

# LITTLE SCHOLARS

## **The Purpose of Little Scholars:**

To help our preschoolers hide God's Word in their heart. (Psalm 119:11)

We are asking each child that would like to be a Little Scholar to **master 7 objectives** before they graduate from GraceKids-Preschool prior to entering their kindergarten year in GraceKids:

**Hear the entire *Beginner's Bible***  
**Sing Jesus Loves Me**  
**Recite the Days of Creation**  
**Tell 10 Bible Facts**  
**Recite 4 Assigned Prayers**  
**Keep a Prayer Journal for one week**  
**Recite Memory Verses**

We will give the kids copies of these different objectives throughout each year. You can also download these from our website: [www.gocplano.org](http://www.gocplano.org). Click on GraceKids and scroll to the Little Scholars download.

When your child masters an objective, they can come and recite that objective to Mrs. Laura, Mrs. Kristine, or Mrs. Tarisha after a 6:30 or 10:30 service has ended. We will record this in our notebook. Your child can also have you make a video of them reciting each of their objectives. You can bring these to church for one of the coordinators to view. Your child receives a small certificate for each objective mastered. When a preschooler completes all 7 objectives that child will graduate as a Little Scholar and have a star with their name on it hung on the wall in the preschool hallway.

## **Reading through the Bible:**

We recommend reading the *The Beginner's Bible* by Zonderkidz. If you wish to use a different version it needs to be approved by the preschool director.

## **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 parents, teens and kids memorized the scriptures! What a fantastic way to encourage everyone in your home to hide God's Word in their hearts! You can do the same thing in Little Scholars!

## **We invite you to enroll your children in Little Scholars!**

You can enroll your child by filling out an enrollment card in the preschool hall. We will create a Little Scholar page for your child and keep it in our notebook so that we can record his/her mastery of the Little Scholar objectives throughout the years.

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!

## **Jesus Loves Me**

(The preschooler can sing this to one of the coordinators or you can video it on your phone for us to see.)

Jesus Loves me, this I know  
For the Bible tells me so  
Little ones to Him belong  
They are weak but He is strong

Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
The Bible tells me so

# The Days of Creation

(We will say the number of the day and the preschooler will tell us what happened on that day. Ex.: Teacher says, "Day 1". Student replies, "Day and Night")

- Day 1      Day and night**
- Day 2      Sky and water**
- Day 3      Dry land, plants and seas**
- Day 4      Sun, Moon and Stars**
- Day 5      Birds and Fish**
- Day 6      Animals and People**
- Day 7      God rested**

## 10 Bible Facts

(A coordinator or the parent will ask the preschooler each question below. The preschooler will answer each question. This can be recorded by the parent and shown to a coordinator.)

1. What is the Bible? God's Word
2. Why should we come together as a church?  
To encourage each other and learn what the Bible tells us
3. Who died on the cross for you? Jesus
4. What happened 3 days later? Jesus came alive
5. Who was Jesus' mother? Mary
6. Where was Jesus born? in Bethlehem
7. What is the most important thing God wants us to do?  
Love Him with all our heart
8. Who is God's son? Jesus
9. Who loves and takes care of us? Jesus
10. What is prayer? Talking to God

## Prayers

### **Bedtime Prayer:**

Father,  
Thank you for being with me  
as I sleep. My sleep will be sweet.  
In Jesus' name.  
Amen.

### **Healing Prayer:**

Father,  
I thank you for healing  
me now.  
In Jesus' name.  
Amen.

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Father,  
Thank you Lord for this food.  
In Jesus' name.  
Amen.

### **Blessing Prayer**

**(Numbers 6:24-26; NLT):**

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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ **P - O - S PRAYER JOURNAL** Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

Help your child (grandchild, etc) learn to pray by using this "P-O-S" guide! Pray with your child for 7 mornings, within a ten-day period. Help him/her include the parts from this guide. You or your child may place a checkmark by each part that was included in the prayer time. Write the names of who your child prayed for on the line by "Others". After praying and filling in this journal for 7 days, have a parent (grandparent, etc) sign the page at the top. Bring the completed journal pages to us.

The letters in P-O-S remind us to include these in our prayer:

**P: Praise** Start your prayer praising and thanking the Lord!

**O: Others** Pray for others. Pray for your family and friends. Pray for someone who needs healing, encouragement, or help.

**S: Self** Pray for yourself. Ask the Lord to help you to honor Him. Ask Him to help you. Do you need help to share? Do you want godly friends? Do you need joy when things are not easy?

Day 1 (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_ P: Praise ("I praise you and I love you, Lord!")
- \_\_\_ O: Others ("I pray for these people: \_\_\_\_\_.")
- \_\_\_ S: Self ("Lord, help me \_\_\_\_\_.")

Day 2 (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_ P: Praise
- \_\_\_ O: Others

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ S: Self

Day 3 (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_ P: Praise
- \_\_\_ O: Others

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ S: Self

Day 4 (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_ P: Praise
- \_\_\_ O: Others

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ S: Self

Day 5 (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ P: Praise

\_\_\_ O: Others

\_\_\_ S: Self \_\_\_\_\_

Day 6 (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ P: Praise

\_\_\_ O: Others

\_\_\_ S: Self \_\_\_\_\_

Day 7 (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ P: Praise

\_\_\_ O: Others

\_\_\_ S: Self \_\_\_\_\_

## Little Scholars Memory Verses

We will read the references, and your preschooler tells us the words of each verse. The verses can be recited and given credit for in pairs as shown below. This can also be done at home. Record your preschooler reciting the verses on your phone, bring it to church and show a coordinator. They will receive the Memory Verse Objective Card after all the verses are completed.

In the beginning *God* created the heavens and the earth. *Genesis 1:1*  
I am wonderfully made. *Psalm 139:14*

God is love. *I John 4:8*  
O, how I love your Word. *Psalm 119:97*

Jesus said, "I am with you always." *Matthew 28:20*  
Do not fear for I am with you. *Isaiah 41:10*

God is our protection and our strength. *Psalm 46:1*  
Trust in the Lord. *Proverbs 3:5*

For unto us a child is born. *Isaiah 9:6*  
I believe that Jesus is the Son of God. *Acts 8:37*

Children, obey your parents in the Lord. *Ephesians 6:1*  
Do everything without complaining or arguing. *Phil. 2:14*

You shall love the Lord with all your heart. *Matthew 22:37*  
God loves a cheerful giver. *2 Corinthians 9:7*

This is the day the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24* Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good. *Psalm 135:3*