..."

Service Project: Collect food for the GOC Food Pantry

Objective: Help the hungry.

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink’... ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?’... ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’” Matt. 25:35-40

1. **Contact** Sandra Sneed or Hannah Brooks in our church office. Set up a time to come meet with them and see our food pantry.
 - a. When you meet with them, conduct the **Food Pantry Interview** below and fill out the answers they give. (You will turn this in to us when you have completed the objective.)
 - b. After conducting the interview, **complete a Food Pantry task** as requested by Mrs. Sneed or Mrs. Brooks: stuff information packets, pre-pack grocery sacks, or remove expired food, etc. You will complete the task during the same visit to the food pantry.
2. **Collect food**/other items to donate to the food pantry. Collect the items that are needed in our food pantry. You must spend your own money, earn money, or have a donation party to collect the food. You may not ask a parent or grandparent, etc. to buy the food or give you their food for you to donate.
3. **How to have a donation party:** Plan a party, such as your birthday party, and invite your friends. Explain that you are not asking for a gift for yourself, but instead you are asking them to donate one food item that you will give to your church food pantry. Include a list of the food items you are collecting on the party invitation.
4. **Amount to collect:** We are asking that you bring two sacks of food/other items, or at least \$30 worth of food/other items.
5. **Photo:** Have someone take a photo of you with your sacks as you drop them off at the food pantry. Show us the photo.
6. **Write a review** of your food pantry experience and hand it in to Mrs. Geni, Mrs. Joni or Mrs. Diana.

Food Pantry Interview:

1. What are different reasons people come for food at our church pantry?
2. What ages of people need food?
3. Tell me a story about a needy family that touched your heart.
4. When a person asks for food, what do you do next—do you just hand them a lot of food?
5. What types of food or other items are needed in our food pantry now?
6. Tell me about other ways, besides the Food Pantry, that our church helps needy families.
7. How does it make you feel when you get to help a needy family?

GraceKids Service Project: Rooms and Supplies

Objective: Serve by helping us keep our rooms tidy and stock and organize supplies, so that we can provide the best environment for kids to learn about God.

1. **Help 6 times** with the care of our rooms and supplies in GraceKids.
 - You will serve during our regular service times.
 - You may serve as often as once a week to complete this objective (but not *more* often than once a week.)
 - This objective will take at least 6 weeks to complete.
2. Coordinate with Mrs. Joni, Mrs. Diana or Ms. Tamara about which service times you will serve to carry out the tasks.
3. Tasks will include: straightening chairs, checking and organizing the supply cabinets and Resource Room closet, and other administrative tasks.
4. After serving each time, ask a teacher to mark this on your GKU Masters 2 page.
5. After serving 6 times, **write a report** describing your experience serving in GraceKids and turn it in. Include answers to the following questions:
 - a. What tasks did you perform?
 - b. How did you feel as you cleaned, straightened and organized?
 - c. Did you enjoy performing every task every time?
 - d. Do you believe the purpose of serving is for our own enjoyment, or is there another purpose of serving?
 - e. How would a visitor feel coming into a messy room? What did you do to help a visitor have a positive first impression of GraceKids?
 - f. How important is it to have supplies ready and organized for the teachers? Describe what might happen if teachers could not find the supplies they needed during Team Time.
 - g. How did your work contribute in a positive way to GraceKids?
 - h. Find six verses (or passages) in the Bible about serving, and write them on your report.

Prepare and Teach a Bible Lesson (p. 1 of 2)

Objective: Learn how to study God's Word and teach a Bible lesson. ("Work hard so God can approve you. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15 NLT)

Please complete this assignment in the order given.

1. **Plan a Bible Story to present to the kids in Take 2.** (You may be presenting it once to the K-5th in Take 2, or you may be presenting it twice: once to K-2nd, and again to 3rd-5th.)
 - a. **Choose a Bible story** you'd like to teach.
 - b. **Get permission** from Mrs. Geni, Mrs. Joni or Mrs. Diana to teach this story. (We will consider the age group hearing the story, and if we had already planned to present this same story close to the date you were planning to present it.) After getting permission, follow the next steps.
 - c. **Read the story in at least three different translations or paraphrases**, such as NIV, NLT, Day by Day Kid's Bible, NIV Adventure Bible. Keep a record of the translation or paraphrases you read, to include in your report (see 3. below)
 - d. **Write the story in your own words.**
 - e. Include in your story:
 - the setting of the story: when and where the story takes place (such as "in the time of Moses" and "in the wilderness", etc.).
 - where the story is found in the Bible. (such as Numbers 20).
 - the "moral" or "lesson" of the story, telling what we can learn from this story, and how it affects our lives.
 - Bring a prop or drawing to illustrate your story.
 - A verse to go along with the "moral or lesson" of the story. The verse does not have to come from the actual Bible story you choose, but can be a verse from any part of the Bible.
 - f. **Learn the story by heart.** Practice it in front of a parent or sibling. You can use an outline or notes when you tell it, but you may *not* read the story "word-for-word".
 - g. The presentation should be 5 min. or shorter.
 - h. **Show your story to a teacher.** When you are ready to present your story to Take 2, show the written copy of the story to Mrs. Geni, Mrs. Joni, or Mrs. Diana. **Schedule the date** and service time to present your story to Take 2.
2. **Present the Bible Story** to the kids in Take 2 during the scheduled service time.
 - a. **Pray.** Before coming to present the story, pray and ask God to minister to the kids as you share God's Word. (It is a big responsibility to share God's holy Word, and we do not take this lightly.)
 - b. **Tell.** Tell the story to the kids, including the verse. (Continued next page)

- c. **Bible Skills.** After telling the story to the kids, have the kids **locate the story** in the classroom Bibles. Also, have the kids **locate the verse** you presented.
3. **Write a report.** Within one week after you present the story to Take 2, write a report about your experience preparing and presenting the Bible story. Include the names of the three translations or paraphrases you studied in preparing the lesson. What parts of this assignment did you enjoy? Which parts were difficult, or easy? How did you rely on God during this time? What did you learn through this experience?
4. **Turn in your report.**

Bring Three Visitors to GraceKids

Invite three visitors to GraceKids. After you bring your visitors to GraceKids, fill in the form below about each visit and return it to GraceKids. (You do not need to bring three visitors at the same time.)

GKU Masters 2 Bring a Visitor Form

Name _____

- a. What is the name of the visitor you brought to GraceKids?

- b. What date did you bring your visitor? _____
- c. What did your visitor say about visiting GraceKids?

- d. Did he/she enjoy visiting GraceKids? _____
- e. What part of the service did he/she like best?

- f. Did your visitor ask Jesus into his/her heart? _____
- g. How did you feel when you brought a visitor to GraceKids?

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

