

## Children's Sunday School Report 2022

- Elder Adam Skrivan remained on hand helping with substitutes and staffing so that Hilary Kvale could finish out teaching for the school year.
- In June, Adam completed his commitments to the children's Sunday school and retired from his role as Sunday School superintendent and has been able to focus his time and attention to serving the church in other ministries, but we are so grateful for his years of leadership and his help this year transitioning.
- When Adam stepped down, the duties of Sunday School superintendent were split three ways. Heidi Bone took on the Christmas Program, while Kelly Gutierrez and Hilary Kvale took over the duties of the day-to-day operations.
- With the help of Pastor Gutierrez, a poll was taken of churches in our presbytery of what curriculums they used for children's Sunday School. A survey was conducted amongst our own Sunday School teachers for what they would like from a curriculum and how we might best help them in the important work they are doing.
- A committee was convened, 10 curriculums were reviewed with the use of a rubric, and after much deliberation (as every option has its pros and cons) we settled on Truth 78 for our 1<sup>st</sup>-8 grade classes and they began that curriculum in September.
- The decision was made to combine the girls' and boys' classes, as our classes were smaller and staffing teachers was difficult. We now have teacher teams of three for almost every class, and they share teaching duties. This change has helped significantly with our need for substitute teachers and has made consistency from week to week much easier.
- A teacher training was held in November to review how the new curriculum was going and to check in on teacher needs, along with a classroom management training led by Kari Rodriguez.
- A review of the memory work program and its effectiveness and usability began in 2022. Previously, each age group memorized a separate passage of scripture. Now, all age groups will memorize the same passage, with the passage changing each year. This change allows families to practice all together and encourages more families to participate in hiding God's word in their hearts. We plan to continue to work on revamping the memory work program in the coming year.
- We are grateful for so many in the congregation who took the Child Protective Policy training, allowing them to participate in supporting not just our Sunday school Program but other ministries of the church that serve our children.
- The Sunday School team has many more ideas for better partnering with parents and teachers in loving and ministering to our children on Sundays. We appreciate your prayers and support!