



# Our Promise

## Stepping Stones

# S = Share

- To share the gospel of Jesus Christ with our children, so that through the work of the Holy Spirit they will choose to live God's way as dedicated followers of Jesus Christ.



*“It is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.” Matthew 18:14*

# T = Teach



- To teach the children about Jesus and His word, and lay within each child a firm, confident, spiritual foundation.
- To base our teaching on the Bible, believing it is the true word of God and is His way of revealing Himself to us.
- To provide a structured, well organised Bible-based programme, with creative, interesting worksheets, crafts, games and other teaching methods appropriate to each stage and level.

# T = Teach

- To be flexible, sensitive and aware of situations arising during sessions and to allow God to speak through us by His Spirit
- To provide training for the teachers, so that they are able to teach effectively and to actively encourage questions, so the children grow in faith, trust and confidence



*'Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. You shall teach them to your sons, talking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you rise up.'*

*Deuteronomy 11:18-19*

# E = Evangelise



- To reach out to all children, not just in our church, but locally, nationally and globally, with the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- To equip our children with a firm grasp of their own beliefs, so as to be able to speak with a gentle confidence about their faith, in a way that is respectful of the beliefs of other people.

*'Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.'*

*Matthew 28:19*

# P = Praise

- To involve the children in the cheerful and joyful praising of the Lord Jesus Christ: through their actions & deeds as well as in their songs & worship.



*'It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp. For you make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.'*

*Psalm 92:1*

# P = Pray



- To pray for both the spiritual and emotional enriching of the children, as they grow in faith and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- To know that the Holy Spirit inspires our prayers and the risen Christ intercedes for us, so that God the Father hears and answers all our prayers made in Jesus name.
- To regularly pray with the children and to pray for the children.
- To encourage others to pray individually for the children and for all involved in the children's ministry.

*'And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.'*

*John 14:13*

# I = Inspire

- For all leaders to inspire the children through being living examples of God's word; by having Christ at the centre of all we do and by demonstrating the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.



*'So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.'*

*Luke 6:31*

# N = Nurture



- To nurture in each child a love of God and His word: and for them all to be able to call Jesus their friend.
- For the leaders to develop appropriate, healthy friendships with the children, within in a caring and loving environment.
- To encourage the children to develop friendships between each other, that are fun, supportive, and ultimately eternal.

# N = Nurture

- Also to create an environment where the children feel able to bring their non-Christian friends to church, and know they will be accepted.



*'I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.'*

*John 14:15*

# G = Grow



- To allow growth of spiritual maturity in our children; growing together along with their friends, siblings, parents, leaders, ministers and the wider church community.
- To teach that as a church family, we are all one in Christ Jesus. To encourage the Holy Spirit to fill each child.

*‘But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity.’*

*2 Peter 3:18*

# S = Serve

- To willingly serve the children: drawing on the love of God the Father, the example of Jesus Christ and the strength & guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- To encourage our children to serve Him, and in doing this, to serve the church, the local community and the world, through both their words and deeds.



*'As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.'*

*1 Peter 4:10*

# T = Teamwork



- To work with the other ministries to share in worship and contribute to teaching the wider congregation, in joint worship, contributing to the Sunday services and other church events through singing, drama, prayer and readings.

*‘Out of the mouth of babes you have ordained praise, that you may silence the enemy and the avenger.’*

*Psalm 8:2*

# O = One God

- To teach the children the doctrines of the Church of Scotland as found in the church's statement of faith:
  - That there is one God; Father, Son and Holy Sprit, that that no one comes to the Father except through Jesus Christ, His only begotten son.
  - That God loved the world so much that he sent Jesus, who was without sin, to die on the cross in our place, so that the price we owed for our sin would be paid.



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- That as a result we are no longer separated from God and our relationship with Him is repaired.
- That because of this we are now clothed in Jesus' righteousness and we have eternal life.
- That Jesus has defeated evil and death itself, and as a result He is risen and seated at the right hand of the Father.



*'Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life and only a few find it.'* John 14:13

# N = Nature



- To allow each child to develop self awareness and self knowledge so they realise that by the fact that we all share Adam's nature, there will be no one that is perfect and we will all often get things wrong; but by being we will eternally loved by Jesus, he enables us to say sorry and to accept Him into our hearts, and nothing that we do can separate us from this love, in this world or the next.

*'For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.'* Romans 8:39

# E = Encourage

- Encourage our children through the teaching of the Bible and the upholding of scripture, so they know and understand the basis of their faith, and can pass it on from generation to generation.
- To give them enough confidence to discuss any self doubts and questions about their own faith in the coming years: and to be able to talk about their faith to others.



*He commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.'*

*Psalm 78:1-7*

# S = Safe



- To keep our children safe and secure, so that they are able to trust those within our church family.
- To contribute through prayer, giving and service to the safety and well being of children all over the world, Christian and non Christian alike.

*'Let the children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.'*

*Matthew 19:14*

# The End

