

KG-2nd Grade
RE Calendar 2016-2017

9/11	Intergenerational-RE Open House & Registration
9/18	#1 Loving Your Enemies
9/25	#2 Heeding God's Commands
10/2	#3 Loving Each Other
10/9	Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care
10/16	PK-5th World Religion workshop
10/23	#4 Restoring Relationships & the Land
10/30	#5 Knowing When to Walk Away
11/6	#6 Elisha Turns Back the Soldiers
11/13	Intergenerational: Leaf Raking Sunday
11/20	PK-5th Holiday Lesson- Thanksgiving
11/27	PK-5th Holiday Lesson- Advent Wreaths
12/4	#7 Abigail Averts War
12/11	#8 Working Together for Peace
12/18	Intergenerational- Christmas Pageant
12/25	Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care
1/1	Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care
1/8	#9 We Are One Body
1/15	#10 Visions of Peace
1/22	#11 Don't Play Favorites
1/29	PK-5th Social Justice workshop
2/5	#12 Dressed for Peace
2/12	#13 Jesus Speaks of Love
2/19	Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care
2/26	#14 Building on Rock
3/5	#15 Seeds & Yeast
3/12	PK-5th Holiday Lesson: Purim/Spring
3/19	#16 Searching for the Lost
3/26	Intergenerational: RE Spring Sign-Ups
4/2	#17 Welcoming the Lost
4/9	PK-5th Holiday Lesson: Passover
4/16	Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care
4/23	#18 The Good Samaritan
4/30	#19 The Good Shepherd
5/7	Intergenerational: Music Sunday
5/14	Intergenerational: Affirmation
5/21	PK-5th World Religion workshop 2
5/28	Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care
6/4	RE Sunday Prep
6/11	Intergenerational: RE Sunday & Picnic Celbrtn

Discipline Policy

Participants in the Religious Education (RE) program are notably respectful, attentive and positive contributors to activities. Occasionally, however, discipline problems arise. In response to several requests, the RE Committee has discussed policies with a number of parents and teachers; the following policy is now in effect.

"Discipline problems" are defined as:

***Any violent act**

(hitting, throwing objects)

***Ongoing repeated behavior**

(swearing, constant disruption/disrespect)

A sequential pattern is recommended for handling discipline in the classroom: Ignore, Eye Contact, Gently Call the Child's Name, Involve them in the lesson, Remind them of Rules, Move Closer to them, Pause the Lesson to Redirect. If the child continues to misbehave, the RE Director will be called to assist in the classroom; If the child needs to leave the classroom, he/she will sit with the RE Director and parents will be notified of behavior.

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Religious Education

First Parish Church United
Westford, MA

Kindergarten,
1st & 2nd Grade
2016-2017

2 Volunteer Teachers needed each Sunday
K-2nd lesson folders are located in Room #1
Lessons can also be viewed as pdf files on-line
<http://firstparishwestford.org/religious-education/>

K-2nd Grade Curriculum Info

The curriculum for grades K-2 is based on bible stories.

Children will become familiar with stories from both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures (Old and New Testaments.) The focus is to gain a basic understanding of the story and characters, as well as exploring possible interpretations of these stories. Bible stories are taught as meaningful stories, but "what to believe" is left to parents-and, later, children themselves- to determine.

Lesson materials for grades KG-2 come from the ***Gather 'Round*** curriculum, which offers connections to the broader church life, homes, and families as well as outreach to communities and the world. Activities are tailored to the ability and interest of the learners.

Specifically this year we will use the following curriculum units:

- 1. The Things That Make for Peace**
- 2. Parables and Sayings of Jesus**

Bible Story Lessons

In lessons 1-13 we will learn about *peace* from scriptural perspectives. While the biblical notion of peace is often associated solely with the New Testament, we will discover in some of this year's stories that peace is also a central concept in the Old Testament. Stories from the Old Testament will teach the virtue of conciliatory gestures and of walking away. They will provide rules for peaceful relationships and offer visions of a world that is completely at peace. Readings from the New Testament will teach that peace is more than not harming your enemies; peace requires doing good-exhibiting actions of love.

In lessons 14-19 we will explore some of the Parables & Sayings of Jesus. As we read the Gospels, we encounter a Jesus who is a storyteller, one who speaks in parables. The power of parables is that we do not remain purely objective- we are forced to enter into interpretation. We will enter into each story and discover what the parable is saying.

Kindergarten & Grades 1 & 2

Individual and large group learning opportunities are provided using different visual, musical, and artistic techniques. Some activities include drama, art projects, Outreach projects, songs and games, workshops, group lessons and holiday lessons.

In addition to learning and practicing good church behavior:

Students practice the Unison Invocation, used in the FPCU Worship Service, and also gain a more in-depth understanding of the offertory, its background, procedures, and the doxology.