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Junior Department Promotional Sunday

In line with the Church theme for 2013, *Living Victoriously for Christ in a Modern World*, the Sunday School instils in children practical skills and lessons in applying their faith as they go about their week.

This year we are continuing with the Bob Jones materials and focusing more on Bible study skills. During Sunday School, children develop Bible reading habits through knowing the order of the books of the Bible and learning how to cross reference to the different books. This is in line with the memory verses and shorter catechism that they learn each week as it encourages them to apply Bible knowledge to their daily lives. The children study the principles found in the memory verses and learn that God's Word has relevance in every part of their lives.



They are also taught about prayer. They learn about the right attitude when praying and also learn how to be more comfortable when praying in front of others. In so doing, we hope this will encourage them to develop a prayerful Christian life

and to pray with each other, especially when facing difficulties.

The teachers also try to make the Bible come alive for the children. Stories that the children are familiar with are taught with a fresh perspective. Sometimes the children are given historical facts to contextualise the story. At other instances, they learn that there was more to the story – for example what happened to Jonah after

the whole big fish incident?

Last year, the Junior Department began presenting songs to the congregation on a more regular basis. This was to teach the children the importance of singing



praises to God and as a form of edification to the congregation as well. In Sunday School, we believe that not only do the children need to be familiar with the Word, they also need to spend time praising God through songs.

We hope your children will join us in Sunday School to learn more about God and to build lasting friendships with their peers as they journey together through their pre-teen years.

Sheryl Ong Junior Department Superintendent

The Junior Department is for ages 9 to 12 and we meet every Sunday from 9.30am to 10.30am. Please contact Sheryl Ong at sheaaarel@gmail.com to find out more about the Junior Department Sunday School.

Our Classes

Class	Class Venue	Teachers
Р3	Conference Room 3	Chiam Tok Ling, Deborah Chan, Christina Tarigan
P4 A	Conference Room 1	Elsie Lim Lyanne Chong
P4 B	Conference Room 2	Eileen Ong Leong Lit Miah
P5 Boys	FEBC Library	Susan Yee Chong Jia Zhen
P5 Girls	Former Korean Office	Helen Heah Cheong Choy Wai
P6 Boys	Former Men's Fellowship Room	Sheryl Ong Josiah Tan
P6 Girls	Conference Room Hall	Irene Ong, Yvonne Koh Agnes Goh

Open Sunday

The Junior Department Sunday School holds an Open Sunday on the second week of every month. During this time, the children are taught a variety of Christian songs and hymns. Some are short choruses, while others are lengthy hymns.

The Music Ministry feels that it is important that our children learn to sing and learn to enjoy such songs. "Music is next to theology." Your music reflects your theology. By the melody, harmony, rhythm and performance of a song, you can basically size up a person's understanding of who God is and who we are. The songs that the children learn, teach them to revere God at all times, even when singing praises to Him.

Secondly, we feel that Godly songs and hymns can minister to children when they face daily challenges. The lyrics of the songs are explained to them first, before they learn the tune, so that they understand what they are singing. The teachings of the songs are also linked to daily application, so that they know how songs can minster to them in their daily living.

Thirdly, as Christians, we have the joy of the Lord. Singing is one of the ways we reflect this joy. We pray and hope that the children will find joy in singing. It does not matter if they cannot sing in tune or are tone deaf, as long as they try their best and sing from a joyful heart; God delights in their rendering of praise.

Fourthly, the Junior Department aims to present song items at the 10.45am service on a monthly or bimonthly basis. This is to teach the children that they can serve the Lord through songs for various purposes and occasions. For example, they can sing songs of encouragement to minister to someone feeling down, to turn his eyes upon Jesus, to be assured by the faithfulness of God, and to be strengthened by God's promises; or they can sing songs to evangelise to their unsaved parents, relatives or friends about God's wondrous grace, love and sacrifice for them so that they can enjoy eternal life even after death; or they can sing songs of praise to magnify and thank the Lord for all His goodness and mercies.

Finally, we pray and hope that these songs will remain in the hearts and minds of these children for many years to come, so that even when they are adults, some of these simple songs can still minister to them during challenging moments.

Chang Hui Chuien Music Ministry I don't know about tomorrow,
I just live from day to day;
I don't borrow from its sunshine,
For its skies may turn to grey.
I don't worry o'er the future,
For I know what Jesus said;



And today I'll walk beside Him, For He knows what is

Chorus:

Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand; But I know who holds tomorrow, And I know who holds my hand.

Every step is getting brighter
As the golden stairs I climb;
Every burden's getting lighter
Every cloud is silver-lined;
There the sun is always shining,
There no tear will dim the eye;
At the ending of the rainbow
Where the mountains touch the sky.

I don't know about tomorrow,
It may bring me poverty;
But the One who feeds the sparrow,
Is the One who stands by me.
And the path that is my portion,
May be through the flame or flood;
But His presence goes before me,
And I'm covered with His blood.

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CORRIGENDUM: The editorial would like to apologise for a printing error in Issue 2 last Lord's Day. The Classes for the *Primary Department* is as follows:

Age Group	Location	Teachers
Pre-Nursery (18 months – 3 years old)	FEK Room 1 (Green)	Rhoda Lim, Tan Ling Ling, Selina Koh, Dawn Heng, Uyen Nguyen, Koh Cheng Yeen, Grace Lim & Lam Wei Peng,
Nursery (4 years old)	FEK Room 2 (Yellow)	Melissa Loe & Sally Liu
Kindergarten 1 (5 years old)	FEK Room 3 (Blue)	Bernie Phang & Sim Lian Lian
Kindergarten 2 (6 years old)	FEK Room 4 (Red)	Khoo Cheng Hiong & Lam Siew Peng
Primary 1 (7 years old)	Greek & Hebrew Room 1	Christina Toh & Theresa Chew
Primary 2 (8 years old)	Greek & Hebrew Room 2	Wun Hoon Wah & Lysa Yang