

OUMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

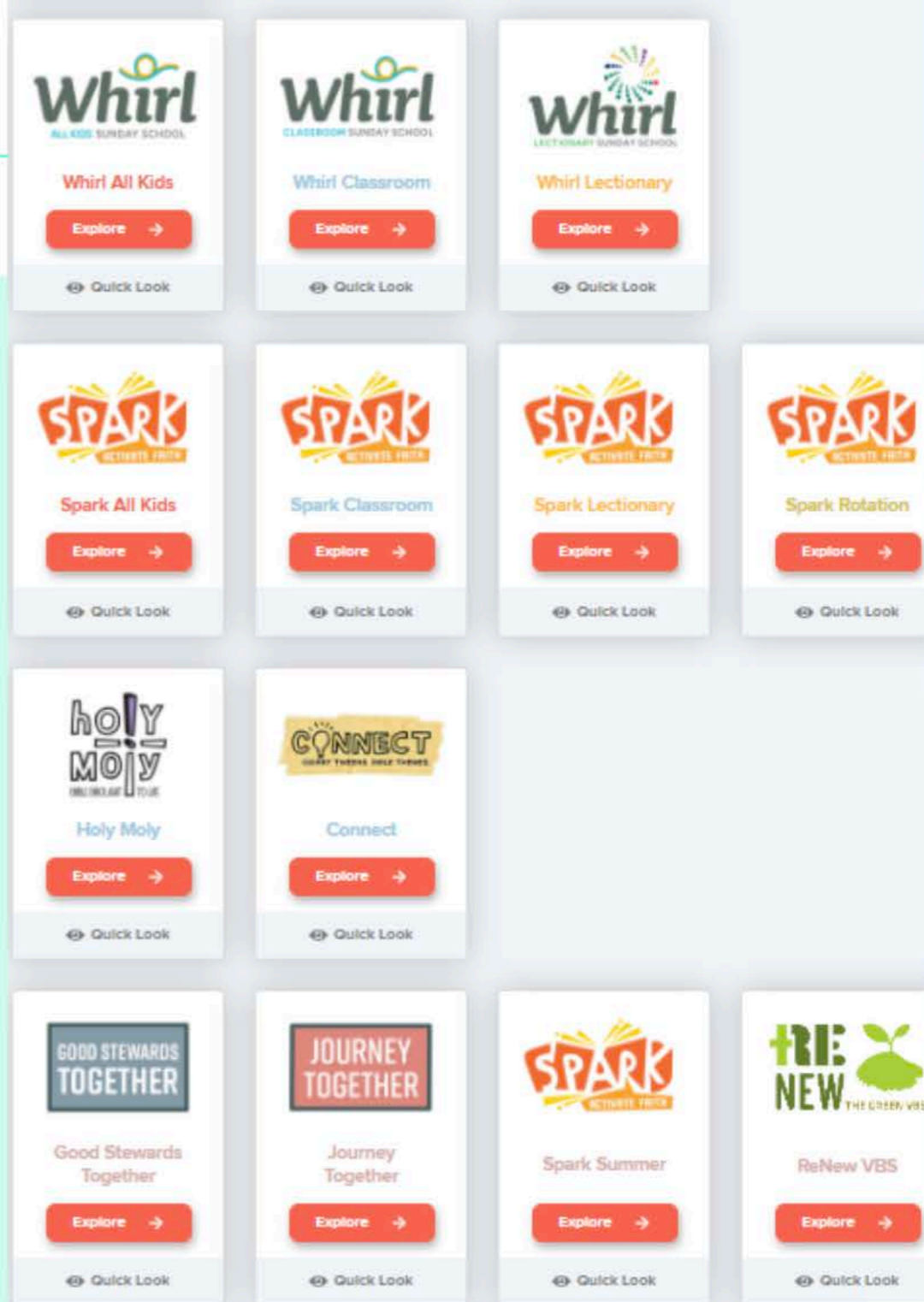




CURRICULUM

Sparks Digital Subscription is the curriculum on which we will build our children's program; other ideas can be added though!

- Affordable
- Highly recommended
- Multi-Age Groups
- Credible
- Variety of Content and Programs
- Customizable

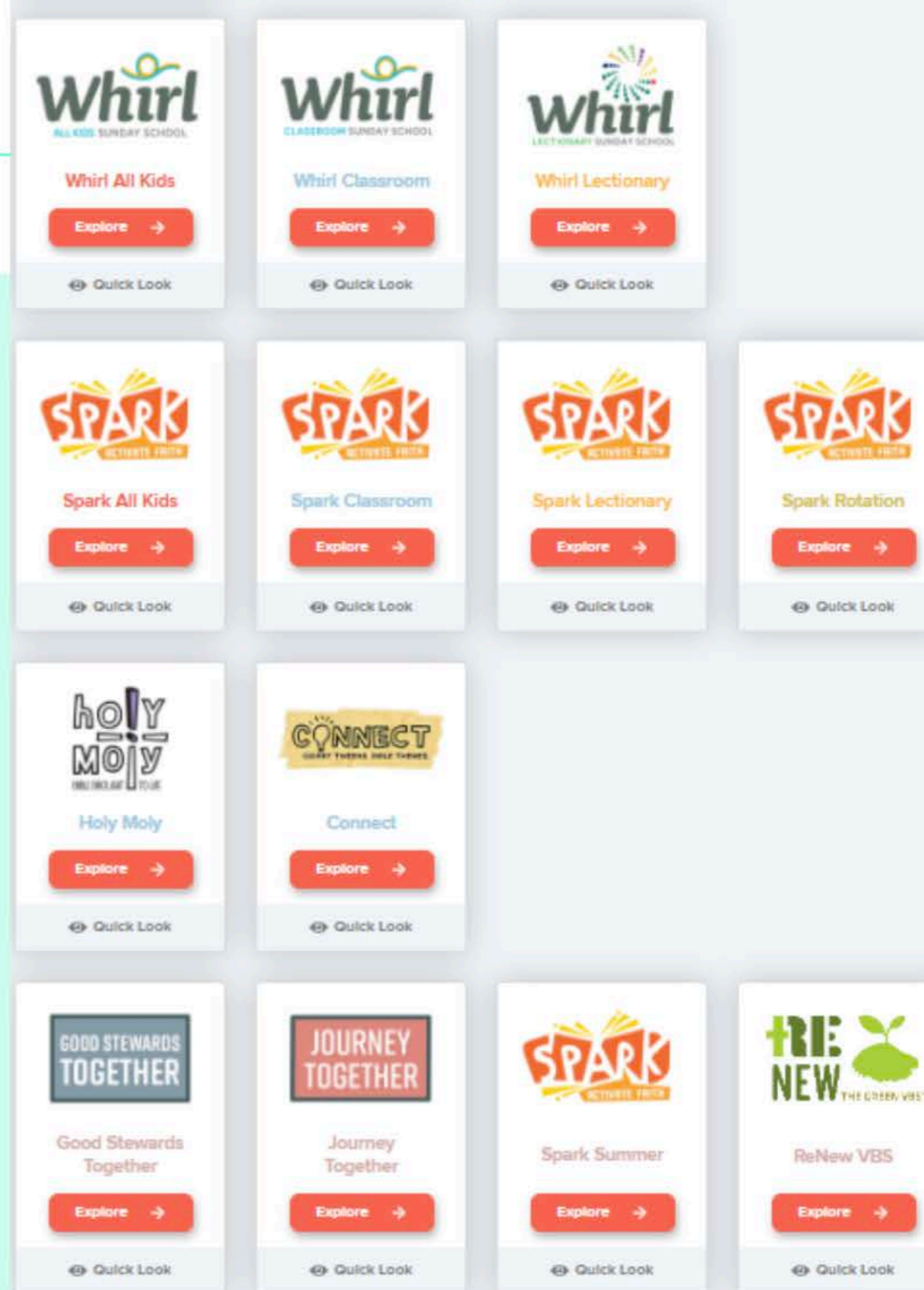




CURRICULUM

The curriculum has it all, so it's a matter of volunteers, financing, patience, and time!

- Children's Church - kickoff Feb 5!
- Sunday School - coming soon!
- Wednesday nights
- Nursery/PreSchool Program/Babysitter
- Seasonal Social Events - fellowship and community outreach (Easter, Summer Outdoor, Fall Festival, Winter Indoor)
- Other Events – VBS, Christmas Program, Kids' Sunday





LEVELS OF VOLUNTEERS FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- Coordinators (1-2)
 - Communicate with volunteers
 - Plan/customize the lessons
 - Prepare all materials (group organizing day!)
- Lesson Leaders (8+ rotational)
 - Lead students in scripted lessons for the week they've signed up
 - Little to no prep! (just read lesson beforehand)
- Shepherds (1-2 each week)
 - Extra hands to guide kids
 - Assist the weekly lesson leader and the coordinator (set up, distributing materials, etc.)
 - No prep!



CHILDREN'S CHURCH RESEARCH AND OUR PLANS

A Successful Children's Church

- Serves as an interactive, fun version of church/worship service for kids
- Works well with multi-ages
- Combines whole group and small group break out moments
- Is team-based, led by 3-5 people
- Offers a variety: Prayer, songs, snack, Bible lesson, engaging activities
- Is ultimately, fun and engaging so that kids want to be there, feel loved and a sense of belonging, learn something, and want to come back!

Age Range: 4 years-3rd grade(ish)

- Pew Research Center & Princeton Survey Research advocates for children, especially older elementary, to sit with their parents during worship
- Children will attend some of regular worship service and then will be called to go to CC (after Creed probably)
- Our 4th-5th graders will attend regular worship and/or serve as Shepherd volunteers for CC (grade level Sunday School is next on our to-do list!)



OUMC CHILDREN'S CHURCH CURRIUCLUM

Sparks Rotation

- Based on multiple learning styles
- Students will read/learn the same Bible story for two weeks for consistency/repetition but interact with that lesson in a different modality:
 - art, science, cooking, games, video, music/drama
 - You may want to volunteer for a lesson that suits your own talents!
- I will select and customize the lesson to fit our needs of time, space, ages. Your input is welcome of course!
- Volunteers will receive their lessons at least a week in advance, possibly more.

DIRECTOR GUIDE

The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:5-15)

Big Picture Overview

Welcome to The Lord's Prayer Rotation. Use this chart to see at-a-glance what eight workshops there are for Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary, and All Kids age-groupings.

Workshop	Lower Elementary	Upper Elementary	All Kids
ART	<p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: Jesus teaches me how to pray.</p> <p>PRAYING HANDS PRINTS: Kids make praying hands prints to remind them of the story.</p>	<p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: I can pray about anything, anywhere, anytime.</p> <p>EMBOSSED FOIL ART PRINTS: Kids create embossed foil prints to remind them they can pray about anything, anywhere, anytime.</p>	<p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: God always hears my prayers.</p> <p>TIME TO PRAY COLLAGE: Kids create a collage of things for which they can pray.</p>
BIBLE SKILLS & GAMES	<p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: Jesus taught us the Lord's Prayer.</p> <p>HIDDEN PRAYER PUZZLES: Kids go on a hunt to fill in the missing words of the prayer.</p> <p>PARACHUTE PRAYERS: Kids play parachute games to learn about prayer.</p>	<p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: Jesus, teach us to pray!</p> <p>PRAYER PERSON: Kids play a game of hangman.</p> <p>LORD'S PRAYER BALL BONANZA: Kids play a basketball game to learn the parts of the Lord's Prayer.</p>	<p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: Jesus gives us an example of how to pray.</p> <p>CART-FULLY: Kids learn about different types of prayer through a game.</p> <p>CART RELAYS: Kids play a relay game to learn about different types of prayer.</p>
DIGITAL MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY	<p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: The Lord's Prayer says it all.</p> <p>SAY IT ALL WITH ART: Kids use a drawing app to illustrate a portion of the Lord's Prayer.</p>	<p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: Jesus used the Lord's Prayer to teach.</p> <p>LORD'S PRAYER, YOUR PRAYER: Kids write contemporary versions of the Lord's Prayer.</p>	<p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: The Lord's Prayer brings us closer to God.</p> <p>PRAY ANOTHER WAY: Kids will learn the Lord's Prayer in American Sign Language.</p>
COOKING	<p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: Anyone can talk to God.</p> <p>MUNCH-ABLE MOUTHS: Kids make mouths with apple slices as they review the Lord's Prayer.</p>	<p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: God wants to hear from us.</p> <p>LISTENING SALAD: Kids use ear shaped pasta to make a salad as they review the Lord's Prayer.</p>	<p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: I can pray about anything!</p> <p>ANYTHING GOES SALSA AND CHIPS: Kids use several fruits to make salsa and chips as they review the Lord's Prayer.</p>

Workshop Focus: Jesus teaches me how to pray.

Keep these tips in mind as you welcome kids to the workshop and explore the story together.

- Each week, remember to welcome kids to the rotation. Keep in mind that for some kids, it may be the first time they are visiting your workshop!
- If kids have heard the story several times during previous weeks, read it again! Kids learn through repetition, and every workshop will explore the Bible story in a slightly different way.
- Remember that the Shepherds are there to support you as they accompany kids each week.

Open the Bible (10 minutes)

The Lord's Prayer Storytelling

Set Up: Cut the construction paper into strips that are at least 3" x 12" (8 cm x 30 cm). You will need to have one or more dowels, depending on the number of prayer strips each kid completes.

Activity Instructions

Welcome to Art! I'm glad that all of you are here. In our Bible story for today, we read about one time when Jesus taught the disciples to pray. Do you remember what we call the prayer that Jesus taught the disciples? That's right—the Lord's Prayer.

Jesus taught the disciples many things about God and how God wanted them to live. And people everywhere came to hear Jesus teach about God's kingdom—Jesus was a great teacher! We can learn how to pray from the words that Jesus taught the disciples. Pass out Spark Story Bibles to kids. Let's turn to page 278 in our Spark Story Bibles and take a look at the story of the Lord's Prayer. Review the story with the kids, then have them continue by writing their prayer thoughts on the paper strips.

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Art Leader Guide: The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reference: Matthew 6:5-15

Lesson Focus: Jesus teaches me how to pray.

I. Gather (5 minutes)

1. Welcome students to Children's Church. Make sure they feel they're here.
2. Play today's song and let them sing, dance, and/or listen.
3. Ask them to gather together for some storytelling and reading.

II. Open the Bible (5 minutes) The Lord's Prayer Storytelling

Resources: Spark Story Bibles—use the Spark Story Bible pro



OUR SPACE

- The Maker's → Historic Grounds
- Our potential new space will be more conducive
- For now, we will very carefully walk down to coffee shop with weekly leader and shepherd when called in the service (about halfway through; probably after The Apostles Creed)
- Parents will pick up children at the coffee shop.
- Needed for Setup
 - Rug for Bible story time
 - Projector/Speakers for Worship Songs (1-2) and for the video workshops
 - Supplies each week for the lessons (pre-bagged)
 - Sparks Story Bible



SUNDAY SCHOOL COMING SOON!

Volunteers!

- Sunday **School**: small group discipleship of reading, learning, discussion
- Similar age groupings
- preK-5th grade
- Consistent teachers (monthly?)
- Sparkhouse Digital Lectionary
 - preK; K-1; 2-3; 4-5
 - Upper/Lower Elementary



Spark Lectionary **The Light of the World** Levels

The Light of the World

Scope and Sequence

[Curriculum](#) > [Spark Lectionary](#) > [Year B, Spring](#) > [The Light of the World](#)

- [The Light of the World: Ages 2-3](#) →
- [The Light of the World: PreK-K](#) →
- [The Light of the World: Grades 1-2](#) →
- [The Light of the World: Grades 3-4](#) →
- [The Light of the World: Grades 5-6](#) →



TO DO NOW

- Need rotating volunteers of all levels for children's church: Sign-up genius on the newsletter!
- Safe Sanctuary Training TBD
- Prayerfully consider being a monthly Sunday school teacher (material will be ready for you)

OUMC Children's Church Lesson Overview and Volunteer Sign Up

Date	Lesson	Activity	Leader	Shepherd(s)
Feb 5	"Love Abundantly"	Science: Love never fails expo hearts in water experiment		
Feb 12	"Love Abundantly"	Cooking: Love has many ingredients granola mix		
Feb 19	"Lord's Prayer"	Art/Craft: Bead Bracelets with Memory cards		
Feb 26	"Lord's Prayer"	Game: hunt for missing words in Lord's prayer		
March 5	"House on a Rock"	Science: popsicle stick houses on sand vs rock experiment		
March 12	"House on a Rock"	Video: Analyze clip from LEGO or Narnia for bravery and wisdom		

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR VOLUNTEERISM!
PARENTS,
THANK YOU FOR ENTRUSTING US WITH YOUR SWEET CHILDREN!



Exciting Things to Come!
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