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Young Teens Department Promotional Sunday

he Sunday School Young Teens department gives biblical instruction to our youth between the ages of 13 to 16 years old. This means we are teaching them the Bible is the word of God and that God has spoken very clearly through it. In the Bible, ALL that we need to live our lives as required by God has been clearly revealed to us. There is nothing we need to live successfully for God that cannot be found in the Bible.



What kind of message can we find in the Bible and what does the Young Teen Sunday School teach our youth?

The first thing you will notice about the Bible and living for God successfully is the fact that we actual cannot! This fact is clearly mentioned in scripture and our behaviour testifies to this bible truth. "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God" Rm 3:10-11. We repeat to them from God's word that they are sinful people by nature and they would rather please ourselves than

God. This self centredness and pride is the cause of our breaking the summary of the law of God that says "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself", Matt 22:37-38.

We will teach the youth and show them that the Bible is truth and how God wants us to live for Him. In the Bible, God also tells us how we can live for

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Class	Sec 1 Boys	Sec 2 Boys	Sec 3 Boys	Sec 4 Boys
Theme	Lessons from Christ in	Lessons from Old	Lessons from Early	Themes from
	New Testaments	Testaments Portraits	Church New Testaments	Old Testaments
Beulah Centre Level 2 & 4	Room 2-7	Room 2-3	Room 2-5	Room 2-1
Teachers	Michael Ong	David Tan	Jeffrey Chan	Sin Wei
	Lip Hoe	Kwong Ann	Soon Hui	

Class	Sec 1 Girls	Sec 2 Girls	Sec 3 Girls	Sec 4 Girls
Theme	Lessons from Christ in New Testaments	Lessons from Old Testaments Portraits	Lessons from Early Church New Testaments	Themes from Old Testaments
Beulah Centre Level 2 & 4	Room 2-8	Room 2-4	Room 2-6	Room 4-1
Teachers	Choy Fong	Mei Li	Karen	Sharon Seow
	Lynette	Hui Miin	Marianne & Wan Xian	Rachel Phang





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Sec 1 girls with teachers Choy Fong and Lynette

Sec 4 boys and girls with teachers Sin Wei, Rachel and Sharon



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Him and He also gives us the means to be able to do it. God does not just condemn us, he also saves us and enables us to live each day for Him.

In our classes, we continue to teach that all true believers turn to God only after they have acknowledged their sins. The Lord Jesus' first public message to the world was "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand". In the Bible, to repent is to do a 180-degree about turn from sin. Our Lord's word in Matt 4:17, says we need to have a change of mind and heart that will cause us to live for the kingdom of heaven. This new way of life will be very different from the one where we living for ourselves.

In the Bible, this change occurs when we are "in Christ" 2 Cor 5:17 after we are transformed by God according to what He has promised in Ex 36:26-27: "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*".

After been given this new heart, the youth will be taught that God also gave His Holy Spirit so that they may live godly and holy lives. When God said "Be ye holy; for I am holy" in 1 Pe 1:16, He also gave us the mean to achieve it. Hence we must not grieve the Holy Spirit but obey it.

This is the good news and message that we teach them! God has taken the initiative to transform us and His transformation cannot fail because God cannot fail!

We will tell the youth to confess that Jesus Christ is Saviour and LORD and how to live for God. The frustration at this junction from the human point of view is that the transformation is also a process as much as it is a single point event. God has chosen the process of sanctification to complete His transformation work of saving us. He knows we need it because He knows how imperfect and impatient we are.

This is where you the parents are of great help to your child and the Sunday School. The process of making us go through difficulties in life is sanctioned by God and for our good but your teens need faithful godly examples to disciple them at home. You can pass them the faith that "there is nothing they needs to go through in life that God is not involved in nor cannot provide Rm 8:28. We need to constantly show them how faithful and gracious God is and thereafter to encourage them to continue in their faith in God.

For our teens to grow spiritually, the church and parents need to work together. Let us disciple our teens according to the word of God and by giving them a living example of what a true disciple of Jesus Christ is like. 1 Cor 11:1.

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 join us 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 hengs@lifebpc.com to find out more about the Young Teens Sunday School.

Yours in Christ, Young Teens Sunday School

HOW TO GLORIFY GOD IN YOUR WORK AS A MOTHER

- 1 Dependence. My work as a mother is utterly dependent on God. I should pray for help,
- 2 Integrity. My work as a mother requires honesty and consistency. My children and their father should be able to depend on me.
 - 3 Skill. My work as a mother is a gift that requires stewardship, so I should look for ways to develop my skills.
- 4 Corporate shaping. I have influence in shaping the ethos of my home, so the structure and expectations I set up should be in accordance with the gospel of grace.
- 5 *Impact*. My goals are not simply to feed, clothe, educate and bathe my children. My goals involve impacting them on a spiritual level, and I should focus

significant attention on this endeavor as well.

- 6 Communication. As I interact with my children and the people around me I ought to winsomely, naturally and joyfully communicate the love of God.
- 7 Love. I ought to have an attitude of service, initiating ways to practically love my children through good times and bad.
- 8 Money. I should use the resources God has given me to show how Christ is a greater treasure to me than money.
- 9 Thanks. My work as a mother ought to be marked by thankfulness and not complaining. No matter how mundane it gets.

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