

KG-2nd Grade
RE Calendar 2017-2018

9/10	Intergenerational-RE Open House & Registration
9/17	#1 Welcome
9/24	#2 Adam & Eve
10/1	#3 Cain & Abel
10/8	Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care
10/15	PK-5th World Religion workshop
10/22	#4 Joseph
10/29	Intergenerational Service
11/5	#5 Daniel
11/12	Intergenerational: Leaf Raking Sunday
11/19	#6 Jonah
11/26	#7 Jesus
12/3	PK-3rd Holiday Lesson- Advent Wreaths
12/10	PK-5th Holiday Lesson- Hanukkah
12/17	Intergenerational- Christmas Pageant
12/24	PK-5th Holiday Lesson- Christmas
12/31	#8 Mary
1/7	PK-5th Group Lesson
1/14	#9 David & Goliath
1/21	PK-5th Social Justice workshop
1/28	Intergenerational Service
2/4	Intergenerational-Communion Service
2/11	#10 Solomon & Sheba
2/18	Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care
2/25	#11 Moses' Basket
3/4	Intergenerational-Drumming Service
3/11	#12 Exodus
3/18	#13 Easter Story
3/25	PK-5th Holiday Lesson- Passover
4/1	Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care
4/8	#14 Esther
4/15	PK-5th Group Lesson
4/22	#15 Noah
4/29	PK-5th World Religion workshop
5/6	Intergenerational: Music Sunday
5/13	PK-5th Group Lesson / Affirmation
5/20	#16 Review
5/27	Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care
6/3	RE Sunday Prep
6/10	RE Sunday & Picnic Celebration

In RE we Respect Everyone:

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 I ndividuals
 V aluing
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Kindergarten,
 1st & 2nd Grade
 2017-2018

Religious
Education

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*Two 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.**

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.

Lesson materials for grades K-2 come from **two sources:**

1. The ***Gather 'Round*** curriculum invites adults to gather around the biblical story with children to learn and grow together in faith. It 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 our learners. Lessons are complete with story cards, posters, games, and printable worksheets. Each story has a *faith focus*, in which the lesson can be tailored to, as this program is designed for flexibility. The *Gather 'Round* curriculum is sensitive to the reality of today's households and uses sensitivity in approaching the many perspectives we find in our denominations.

2. **New this year!** We will also be using the UU based curriculum ***Picture Book Bible Tales***. This curriculum is fun, friendly and

concise with teachable moments that introduce classic Bible Tales to young elementary children. It is important for children to learn about the Bible through the UU lens of cultural and historical context. This program will encourage children to be wise and informed decision makers in their journey toward spiritual maturity. It will acquaint them with tales that are part of our culture and show them how to find universal messages of inspiration and hope. Each lesson is complete with a specific book that best illustrates the classic Bible tale, using appropriate language for young children & engaging them in the story. And, each story highlights a specific UU principle, identity and belief.

Volunteer teachers have the flexibility to use either curriculum, or a combination of both, for each Bible story lesson!