

Paul challenged Timothy:

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. Devote yourself to the Scriptures. Do not neglect your gift. ...Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.” 1 Tim. 4:12-15

The Purpose of GKU Scholars

Let’s encourage and reward kids in their Christian education, and help kids hide God’s Word in their hearts. We want our kids to “Devote themselves to the Scriptures...to give themselves wholly to them, so that everyone may see their progress.” 1 Tim. 4:12-15

GKU Scholar Objectives

We are asking each child to **master these 11 objectives** before they graduate from GraceKids at the end of their 5th grade year:

- Read through the Bible*** (see below)
- Recite the Old T books names**
- Recite the New T books names**
- Recite the Memory Verse Alphabet (37 verses with references)**
- Recite the Lord’s Prayer**
- Recite Ps. 23**
- Recite Ps. 139 excerpt**
- Recite 1 Cor. 13:4-8**
- Tell the Story of Hearts**
- Know how to lead a friend to Christ** (including the Salvation Prayer)
- Bring a visitor to GraceKids** (fill in a form about the visit)

GKU Scholars is a self-paced program and kids may master any objective whenever they choose. We will challenge kids to master specific objectives at various times during the year. Each current GKU Scholar objective will be printed in our monthly Team Time News. You can download the objectives from our website www.gocplano.org. Click on GraceKids and scroll to the GKU downloads.

When your child masters an objective, he recites to a teacher in Rm. 139 after a service has ended and we record this in our notebook. Your child receives a small certificate for each objective mastered. At our 5th grade graduation ceremony, we recognize those fifth graders who have mastered one or more objectives. **The children who master all 11 objectives earn an engraved GKU Scholar medal plus a star on the GKU Walk of Fame** in our kids’ foyer! (If a child completes the

objectives a year or more before their 5th grade graduation, we will present the medal to them at that time.)

Reading through the Bible

For K-2nd grades, we recommend the *Begin-to-Read Day by Day Bible* by Karyn Henley for early readers. (This Bible is the perfect first step for K-2nd graders in their daily Bible reading. When they are older, they will also need to read a Bible for 3rd-5th graders in order to fulfill the GKU Scholar requirement.)

For 3rd-5th grades, we recommend the *Day by Day Kid's Bible* by Karyn Henley where kids can read the Bible in one year, reading 7 min. a day. This Bible is written for ages 7-12. By reading 7 min. a day, kids can read through the entire Bible at home in one year. 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. A child will need to read (or have a parent read to them) a Bible such as this one designed for 3rd-5th graders to count towards the GKU Scholar medal.

Your family can master the objectives together.

One of our GraceKids families decided to master all the objectives as a family. They did their Bible reading together, and the parents, teens and kids memorized the scriptures.

How to enroll your children in GKU Scholars

Go to Room 139 in the children's wing and fill out an enrollment card. We will create a GKU Scholar page for your child and keep it in our notebook so that we can record his/her mastery of the GKU objectives throughout the years. We will also send emails to announce the current objective we are learning during our services.

GKU Masters and GKU Masters 2

After a child has mastered the 11 objectives, he can enroll in ***GKU Masters*** followed by ***GKU Masters 2***.

Just think of the advantages of having all these scriptures in our kids' hearts—for a lifetime! In times of joy and celebration, or heartache and grief, in times of safety or danger, in times of peace or fear, in times of faith or doubt--God's Word will be an anchor and the stabilizing influence in a changing world.

1 Cor. 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.

(We also recommend memorizing the version printed in the *Day by Day Kid's Bible*, by Karyn Henley, p. 687.)

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.

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, and 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.
4. God was very sad because the people had sad hearts.
5. Then God thought up a plan. 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 got happy hearts! If you ask Jesus into your heart, you will get a happy heart and you can go to heaven someday!

Psalm 23 (NKJ)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

² He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.

³ He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.

⁴ 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.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my
enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD
Forever.

THE OLD TESTAMENT

THE LAW:

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

HISTORY:

Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1st and 2nd Samuel, 1st and 2nd Kings, 1st and 2nd 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 BOOKS

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

MEMORY VERSE ALPHABET

- 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 Lord's Prayer

Matt. 6:9-13 KJV

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.

HOW TO LEAD A FRIEND TO CHRIST

(including The Salvation Prayer)

- 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.

(Extra information: The Salvation Prayer is based on Rom. 10:9)

Bring a Visitor to GraceKids

Invite a visitor to GraceKids. After you bring your visitor to GraceKids, fill in the form below and return it to GraceKids.

GKU Scholars 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?
