

GraceKids University Scholars

A self-paced Bible memorization program

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** (and 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 on our website.

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, but it will not count towards their GKU Scholar medal. When they are older, they will need to read a Bible for 3rd-5th graders, such as the Day by Day Kid's Bible mentioned below, 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

As soon as your child masters an objective, go to Room 139 to recite to a teacher after a service. We will create a GKU Scholar page for your child at that time and insert it in the GKU notebook so that we can record his/her mastery of the GKU objectives throughout the years.

GKU Masters and GKU Masters 2

After a child has mastered the GKU Scholar 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.