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Holding forth the word of life

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Young Teens Department

With God's help, the Young Teens Department endeavours to be instrumental in leading each student to a personal relationship with God where he/she not only has the gift of salvation but also finds God relevant in his/ her daily life.

To this end, we hope to instil in our teens an interest in God's Word. Sunday School lessons aim to give teens a foundation in God's Word so that they may be able to study it on their own and develop a personal relationship with God.

It is our prayer that due to the influence of the Sunday School, the teens may develop a love for God's Word. Knowing that many of the teens who attend have grown up in church, the instruction delivered must not only reinforce what has been learned in their childhood through reminders and re-instruction, but it must be applied with fresh insights with contemporary examples. This helps the Bible student to realize that the Bible is a living book that is most relevant to them in their everyday life - that it is the Word of God in practice and not just in study.

Apart from the formal Sunday School lessons, we hope to share God's involvement in our lives by relating our daily experiences with the teens. It is our prayer that we, who have experienced how God has been a very present help and guide in our lives, can pass this onto the Sunday School class. By God's grace, we hope that our teens can live each day with inner peace and joy

that is independent of circumstances, knowing that God, their senior partner, journeys with them.

If you are between **13 to 16 yrs old** or a parent, whose teenage child is not attending any Sunday School Class, we invite you to us join **every Sunday from 9.30am to 10.30am**. Just drop by any of the classes and we will be there to welcome you! Alternatively, you may contact Shao Sheng at ssheng@pacific.net.sg to find our more about Young Teens Sunday School.

Class	Location	Current Lesson	Teacher
Sec 1 Girls	Men's Fellowship Room	Growing in Christ	Susan
Sec 1 Boys	Jerusalem Court (Area between FEK Rm 4 & IT Room)	Growing in Christ	Kwong Ann & Jeffery
Sec 2 Girls	IT Room (Room after FEK Rm 4)	Philippians	Sharon & Marianne
Sec 2 Boys	FEK Room 2	Philippians	Boon Siong & Michael
Sec 3 Girls	Reference Library (2 nd Floor - Church Sanctuary)	Understanding Biblical Doctrine	Chwee Eng
Sec 3 Boys	Cry Room	Understanding Biblical Doctrine	Eld Yew Chong & Mark Chen
Sec 4 Girls	Internet Room (2 nd Floor - Church Sanctuary)	Romans	Eris
Sec 4 Boys	Korean Church Office (Room beside Cry Room)	Romans	Dn David & Karliang

And the students speak....



Sec 4 Boys with their teacher Karliang (far left). The boys are currently ploughing through the book of Romans in the Korean Church office next to the Cry Room.

I have attended Sunday School since I was young. When I was young I remembered hearing stories from the Bible and was deeply fascinated by them. Thus, they provided me with the foundation for deeper learning of the Bible in my later years.

As I grew older, I was taught on the applications of the Bible in our daily life. Through the teachings, I learned how to live the life God wants me to live.

Samuel Tan

This year, I am in the Sec 4 boys Sunday school class. My teachers are Dn David Tan and Bro Kar Liang. They have both been motivating and encouraging to my life by their godly characters.

Also, they have taught us well in the principles of the Bible through our study of Romans. They were able to relate to us pretty well and they liked to get the class involved which was very good.

Sunday School has been part of my life since young. I have been fascinated by the wondrous stories and the lessons were always interesting and it captured my attention. It was this factor that had driven me to attend all my lessons in Sunday School. The teachers made the lessons fun and interesting and at the end of the day, we were able to take home valuable lessons which were applicable to our daily lives.

During my primary school days, the stories of Jesus appealed to me and as I continued the journey onto my secondary school days the stories gradually lessened and the hard doctrines were taught to us. The essential doctrines taught to us were expounded clearly and I liked the way Mark made the lesson fun and interesting. The clear examples and the illustration were crystal clear.

Other than that, I also came to Sunday school because of the people I met there. They were there when I needed a listening ear and they have encouraged me through my teenage years. We were mutually encouraged and we started attending the fellowship groups where we made more friends and there were more bonding amongst the Christian brethren.

We were taught constantly to remember the Lord (Eccl 12:1) and His teachings. Through the Sunday school and fellowship, I felt that my Christian friends and myself have benefited greatly from the lessons and we have matured spiritually and we have been there for each other, helping each other in times of need.

Josiah Tan

How God used Sunday school to remind me of Bible teachings as well as Christian bonding

After having attended Sunday school for about 10 years of my life, I realised how its has reminded me of Bible teachings as well as Christian bonding. Unlike the regular worship service, Sunday school explains the Bible in terms that we as youths could understand. Also, the teachers are always ready to help us with any queries.

Though I do not consider the regular worship to be of lesser importance than Sunday school, I feel that Sunday school provides a more suitable environment for Christian bonding. In Sunday school, we are warmly greeted by the teachers and are able to speak to them in a friendly and casual manner. But I suppose this is the result of it being in a small group. In the end, I feel that I am reminded of Bible teachings as well as Christian bonding because we study the Bible in greater detail during Sunday school.

That is how God has used Sunday school to remind me of Bible teachings as well as having the opportunity for Christian bonding.

Joshua Lee

When I first started Sunday school in Life Church, I was not very keen on attending it. I did not know anyone and I felt quite lonely at times. Until gradually when I began to know the people in Sunday school did I realize that the Lord was giving me a huge blessing. Over the years, I've been blessed with the many messages during Open Sunday as well as the many studies of the Bible and doctrine. It is only now that I truly value and realize how important Sunday School is -- to grow and be nurtured in the Lord. I am thankful I have had the opportunity to attend Sunday school and look forward to learning more about God's truths.

Pin Li



Sec 3 Boys with teacher Mark Chen (4th from left). They are working on "Understand Biblical Doctrine" every Sunday in the Cry Room.



Sec 1 Boys posing for a shot with teacher at the Jerusalem Court where they are learning about "Growing in Christ"

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It was my parents who first brought me to Sunday School when I was 21/2 years old and it was there that I first heard numerous fascinating but true bible stories which interested me and gave me the incentive to come back each week and find out more about the Bible.

Now, many years later, Sunday School still provides me with the spiritual nourishment I require, and gives me something to look forward to each week, when I can set myself right with God. This year, we are focusing on the book of Romans. As teenagers, we can surprisingly relate to much of the encouragement and rebuke Paul gives in his letter to the Roman Christians. Many of the lessons are also thought-provoking, which cause us to examine ourselves and test our own faith in Christ, as well as encouraging, that if Paul was not afraid to spread the gospel, we too should be fearless in bringing others to salvation.

Claire Tan

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Sec 2 Boys with teacher Boon Siong & Michael in FEK Room 2 discussing about the book of Philippians.



Our smiling cheery Sec 1 Girls with their teacher Susan (3rd from right) at the Men's Fellowship room where they are learning more about "Growing in Christ".



Our Sec 2 Girls diligently ploughing through the book of Philippians with teacher Sharon & Marianne despite the cramped situation in the IT room.



Sec 4 Girls with teacher Eris (in green top). The girls are also studying the book of Romans and they meet at the Internet Room (2nd Floor above the Sanctuary)

My parents brought me to church ever since I was born. I started attending Sunday School at a very young age. Since then, I've always enjoyed coming to Sunday School as I get to fellowship with the girls of my age and learn more about our Lord Jesus.

The Sunday School lessons I learnt are very precious as they help me to make the right decision in life. They also help me to be aware of the dangers to our spiritual life and to be confident that with God we triumph over all. I learn that whatever happens to me, is part of God's plan (Romans 8:28).

Each Sunday in class, we would be reminded to recount God's goodness toward us by sharing about the things we were thankful for during the past week. We would then pray to thank God for them. We are currently studying the book of Romans. I have gained new insights and my faith in God is strengthened. Sunday School is the best place to learn about Jesus.

At Sunday School we can have Christian fellowship with others in the same age group. We also made use of the WARM programme in our class. Each of us, including the teacher, wrote down some interesting things about ourselves on the WARM cards and exchanged them amongst us. I learned new things about some of my classmates with whom I have been in the same class for as long as 10 years. We were also encouraged to pray for the person we exchanged WARM cards with.

I am thankful for Sunday School where I am taught God's Word and encouraged to apply them in my life. I have also made Christian friends who have become very close to me. We constantly remind and help each other to walk in the way that is pleasing to God - to keep God's Word as a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our paths.

Sandra Ong

Our Sec 3 Girls posing with their teacher Chwee Eng at the playground. They are currently on "Understanding Biblical Doctrine" and they meet every Sunday at the Reference Library located on the 2nd floor above the Sanctuary.



I have been attending Sunday School since Primary Two. My mother and aunt will bring my sister and I to attend Sunday School every Sunday without fail.

At that age, I did not really understand the true meaning for going to Sunday School. Until much later, when I was 12, I learned the importance of getting to know God's Word and my salvation.

I have been attending Sunday School for 9 years. I learn more about God; to draw nigh to Him and to trust in Him. My Sunday School teacher encourages me to reach out to people who are still outside Christ. Through the lessons, I also understand more about the books in the Bible. I have benefited from attending Sunday School and I hope that more students will join us at Sunday School and experience the joy in knowing God and His Word.

At Sunday School, I have also got to know many Christian friends with whom I can confide in.

Esther Yee

I started coming to Sunday school since I was very young. This was because my mother was attending the service in church, thus I followed her to church as well.

In the past, I came to Sunday school because I had to, but now I come for Sunday school because I want to worship Christ. Sunday school is very enjoyable as we can discuss about passages and questions together. This way, we share our views and thoughts about many matters concerning Christ.

Sunday school has taught me a lot of things regarding life and has helped me to anchor my faith in Christ.

LiQin

At Sunday school, we learn about the epistle Romans. This epistle is Paul's letter to the Romans and was written about the year 58 A.D. From the city of Corinth in Greece, and was carried to the Christians in Rome by a godly woman named Phoebe. Romans is an interesting letter to study about.

Our Sunday school teacher helps us to understand the letter better and guides us in our thoughts. On one occasion we learned about the sin of man and the wrath of God (Romans 1:18-32) which helped me to learn from my mistakes and at the same time, fear God.

*Through the Sunday School lessons, I have learnt many things and have understood more things about God that I didn't before. **Sara Kok***