



Primary Department Promotional Sunday

At the beginning of 2014, the Sunday School General Superintendent, Elder Sherman Ong encouraged everyone to live by faith, and not by sight in his article on 5th January 2014. We are also reminded of the Great Commission of our God in Matthew 28:19-20 **"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."** So let us encourage one another to share the Gospel with those who are still outside God's Kingdom. Let us also equip ourselves with the Word of God and motivate our children to share The Good News with their classmates and friends. As we have challenged ourselves to live a victorious life in this modern world for Christ, we are most thankful for His marvellous works in our daily life and the constant reminder of His word in Psalms 119:105 **"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path"**. Let us continue to remain steadfast and grounded in the Word of God, that we may be able to **"...be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear"** (1 Peter 3:15b).

and watch these young ones grow up - physically as well as spiritually in the knowledge of God and His Word. It is also the teachers' prayer that the young ones under our care will cultivate the right attitude of faith and become God-fearing children through the weekly lessons taught in the Sunday School.

In line with Life Bible-Presbyterian Church's theme for year 2014, **"O Taste and See that the Lord is Good"**, we would like to invite parents to encourage your children, aged between 18 months to 8 years old, to attend Sunday School. We meet every Lord's Day at 9.30 am at the Greek & Hebrew Room to honour God with songs of praise before Bible lessons are taught to the children in their respective classes. As Proverbs 22:6 also reminds us, **"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it"**.

We look forward to seeing your children with us! You may contact Iris Loe at iris.loe@gmail.com to find out more about the Primary Department Sunday School.

Iris Loe
Department Superintendent

We thank God for Life B-P Church Sunday School, a ministry which provides classes for all ages. The Primary Department caters to children from 18 months to 8 years old (Primary 2). It is never too old (or young!) to learn God's Word. One of our objectives in this department is to nurture



Singspiration led by Sister Tan Cheng Yeen

Sunday School Pre-Nursery Class (2014)

The Pre-Nursery Class is meant for the little ones aged 18 months-3 years old. Every Sunday, we meet in FEK Room 1 (the room with the Green doors). The Sunday School lesson is divided into four parts:

9.30-9.50am: Playtime on the mat. When playtime is up, the children must help to keep the toys too.

9.50-10.05am: Singspiration. Occasionally, the children are encouraged to request their favourite songs.

10.05-10.20am: Bible story time.

10.20-10.30am: Worksheet time. Children are given a worksheet to help reinforce the Bible story they have just heard.

10.30am: Dismissal.

Through the years in Pre-Nursery Class, we have had the privilege of watching many children grow and mature. The same can be said of some of the teachers who have helped since they were teenagers. The older teachers have seen these young sisters grow and graduate, work and even get married. Though their title is officially changed from 'Miss' to 'Mrs', they continue to be addressed as 'Jie Jie' by the little ones in class.

One of these perpetual 'Jie Jies' is Mrs Grace Tay (spouse of Dr Ian Tay). Here's her sharing about serving in Pre-Nursery class:

I joined the Pre-Nursery Sunday school about eight years ago. At the time, I had just finished my A levels, and helped out at the Sunday School together with some friends around my age. Initially, I had great fears and uncertainty about how to interact with the children, many of whom could not even communicate in full sentences. In fact, the hardest part was learning how to play with the children during the first 15 minutes of playtime, especially because the last time I had played with toys was almost 10 years ago, when I was a kid myself!

Nevertheless, the Lord taught me much through this ministry. I realised that playtime can be one of the most important components of the class. As we encourage the toddlers to share their toys, it becomes an opportunity for them to put into practice what they learn about God's love. It is also a chance for us to get to know them better.

I have learnt much from many of the more experienced teachers, who have been able to convey the Bible story in plain, simple and yet engaging terms to the children. It is a real blessing to see how most of the children are eager to learn and to sing songs during worship. Although sometimes they cannot remember how the Bible story goes the following week, many of the parents will also remind their children about what they had learnt in



Pre-Nursery (18 months - 3 years old)

Location: FEK Room 1 (Green Room)

Sunday school. In time to come, they not only remember the story, but are able to participate actively in class. Indeed, our prayer is that, having grown up in a covenant family, the children will grow up into godly men and women.

More Testimonies from Sunday School Teachers.....

Romans 8:29a "For whom he did foreknew he also did pre-destinate to be conformed to the image of the son." This is true for me. I was a very negative uncaring child-even at a young age. I grew up in a superstitious household-dragons, lucky calendars, Buddha heads, ZODIAC symbols. I felt this had a lot to do with my negativity. The Vietnamese also believe in worshipping ancestors. I remember thinking-who am I suppose to pray for or to? I will pray to Jesus instead of my Grandfather- who has already passed away. We had left Vietnam one evening-everything. "Tonight, we must go. We must travel lightly," my father had said to my mother. Except for a few family tokens -remembrances of a lifetime ago, my parents had left country, house, family...EVERYTHING. They had the clothes on their backs and their children. My father paid someone for a boat. I wondered how my Dad had such foresight and courage to leave everything for his young family with only a word-not even promise of a better tomorrow. His friends had talked. "Vietnam will fall soon." I was only a year old and my sister three. You may wonder how God can bring

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something beautiful out of war—the sacrifice of a country—of a man to his family. God slowly did in His manifold wisdom—God did. I am reminded of the story of Joseph and how God used brothers' hatred and enslavement to preserve life. Genesis 45:6 We had been sponsored to Hot Springs, AR. My dad was an artist and a man hired him to be a potter. It was during Vacation Bible School at Grand Avenue Baptist Church. It was summertime and we were just playing at my sister's friend's house. I had lots of fun listening to Bible stories, singing songs, and bible crafts. Then, my sister and I began going to church regularly over the course of 2-3 years. The Holy Spirit worked a good work in our hearts. I am sure now that the Sunday School teachers and church staff prayed for my sister and me—amongst others to know Christ. My sister took the Lord as her saviour first. I had asked what happened in the private room where the church leaders talked with you about accepting Christ. My sister said there was nothing to be afraid of. The following Sunday, I didn't hesitate at invitation time. I bounced up there and took Jesus as my Lord and saviour.

(Sister Uyen - Pre-Nursery Teacher)



Nursery (4 years old)

Location: FEK Room 2 (Yellow Room)

is a challenge that I can only rise up to with God's help. Thanks to His faithful name. At the same time, I have grown personally through preparing teaching materials and through working and learning from other fellow Sunday school teachers.

It is my hope that the word planted in the children's hearts will germinate and bear fruit one day, to the praise of His name.

(Sister Khoo Cheng Hiong – K2 Teacher)



K1 & K2 (5 & 6 years old)

Location: FEK Room 4 (Red Room)

2013 has passed swiftly by. Upon looking back, it is heartening and humbling to know that God's faithful enabling has helped me shoulder the responsibility of teaching His word and

meeting each difficulty as it came along. Teaching the same level every year has not diminished the challenge that each year brings as students every year are different.

How to plant the word of God in their tender hearts

A sermon delivered in Feb 2012, 'Are you serving?' was a wake-up call for me that we are servants of Christ, saved and called to serve Him with our talents. From the Parable of The Talents (Matthew 25:14-30), God gave us capacity and opportunities to be used for his kingdom. This sermon left me with a deep impression and I felt 'guilty' thereafter that I had always been receiving God's goodness but had done nothing to offer Him back. I prayed to our Heavenly Father that if He desire, place me where I can be of service to Him.

The opportunity came in April 2012 when I was approached to become a Sunday School teacher for the preschooler of the K2 class. I love kids and my own children grew up attending Sunday School classes where they learnt many wonderful bible stories and importantly, learnt sound Christian values that were imbued during their growing up years. I could see they had thoroughly enjoyed the precious lessons about God's words and get to know many like-minded friends who are Christ loving. We thanked God for the many 'Aunties' and 'Uncles' (Sunday School teachers) who had dedicated their time in serving God's ministry.

I felt the calling when this opportunity knocked. I

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took it up without much hesitation. It was such a joy to share the gospel with these little children and seeing them excited to hear new things about the wonders of God and his Son who came to save them. The Sunday school programme has enriched my life by letting me share my time and knowledge of Jesus with children. The children are also teaching me what it really means to trust in God in our everyday life. I felt very blessed to be part of the Sunday School teacher program.

(Sister Lim Siew Peng - K2 Teacher)



Primary 1 (7 years old)

Location: Greek & Hebrew Room 2

Having been a Sunday school teacher for approximately 4-5 years, I look back and thank God for the opportunity to serve in this ministry. I used to think that the ministry needed my help to serve and the children needed to learn more about the bible from their teachers. However as the years went by I have come to realise the children themselves are such blessings to me. As a teacher, when you ask a question you usually know the answer you are looking for. However sometimes the answers that the children provide are so amazing and unexpected but yet show their tremendous faith in Christ that it really humbles me. Serving in this ministry has truly been a blessing to me, serving as a constant reminder of God's faithfulness to His people and the simple faith it

takes to believe in Him. May the Lord encourage more like minded brethren to step up and serve in this ministry with us.

(Sister Lysa Yang – P1 Teacher)

Teaching in the Sunday School has brought me many blessings. I have gained much knowledge and the Lord has moulded me through this ministry. When things get tough, the Bible stories that God is always there give me comfort. There is nothing too hard for Him and He will see me through. When things are well and smooth, the memory verses are reminders to me that God is the creator of all and I should not take things for granted. The simple faith in the children, "Trust and Obey", has always been an encouragement to me. Count your blessings and name them one by one. These are but some of the many blessings.

(Sister Wun Hoon Wah – P1 Teacher)



Thank our Heavenly Father for my service in Sunday school. It has been a blessing to me because God speaks to me by reminding me of my sins and encouraging me as I prepare for each Sunday school lesson. I recalled that when I first

P2 (8 years old)

Location: Greek & Hebrew Room 1

started to serve in Sunday school, I was worried because the children have heard the stories many times and may be bored easily. They could in return tell me the stories instead. Somehow I prayed for God's guiding hand to use me to bring across the lessons to the children, and learnt to focus on the aims and application of each lesson. His grace and mercy towards us is bountiful and plenteous!

(Sister Theresa Chew - P2 Teacher)

Testimony by Primary 2 Student...

My name is Edmund Yeo. In the Gospel of Matthew chapter 19 verse 14 reads "*But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.*" This Bible verse tells us that the Lord Jesus embraces children unto himself.

I attend Life BP church Sunday School every Lord's day where we sing praises to God as well as study God's Word through Bible stories. Through God's Word, I gradually learn about what God can do through us and for us. I know God is gracious for He has forgiven all my sins through the blood of Jesus and Jesus loves me no matter what.

At Sunday School Primary department, we welcome children between age 18 months -8 year-old to join us every Lord's day between 9.30-10.30am. If you are a parent or know any friend/relative with child of this age group, we welcome you to join us. Thank you.



Singspiration time



4-LETTER WORDS

1. Love, Love, L-O-V-E
Love, Love, Boundless And Free
Jesus Left Heaven To Die On The Tree
This Was Love, Love, Love!

2. Done, Done, D-O-N-E
Done, Done, Done Perfectly!
"Finished" Christ Cried When On Calvary
So It's Done, Done, Done

3. Come, Come, C-O-M-E
Come, Come, Come Unto Me
Jesus Receives Whosoever Believes
When They Come, Come, Come

4. Mine, Mine, M-I-N-E
Mine, Mine, Eternally
Wonderful Love, Jesus Came From Above
To Be Mine, Mine, Mine.

Locations of Classes and Teachers in charge:

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