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FAITH BUILDING BLOCKS

Comprehensive program
for building
a strong foundation

Faith Building Blocks

(Birth through Confirmation/9th Grade)

This series of extra faith-building opportunities is designed to help children build a firm foundation of faith and strong sense of God's love, and to give families opportunities to learn and grow in faith together, from baptism through confirmation. Most of these "blocks" are one-session classes outside of regular Sunday School, and are designed for participation by both parents and children. Children who are not regularly attending Sunday School are still encouraged to participate.

1. Baptism

Led by a Pastor, for the parents of the child to be baptized.

2. Preschool - Sunday School Orientation (August)

This is an informal opportunity for children and parents to visit the Kindergarten of Eden, meet the teachers and other families, learn about the curriculum, do a craft together and become familiar with the room.

3. **Kindergarten - Bibles** (September)

Kindergarten age children will be presented with an easy to read, illustrated Bible during worship.

4. First Grade - "Signs of Faith" (November)

Symbols are an important element of Christian faith. Families will explore the meaning of these faith symbols and tour the sanctuary and Chapel on a Symbol Scavenger Hunt

5. Second Grade - "Noah" (January)

"Two by Two, God makes a Promise to You." The Bible story of a faithful man named Noah reminds us that God loves all creation and that God made a special covenant with Noah and all living things.

6. Third Grade - Bibles" (October)

Laying the foundation for the special importance the Bible will have in their lives, this block will help children begin the journey of discovering the Bible as a book of wonder that contains a whole library and on the realization that as followers of Jesus we continue to learn and tell the Good News.

7. Fourth Grade - "The Sacraments" (Holy Week)

Baptism is a gift from God, given to us in love. Our acceptance of that gift is our acknowledgment of God's love for us and our place in God's family.

Jesus wanted to be with his people for all time, so he gave us the wonderful feast called communion. We are obeying Jesus when we follow the command, "Do this in remembrance of me."

8. Fifth Grade - "The Lord's Prayer" (February)

Prayer is talking with God. There are many ways to talk with God and many different kinds of prayers. Jesus taught his disciples to pray and gave them an example that we still use today, The Lord's Prayer

9. Sixth Grade
"The Ten Commandments" (November)

Exploring the rules God has given us and how we can be faithful to God through them..

10. Seventh Grade - "The Apostle's Creed" (January)

Timed to coincide with a baptism, youth will uncover the personal meaning in this corporate statement of faith and then lead the congregation in reciting during worship.

11. Eighth Grade - Confirmation Bible (August)

Given in worship as the two year confirmation journey begins.

12. Ninth Grade - Confirmation (May)

The two year journey of faith will culminate in youth making personal statements of their faith to the congregation and being confirmed as members of the congregation by the Session.