SPIRITUAL BENCHMARKS

Discipleship for Infants-12th Grade



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LET'S PARTNER TOGETHER

God chooses parents and teachers to lay the foundations for a child's understanding of salvation and spiritual transformation. As New Hope partners with parents in the discipleship of their children, our goal, as kids transition through each of our family ministries, is for them to:

- **Discover** Jesus personally
- **Develop** in His teachings and character
- **Deploy** to share what He has done for them with others



What They'll Know:

- The Bible is true.
- God loves us unconditionally.
- Jesus is God's only Son.
- God cares about them and other people.
- People at church love them too.



What They'll Do:

- Pray as modeled by teachers.
- Trust God with everything.
- Participate in worship in an age-appropriate way.
- Listen to the Bible being read.
- Know Jesus loves them.

PRESCHOOL

(Infant-4 yrs.)

What They'll Know:

- God created everything – even them.
- Everything in the Bible is true.
- Jesus grew, learned, and had friends.
- The Bible is God's instruction book for us (both Old and New Testaments).
- God helps people do His work.
- God wants us to tell others about Jesus.



What They'll Do:

- Talk to God through prayer.
- Memorize and understand Bible verses.
- Participate in worship in an age-appropriate way.
- Participate in missions.
- Read the Bible in an age-appropriate manner.

KINDERGARTEN

(5-6 yrs.)

What They'll Know:

- The consequences of sin and the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ (the gospel).
- The Bible is God's instruction book for us, made of 66 distinct books with one story.
- Jesus is a friend and a helper.
- How to relate to God the Creator, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.
- God created and loves our world, and we in turn are responsible for caring for it.
- The church is a welcoming community in which children play an important part.



What They'll Do:

- Talk to God through prayer.
- Learn how to use the Bible by memorizing verses, the books of the Bible, and gaining general Bible skills.
- Participate in worship in an age-appropriate way.
- Hear the gospel message in their Bible lessons.
- Read the Bible and apply God's Word to their lives.

ELEMENTARY

(1st-3rd grade)

What They'll Know:

- The consequences of sin and the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ (the gospel).
- Following Jesus is a decision that must be made individually.
- More about Jesus' character.
- They will develop a biblical worldview.
- How to comfortably pray and share their faith.
- The church is a place to serve others using their gifts.



What They'll Do:

- Talk to God through prayer.
- Learn how to use the Bible by memorizing verses, the books of the Bible, and gaining general Bible skills.
- Participate in worship in an age-appropriate way.
- Hear the gospel message in their Bible lessons.
- Read the Bible and apply God's Word to their lives.

PRETEEN

(4th-5th grade)

What They'll Know:

- Jesus is the singular path to salvation (Acts 4:12).
- The Bible is trustworthy and God's perfect mold for our lives (Romans 15:4).
- God calls us to share our faith (Matthew 28:20).
- Loving God is responding to Him in obedience (1 John 5:3).



What They'll Do:

- Memorize scripture.
- Be mentored.
- Participate in missions.
- Practice daily devotions.
- Serve the church using their gifts and talents.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

(6th-8th grade)

What They'll Know:

- The attributes of God: love, justice, grace, goodness, and how they relate.
- The Bible and its authority over the Christian life.
- The purpose and goal of missional living.
- Why we serve (1 Peter 4:11).



What They'll Do:

- Memorize scripture.
- Mentor middle school students.
- Participate in missions.
- Serve the church using their gifts and talents.
- Practie 15 minutes of uninterrupted daily prayer.

HIGH SCHOOL

(9th-12th grade)

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