

NEW LIFE
Presbyterian Church

Senior High
Sunday School Curriculum

Preface

We at New Life Presbyterian Church are firmly committed to the Biblical teaching that God has placed the *primary* responsibility for rearing Christian young people upon Christian parents (Deut. 6:6-7; Eph. 6:4).

In light of this, we believe it is the church's job to *assist and equip* parents for the task God has given to them. One of the arenas where this assistance takes place is in the realm of thorough Biblical instruction. At New Life, this careful training takes place primarily in our Senior High Sunday school class. What you have in your hands now is our four-year curriculum for that class.

The philosophy behind our curriculum is simple: We have designed our high school Sunday school class to ensure that young men and women spending their senior high years at New Life will be exposed to the most important and relevant Christian truth there is.

Too many Christian young people today are leaving Christian homes and Christian churches completely unprepared for the onslaughts of the world and for just life in general. The implementation of this curriculum is one of our church's attempts at remedying this ever increasing problem. May our gracious Lord give it great success!

YEAR ONE

CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

Dominion and Multiplication (Genesis 1-3):

-True Masculinity

1. Spreading the Rule of God
2. Multiplying His Images

-True Femininity

1. Multiplying
2. Nurturing (the MOST important of jobs)

Creation vs. Evolution:

-Defending the Faith

-The Truth about Natural Selection

-The Age of the Earth

-The Big Bang and Astronomy

THE CREEDS OF THE CHURCH

-The Apostles Creed

1. History
2. Content

-The Nicene Creed

1. History
2. Content

YEAR TWO

GOD'S PROMISES AND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

God's Promises:

-The Promises God Makes at Baptism

1. Forgiveness of Sins
2. Freedom from Sin
3. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit
4. *Believing These Promises!!*

-The Promises God Makes at the Lord's Supper

1. God is reconciled...still!!
2. We are one...do you recognize the body?
3. *Believing These Promises!!*

-Your Election

1. Chosen before the foundation of the world
2. TULIP
3. God will never forsake you
4. God's promises to your future children
5. Baptism, and Communion, and Election
6. *Believing These Promises!!*

Our Responsibilities:

-Continual Faith

1. The Trustworthiness of God

2. The Faithfulness (“chesed”) of God
3. The danger of unbelief

-Continual Repentance

1. The Grace of God’s Law – The Ten Commandments
2. Certain Heavenly and Earthly blessings are conditional
3. Staying Faithful

YEAR THREE

LIVING IN COVENANT WITH THE LORD

-Christ: Your Righteousness. The Spirit: Your strength.

-First and Second Commandments

1. What is Worship?
2. Why Worship?
3. Finding a good church
4. Right and wrong reasons to leave a church

-Third Commandment: Passion for God’s Name - Living for the Kingdom

-Fourth Commandment

1. Why Keep the Sabbath
2. The Joy of Sabbath Keeping
3. Planning for Future Sabbaths in Your Household

-Fifth Commandment

1. Obeying Your Parents

2. First Command with a Promise
3. Your Responsibilities to Them in ALL of Life
4. Authority in General

-Sixth Commandment

1. Man in God's Image
2. Ways We Often Attack God's Image
3. How to be a Real Friend

-Seventh Commandment

1. Sexual Purity
2. How to find a mate...

-Eighth Commandment

1. Respect for Other's Time and Money
2. Being a Good Employee
3. Tips to Financial Success

-Ninth Commandment

1. Avoiding False Accusation
2. Avoiding Gossip
3. Honesty Always?

-Tenth Commandment

1. What IS coveting?
2. Coveting as Idolatry
3. Learning the Secret of Contentment
4. Thankfulness for What you DO Have

YEAR FOUR

APOLOGETICS

- Worldviews - “Like Belly Buttons” ...The Myth of Neutrality
- Learning to Think Critically in College or In Life
- Evaluating Presuppositions...
 1. Materialism - “everything is physical”
 - a) Atheistic Evolution
 - b) Racism
 2. Romanticism - “everything must be ideal”
 - a) Political/Economic Liberalism (socialism)
 - b) Public Good
 3. Logical Positivism - “everything must be provable”
 - a) The Scientific Method
 - b) The Worship of “Science”
 4. Relativism - “everything must be personal”
 - a) Postmodernism
 - b) Moral Relativism
 - c) Christianity and Postmodern Thought

EARLY CHRISTIAN ADULTHOOD

- Thriving as a Christian in college/the workplace
 1. Finding a good church
 2. Importance of friendships
- The Church and the Parachurch
 1. Receiving encouragement where it can be found
 2. The Priority of the Church
 3. Learning from Others besides Your Peers

-Being Attractive to the Opposite Sex

1. What godly men are looking for
2. What godly women are looking for