

3rd Grade  
RE Calendar 2017-2018

9/10	<b>Intergenerational-RE Open House &amp; Registration</b>
9/17	#1 Welcome
9/24	#2 In the Beginning/The Old Testament
10/1	#3 Stories of the Patriarchs
10/8	<b>Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care</b>
10/15	PK-5th World Religion workshop
10/22	#4 Deliverance from Egypt
10/29	<b>Intergenerational Service</b>
11/5	#5 In the Wilderness/Into the Promise Land
11/12	<b>Intergenerational: Leaf Raking Sunday</b>
11/19	#6 Kings of Israel
11/26	#7 Troubled Years/Babylonian Exile & After
12/3	PK-3rd Holiday Lesson- Advent Wreaths
12/10	PK-5th Holiday Lesson- Hanukkah
12/17	<b>Intergenerational- Christmas Pageant</b>
12/24	PK-5th Holiday Lesson- Christmas
12/31	#8 Jesus' Birth/The New Testament
1/7	PK-5th Group Lesson
1/14	#9 Jesus' Ministry
1/21	PK-5th Social Justice workshop
1/28	<b>Intergenerational Service</b>
2/4	<b>Intergenerational-Communion Service</b>
2/11	#10 Jesus' Death & After
2/18	<b>Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care</b>
2/25	#11 Bible Games Review
3/4	<b>Intergenerational-Drumming Service</b>
3/11	#12 Bible Games Review
3/18	#13 About UU
3/25	PK-5th Holiday Lesson- Passover
4/1	<b>Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care</b>
4/8	#14 UU & the Bible
4/15	PK-5th Group Lesson
4/22	#15 UU & the Bible
4/29	PK-5th World Religion workshop
5/6	<b>Intergenerational: Music Sunday</b>
5/13	PK-5th Group Lesson / Affirmation
5/20	#16 Review
5/27	<b>Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care</b>
6/3	RE Sunday Prep
6/10	<b>RE Sunday &amp; Picnic Celebration</b>

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*One Volunteer Teacher needed each Sunday  
to assist the DRE  
Grade 3 meets in Room 3*

# 3rd Grade Curriculum Info

Religious Education in 3rd grade marks a special milestone at FPCU, as students spend their final year exploring Bible stories and get ready to move onto UU based curriculums, in an effort to support our children grow and begin to define who they are in the larger faith community. At the end of the RE year, 3rd grade students will receive 2 special books:

1. The *Newly Revised Standard Version (NRSV) Gift & Award Bible* is a bible that speaks in words that are used in everyday language, making it easier for young people to read and understand. \*Children get to choose the color bible they want & their name is inscribed on the front cover!

2. *Unitarian Universalism is a Really Long Name* by: Jennifer Dant. "Simple language and appealing illustrations offer children accessible answers to commonly asked questions such as: Who are we?"

\*Pre-made curriculum lessons are not used in grade 3. Lessons are planned by the DRE and specific topics are created by the students.

3rd grade RE lessons continue to build on the foundations of Bible Stories learned in earlier grades and also take a closer look at what our church and faith deems important. Students will review well known Bible stories/characters as they go through the Bible from Adam & Eve to Jesus in chronological order, interpreting stories in various ways and discussing the history and geography of the world.

Attention is focused on the Bible as a collection of individual stories and verses in two large sections, The Old Testament and The New Testament.

Lessons 2-7 will explore The Old Testament stories of Adam & Eve, Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Samuel, David & Goliath, Solomon & Sheba, Jonah & the Great Fish, Daniel in the Lion's Den, and Queen Esther.

Lessons 8-10 will explore The New Testament stories of Jesus- his birth, life and death- as told by Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.

Lessons 11 & 12 will explore the Bible and story characters through fun games and activities like Bibleopoly & Bible Blurt!

Lessons 13-15 will take a look at our UU Faith, and the importance of Bible stories in our faith.

## The Importance of Bible Literacy for UU children...

Unitarian Universalism is a rich and living faith tradition, with a history that draws from many sources- including the Hebrew Bible and Christian Scriptures.

1. Familiarity with the structures and interpretations of certain Bible stories is part of the cultural environment that children experience on a daily basis through school, friends, media, etc.

*Exploring these stories through a UU lens promotes the use of reason, a free search for truth and meaning, and an understanding of religious literature as poetry and transcendent metaphor.*

2. Bibles use story, metaphor, and myth in a compelling way to present ideas, which people have used for thousands of years to learn lessons and help them develop a sense of moral compass.

*Studying these Bibles with a UU lens gives children an opportunity to think about what lessons UU's can take from spiritual literature.*

3. Children hear the word "God" in many contexts, but rarely with a UU perspective. *Considering the concept of a transcendent God provides children with an opportunity to consider different beliefs and explore for themselves how they think and feel about the concept of "God."*