

SUNDAY SCHOOL TAKE HOME PAGE

To parents:

This page lets you know what your child learned in Sunday school today. In addition, you will find this week's memory verse, a suggested activity, and a short prayer to reinforce the lesson. Being involved and interacting with your child can be very rewarding for both of you.

What we learned:



Today, your child learned about the religious leaders and the part they played in the Christmas story. This group had so much knowledge about what God's Word said about the coming Messiah that they could even quote prophecy from memory. But, after sharing this information with Herod, they didn't go search for Jesus themselves. They didn't celebrate Jesus' being born. There was no connection in their heart to the scriptures they had studied for so long. We want to make a connection from our head to our heart when it comes to God's Word. We want the things we study to change the way we feel and the way we act. (Scriptures used: Matthew 2:1-8)

Memory Verse:



**"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."
Deuteronomy 6:4-5 NIV**

Practice this verse several times with your child during the week. This will help your child remember the verse and it will help to reinforce what he or she learned during class.

Suggested Parent/Child Activity:



Work with your child to write out two or three of their favorite Bible verses on a sheet of paper. Demonstrate how to "pray through the scripture" with them by using the example from this week's verse: Dear God, help me to love You with all my heart. Help me to love You with all my soul and with all my strength. Amen. Explain that praying through memory verses that we learn is asking God to make a connection from our hearts to our minds. In this way, what we learn becomes part of how we act and what we feel. Each night have your child pick a verse they wrote out and pray through that one verse as part of their daily prayer.

Daily Prayer:



Dear God, we thank You for giving us minds that can learn and grow. We give thanks that You give us hearts that help us feel happiness, joy, and even sadness. Help us to work hard to make the connection from the things we learn to how we feel about things in our hearts. We want to be more like You and grow from studying Your word. During this Christmas season, we want to keep our focus on Jesus and learn from all the characters of Christmas. We love you! Thank You for sending us Jesus! Amen!