

LEARN-BY-HEART PROGRAM
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
2009-2010

The Learn-By-Heart Program, in conjunction with Sunday School, is intended to give each of our children a solid grounding in basic Biblical knowledge. By motivating them to memorize basic facts at an early age, we hope to provide a framework for teaching spiritual values. In the later classes, this core of facts can be used by the young adult as the foundation for a personal belief system.

The Program consists of the following material:

- Selected verses from the Old and New Testament
- Books of the Old and New Testament
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Ten Commandments

The material has been divided according to age group, starting with pre-school and going through fifth grade. Each child is responsible for learning the material for his or her age group, through practice at Sunday School as well as at home.

A portion of each Sunday School hour will be devoted to practices, with individuals for the older kids, and with the class as a whole for the younger children.

On the second and fourth Sundays of each Sunday School rotation, the children will be offered the opportunity to recite what they have memorized on an individual basis to a Learn-By-Heart Listener. A record will be made of each achievement, with the goal of memorizing all required material by the end of the Sunday School year.

Classes will present recitations to the congregation at selected church services throughout the year.

The program culminates with a special Recognition Service in April.

For this program to work successfully, **children need their parent's support and reinforcement.** Help with consistent attendance at Sunday School and participation in home practice is greatly appreciated. Be sure to acknowledge your children's accomplishments every time they reach their next milestone!

Please direct any questions or comments to the Learn-By-Heart coordinators, Dave Hooley, Sue Anderson and Raven Astrom.

Learn-By-Heart Individual Listening Session Schedule

Rotation 1	Joseph and His Brothers	-	Oct 11 th
Rotation 2	Queen Esther	Oct 25 th	Nov 8 th
Rotation 3	Jesus is Born	Nov 22 nd	Dec 6 th
Rotation 4	Baby Moses	Jan 10 th	Jan 24 th
Rotation 5	Doubting Thomas	Feb 7 th	Feb 21 st
Rotation 6	Easter	Mar 7 th	Mar 21 st
Rotation 7	Ruth	Apr 11 th	Apr 18 th
Rotation 8	Mary and Martha	-	-

Learn-By-Heart Class Recitation Schedule

<i>Children in these classes</i>	<i>Will recite this material</i>	<i>On this Sunday</i>
Grades 4&5	Genesis 50:20	Oct 25, 2009
Pre-school	Luke 2:11	Dec 13, 2010
Kindergarten & Grade 1	Matthew 21:9	March 28, 2010
Grades 2&3	John 20:29	Apr 25, 2010

Verses From This Year's Sunday School Curriculum

Genesis 50:20 (*Joseph and His Brothers*)

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Luke 2:11 (*Jesus is Born*)

To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Matthew 21:9 (*Holy Week and Easter*)

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

John 20:29 (*Doubting Thomas*)

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Learn-By-Heart Recognition Sunday is April 25th, 2010

Preschool Material

Bible Verses:

1 John 4:8

God is love.

John 15:12

Love one another, as I have loved you.

Matthew 19:26

For God all things are possible.

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Matthew 6:21

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Additional Material:

(none)

Kindergarten – First Grade Material

Bible Verses:

Luke 2:11 (*Jesus is Born*)

To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Matthew 21:9 (*Holy Week and Easter*)

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

John 10:11

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Matthew 28:20

Remember I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Isaiah 9:2

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Galatians 5:14

The whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Additional Material:

The Lord's Prayer

Second-Third Grade Material

Bible Verses:

John 20:29 (*Doubting Thomas*)

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Luke 2:11 (*Jesus is Born*)

To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Matthew 21:9 (*Holy Week and Easter*)

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Psalm 118:24

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Mark 12:30

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.

Romans 8:28 A

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God.

Additional Material:

The Lord's Prayer

The Ten Commandments

Fourth-Fifth Grade Material

Bible Verses:

Genesis 50:20 (*Joseph and His Brothers*)

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

John 20:29 (*Doubting Thomas*)

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Luke 2:11 (*Jesus is Born*)

To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Matthew 21:9 (*Holy Week and Easter*)

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

John 15:13

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 11:25-26

I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Ephesians 2:8

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing. It is the gift of God.

Additional Material:

The Lord's Prayer

The Ten Commandments

The Books of the New Testament

The Books of the Old Testament

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

I am the Lord your God.

- The First Commandment:** You shall have no other Gods.
The Second Commandment: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
The Third Commandment: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
The Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and your mother.
The Fifth Commandment: You shall not kill.
The Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery.
The Seventh Commandment: You shall not steal.
The Eighth Commandment: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
The Ninth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
The Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his cattle, or anything that is your neighbor's.

OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

NEW TESTAMENT

Genesis (JEN-e-sus)
Exodus (EX-o-dus)
Leviticus (lev-IT- i -cus)
Numbers
Deuteronomy (doo-ter-ON-o-mee)
Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
1 Chronicles (CRON-I-culs)
2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah (Nee-a-MY-a)
Ester (ES-ter)
Job (Johb)
Psalms (salms)
Proverbs (PRAH-verbs)
Ecclesiastes (ee-clee-see-AST-ees)
Song of Songs
Isaiah (eye-SZY-a)
Jeremiah (Jer-e-MY-a)
Lamentations (lam-en-TAY-shuns)
Ezekiel (ee-ZEEK-yel)
Daniel
Hosea (ho-ZAY-a)
Joel
Amos (AY-mos)
Obadiah (ob-ba-DY-a)
Jonah (Joh-na)
Micah (MY-ca)
Nahum (NAY-hum)
Habakkuk (HAB-a-kuk)
Zephaniah (zef-a-NY-a)
Haggai (HAG-eye)
Zechariah (zak-a-RY-a)
Malachi (mal-a-ky)

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John
Acts
Romans
1 Corinthians (co-RIN-thee-ans)
2 Corinthians
Galatians (ga-LAY-shuns)
Ephesians (ee-FEEZ-e-ans)
Phillippians (phil-LIP-e-ans)
Colossians (co-LOSS-e-ans)
1 Thessalonians (thes-a-LOHN-e-ans)
2 Thessalonians
1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus (TY-tus)
Philemon (phy-LEE-mon)
Hebrews (HEE-breus)
James
1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude (jewd)
Revelations (rev-el-AY-shuns)