



Primary Department Promotional Sunday

Walk into the Greek and Hebrew Room at 9.30 on a Sunday morning and you are greeted by bright-eyed children singing joyfully unto the Lord. Very little children are seated in front on very little chairs! The older ones sit further back. The singspiration sets the tone for the morning, and the children then move on to their Sunday School classes.

In every room, students sit attentively as teachers explain Bible concepts or tell Bible stories. In one class, students learn about Esther, in another, the children are discussing what a shepherd would do (the focus is on David the shepherd boy). Each child is addressed by name, and teachers ensure that every question is answered. Then it is on to worksheets and craft to help reinforce the lesson.

One special class does not follow this format. At the Pre-Nursery class, toddlers and their mummies sit on a mat together to sing praises and listen to Bible stories. Here, children get used to the idea of church and Sunday School, and yes, they also listen to the Word of God. The atmosphere is happy and peaceful. (Please see sister Chen Hui Min's testimony).

No matter what the child's age, there is a class for him or her, and lessons are pitched at the child's level of understanding. The children get used to the routine of Sunday School and look forward to meeting their friends and teachers each week.

Praise God that our children have a place and time each week to learn about God!



Singspiration



A word from the department superintendent

The theme for our church in 2012 is —Walk Worthy Of The Lord || The Sunday School Ministry organizes and conducts Christian education for the congregation, for all ages from as young as 2 years old to our more senior brethren. As children of God, we should always seek to —Abide in God's Word and lead a Godly Life, || so as to grow spiritually. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage fellow Lifers especially parents, to send their children to Sunday School regularly.

Colossians 1:10 says **To walk worthily of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good**

work, and increasing in the knowledge of God, and Psalm 119:11 says **Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.**

These two verses remind to us to be diligent in studying His Word and to have a close relationship with God so that we will not sin against Him.

The Primary Department of Sunday School caters to children from as young as 2 years of age up to 8 years old. The classes begin at 9.30 am every Lord's day, praising God with songs in the Greek & Hebrew Room. The children sing joyfully and wholeheartedly before they go to their respective

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classes for their Bible lessons. We thank God for the Bob Jones' materials recommended by the Sunday School Committee. This new curriculum which our department adopted has helped the children to learn more about who God is. We are also teaching the Westminster Shorter Catechism to our children. It is taught to the children in a manner which is suitable to their level of understanding.

I thank and praise God for dedicated teachers who have been serving Him faithfully in this ministry. It is our desire to see the children practise holiness in their lives, learn to build up their courage to meet the many challenges ahead of them. It is also our prayer that the young ones in our care will grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ through the weekly teachings and various activities prepared by our Sunday school teachers.

We thank God for His manifold blessings on the Sunday School in 2011, one of which was the

annual Sunday School Prize Giving. It was an encouragement to witness the children receive their book prizes for their faithful attendance in Sunday School the past year.

As we begin the year 2012, let us be reminded by God's Word in Deuteronomy 6:7 which says, "**And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up,**" and be challenged even to bring our children for Sunday School!

Dear parents, if you have children aged 2 years old to 8 years old, we encourage you to bring them to join us every Lord's Day.

We look forward to seeing your children with us!

Iris Loe, Department Superintendent



By Sister Rhoda Lim

Pre-Nursery Sunday School: The Pre-Nursery Class provides Sunday School lessons for little ones aged between **2 to 3 years old**. One key objective of this Sunday School class is to train the little ones to attend Sunday School *independently on their own*, so that the parents can attend their own Sunday School classes too.

Our class starts at **9.30am** every Lord's Day in the **F&EK room with the Green Doors**. Behind the green doors, we have *Playtime* on the colourful rubber mats from *9.30 to 9.50am*.

After singing our —clean-up song as a cue to pack up the toys, we have *Singspiration and Offering Collection* from *9.50 to 10.10am*. Keeping the children

quiet and still on the mats, we have *Bible Story Time and Worksheet* from *10.10 to 10.30am*.

Last year, sister Chen Hui Min came to mingle with us on the colourful mats as Nathan's mummy. This year, she continues to mingle with us — as the children's teacher. This is her sharing as a mother-teacher...

By sister Chen Hui Min

I first came across the Pre-Nursery Sunday School class when I was teaching older kids in Children's Ministry. I remember looking askance at the class and thinking to myself, —these kids are so young — it's more like babysitting than teaching! Can the kids even understand?

That was more than 10 years ago.

Then a few months ago, I was reintroduced to the Pre-Nursery Sunday School — this time as a mother. Since I was unable to sit through a Sunday School lesson myself with a wriggling toddler, I decided to "gatecrash" and visit the class with an under-aged Nathan. Even though he didn't sit through the whole lesson initially, I was very pleasantly surprised to see Nathan looking forward to Sunday School after some visits. The overactive boy would willingly go to bed early when told on Saturday nights that

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Pre-Nursery Class



Nursery Class

he has Sunday School the next day. And even though he could hardly speak then, he would do the actions of one of the songs each time I mention —church and —Sunday School. I even wondered if I should be worried when Nathan didn't miss me at all during his first Sunday School lesson alone!

It has been a few months since Nathan started Sunday School, and I am thankful for the things he has learnt. While it was hard to get him to be still for prayer in the past, he now tries to repeat after us when we pray with him at night. He puts away his toys enthusiastically each time we sing the Sunday School —clean-up song. He loves the Sunday School songs and would make us sing them over and over with him at home. I know he's not the only one who enjoys Sunday School. Recently, we had a time of singing during one of our mom and toddler BS sessions, and it was such a delight to see how the toddlers enjoyed doing the actions of their Sunday School songs and attempting to sing along.

So 10 years on, as a mother and now a teacher in the pre-Nursery Sunday School class, I can now see the value of such a ministry. It is certainly not a babysitting session!

Rather, it is a time where they can hear the Word and learn to praise God with friends their age. Thank God for the Pre-Nursery Sunday School class!

And so if you have a toddler or a pre-nursery aged child, do feel free bring them to the class. They will be very welcome!



Kindergarten 1 Class



Kindergarten 2 Class



Primary 1 Class

Locations of Classes and Teachers in charge:

| Age Group | Location | Teachers |
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| Pre-Nursery (18 months – 3 years old) | FEK Room 1 (Green) | Rhoda Lim, Tan Ling Ling, Koh Cheng Yeen, Grace Lim, Eunice Yeo, Lam Wei Peng, Selina Lim, Chen Hui Min |
| Nursery (4 years old) | FEK Room 2 (Yellow) | Berni Phang & Christina Cheong |
| Kindergarten 1 (5 years old) | FEK Room 3 (Blue) | Melissa Loe & Cheryl Koy |
| Kindergarten 2 (6 years old) | FEK Room 4 (Red) | Khoo Cheng Hiong & Michelle Hoon |
| Primary 1 (7 years old) | Greek & Hebrew Room 1 | Wun Hoon Wah, Lysa Yang & Rachel Seow |
| Primary 2 (8 years old) | Greek & Hebrew Room 2 | Christina Toh & Theresa Chew |

By Sister Christina Toh (P2 Teacher)

Sunday School is a place where children can learn more about practical truths through Bible stories so that they may grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. I believe that attending Sunday School from a young age will benefit their spiritual lives the most. Gospel truths bring the joy of salvation. As a mother of three children, I thank the Lord that He had blessed them in their growing years. I strongly encourage you to bring your children to attend Sunday school.

John Enoch Wong (P2 Student)

I asked Jesus to come into my heart when I was three years old. Since I was young, my father has been spending time reading the Bible with me daily. When I was younger, my father would read to me in the morning and evening. Now that I am able to read on my own, we take turns to read the Bible. He would read in the morning while I would read in the evening.

One day in our devotion, my father asked me if I wanted to be a Christian. I said, —Yes. My father prayed with me to accept Christ. I understand that to be a Christian means to believe that Jesus died for my sins. I asked Jesus to take away all my sins and come into my heart. Since that day Jesus became my best friend.

Sometimes I make Jesus sad by doing sinful things. I feel bad and ask Jesus to forgive me. I realize that it is difficult to be a good Christian. But Jesus has given me this promise.

“For the LORD your GOD is he that goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you”. Deuteronomy 20:4

From P2 class



Primary 2 Class