

## Scope and Sequence Tarrytown United Methodist Church

The children's ministry program at Tarrytown United Methodist Church is dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing environment, where children are embraced in a fun and loving community that teaches them about who and whose they are as children of God. It is our hope that they will develop a strong foundation of faith that will support their life-time faith journey.

<u>Age/Class</u>	<u>Concepts</u>	<u>Stories</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Spiritual Disciplines</u>	<u>Other items to include</u>
<b>Birth-Two</b>	By participating in a safe and nurturing environment, children will experience the love of God, their family, and their church	Children will begin to hear the stories of the Bible and will be introduced to the Bible characters by their caregivers.	Children will experience the values of friendship, community, sharing, and respect	Children will experience God through prayer, Listening (silence), and music.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sign Language</li> <li>▪ Reading</li> <li>▪ Age app. Music</li> <li>▪ Involvement</li> <li>▪ Attendance</li> <li>▪ Routine</li> <li>▪ Flash Cards</li> </ul>
<b>Two's</b>	Children will continue to learn who and whose they are as God's child. They will learn that God made everything, including themselves, that they are God's child, that although everyone is different, they are each very important. They will continue to experience the church as a safe and loving place.	Children will continue to hear the stories of the Bible including Noah and Christ's Birth. They will sing songs that help them remember the stories and that will begin helping them incorporate simple scripture in their daily living.	Children will learn the values of obedience, respect, friendship, community and they will begin learning about the world around them	Children will experience God through prayer, music, listening, service and art.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Repetition</li> <li>▪ Circle time</li> <li>▪ Snack</li> <li>▪ Curriculum</li> <li>▪ Sign Language</li> <li>▪ Age app. Music</li> </ul>
<b>Three's and Four's (Pre-K)</b>	Children will learn that the Bible is God's word, and that Jesus is God's Son. They will continue learning about community, building friendships, and understanding who and whose they are. They will also be introduced to the liturgical year.	Children will hear and learn about Jesus' life, including the story of Easter. They will begin to remember and incorporate scripture in their daily living.	Children will be introduced to the fruits of the spirit, focusing on the values of kindness, joy, patience, self control, and love, They will also learn how to live for others.	Children will experience God through prayer, Art, music, silence, and service.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Focus on broad concepts (minimum number to ensure they get it)</li> <li>▪ Spend 3- 5 weeks on each concept</li> <li>▪ Repetition</li> <li>▪ Age app. Music</li> <li>▪ Sign Language</li> </ul>

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<b>Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Children will begin to investigate their gifts and graces, learning their role in the church. They will begin to understand that they're an important part of this community of faith, as they seek out ways to participate in this family. They will begin to understand who Jesus was and what he did. Children will grow to understand the importance of worship, the meaning of liturgy and the Sacraments, while, focusing on prayer and learning their own communication style.	Children will begin to learn, experience, and understand the Lord's prayer, the Doxology, and the structure of the Old and New Testament, including the four Gospels.	Children will continue to explore the fruits of the Spirit, the values taught through the Ten Commandments, and the value of friendship.	Children will experience God through role play, silence, art, music, service, and prayer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Age app. Music</li> <li>▪ Sign Language</li> </ul>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Children will be introduced to the priesthood of all believers, learning that we are all called to help share God's word and love. They will continue to experience the community, interacting with the intergenerational church family. They will learn that God is ever-present in their lives and that God's prevenient grace is a gift to everyone.	Children will hear the stories of Job, and will listen for Christ's message in the Parables.	Children will learn and participate in the values of mission and outreach, forgiveness, humility, equality, being grateful, and faithfulness	Children will experience God through intercessory prayer learning how to pray for others. They will also experience the spiritual discipline of journaling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sign Language</li> <li>▪ Intergenerational Activities</li> <li>▪ Bible Program (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)</li> <li>▪ Age app. Music</li> </ul>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Children will begin to apply scripture to real life situations, learning how to live out their faith. They will begin to answer the questions: "How am I called and how can I serve?" They will learn about world religions and the heritage of Methodism. They will begin to investigate stewardship, tithing, and will learn where the church's money goes.	Children will begin to take known scripture, put it into their own words, and investigate how to apply it to real life events.	Children will continue to practice the fruits of the spirit, and will be introduced to the value of tolerance and understanding.	Children will experience God through silence, reflection, daily devotionals, lifting up their joys and concerns, and tithing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Out of the box</li> <li>▪ Start with concepts-reverse teaching</li> <li>▪ Make sure stories are age appropriate</li> <li>▪ Reiteration of learning points</li> <li>▪ Age app. Music</li> <li>▪ Sign Language</li> </ul>