

# NEXT GEN

Scope and Sequence



The Village Church

	<b>GROUPS</b>	<b>EVENTS</b>	<b>MILESTONES</b>
<b>PRESCHOOL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large group teaching, ages 3–K</li> <li>• Age-specific classrooms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotion Sunday</li> <li>• Preschool Storytime</li> <li>• VBS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baby announcements</li> <li>• First Storybook Bible</li> <li>• Second Storybook Bible</li> <li>• Kindergarten Blessing</li> </ul>
<b>ELEMENTARY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large group worship and teaching, 1st–5th</li> <li>• Grade-specific small groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotion Sunday</li> <li>• 1st Grade Parent Forum</li> <li>• KV Games</li> <li>• Elementary Baptism Class</li> <li>• VBS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ID Weekend</li> <li>• 5th Grade Blessing</li> <li>• Baptism</li> </ul>
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large group teaching</li> <li>• Grade-specific, gender-specific small groups</li> <li>• Mixed gender/grade groups (twice a semester)</li> <li>• Summer Bible study</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Showdown</li> <li>• Spin</li> <li>• Summer Camp</li> <li>• GoGive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mix 56</li> <li>• ID Weekend 2.0</li> </ul>
<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large group teaching</li> <li>• Grade-specific, gender-specific small groups</li> <li>• Mixed gender/grade groups (twice a semester)</li> <li>• Summer Bible study</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Showdown</li> <li>• Spin</li> <li>• Summer Camp</li> <li>• Mission Trips</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fish Camp</li> <li>• Student Mission Trip</li> <li>• Senior Graduation</li> </ul>

# Mission



**We exist to love God, love people, and make disciples of Jesus Christ.**

- The mission of our Next Gen Ministry is the same as the mission of our church: to love God, love people, and make disciples of Jesus Christ. We partner with parents and caregivers as they disciple their children—from birth to high school graduation. Next Gen seeks to provide environments where children and students can hear the gospel in developmentally appropriate ways through curriculum, groups, events, and milestones. We are intentional with ministry handoffs, learning outcomes, and holistic discipleship.



# Preschool

## CURRICULUM

In our Preschool Ministry, we seek to establish a foundational understanding of the redemptive story seen in Scripture by teaching biblical narratives which focus on our six foundational truths:

- **God Made Everything**
- **God Is in Charge of Everything**
- **God Is Good**
- **Jesus Came to Save Sinners**
- **God Wants to Talk With Us**
- **The Church Is God's Family**

Each year, our preschoolers are taught the whole Bible, starting with creation in mid-summer. We continue through the Old Testament up to the birth of Jesus at Advent. At the start of the new year, we begin the New Testament with the life of Jesus through Easter. After Easter, we study the Church through the second coming of Jesus.

We begin teaching curriculum at age 1, when preschoolers are learning all about the world God created. We know repetition is key, so ages 1 and 2 are taught two lessons per month. Beginning at age 3, we introduce corporate worship through large group teaching which includes prayer, worship through song, and hearing from God's Word together. We incorporate developmentally appropriate learning centers, play, and crafts to reinforce lessons each week.

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## Groups

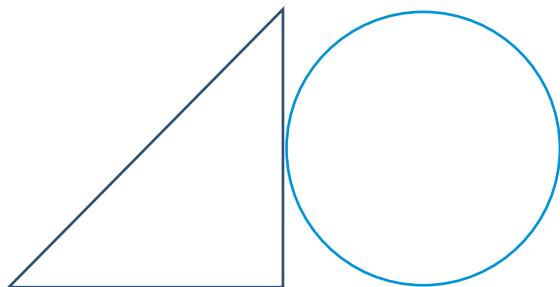
- Large group teaching for ages 3–K
- Age-specific classrooms for small group instructions

## Events

- Promotion Sunday (for upcoming Kindergarteners)
- Preschool Storytime (monthly)
- VBS

## Milestones

- Baby announcements
- First Storybook Bible
- Second Storybook Bible
- Kindergarten Blessing/Graduation



# Elementary

## CURRICULUM

Each school year, our elementary kids are taught the whole Bible, beginning with creation in August. We continue through the Old Testament up to the birth of Jesus at Advent. At the start of the new year, we begin the New Testament with the life of Jesus through Easter. After Easter, we study the Church through the second coming of Jesus.

Our curriculum is on a three-year rotation. Each year, we teach the whole story of Scripture with a specific focus:

- **Attributes of God** – In this focus, we look at the different attributes of God revealed in His Word. Attributes are words that tell us what someone or something is like. Understanding how to see who God is in Scripture lays a foundation for children to follow God.
- **Wonderful Works of God** – In this focus, we look at the different wonderful works of God. A wonderful work is something God has done that shows us who He is. The Bible is full of stories that tell us about the awesome things God has done. Remembering the wonderful works of God helps us to know, love, trust, and obey Him more.
- **The Family of God** – In this focus, we look at who the family of God is and how they respond to Him. God adopts into His family those who love and trust Jesus. Learning about who God is and what He has done in the Bible teaches us how to live.

Each summer, we focus on what it means to be a Christian. Learning about God helps us to know, love, trust, and obey Him. During these foundational lessons, we answer questions like: Who are God's children? Who is Jesus? What is sin? What is the gospel? How do I know if I am a child of God?

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### **Groups**

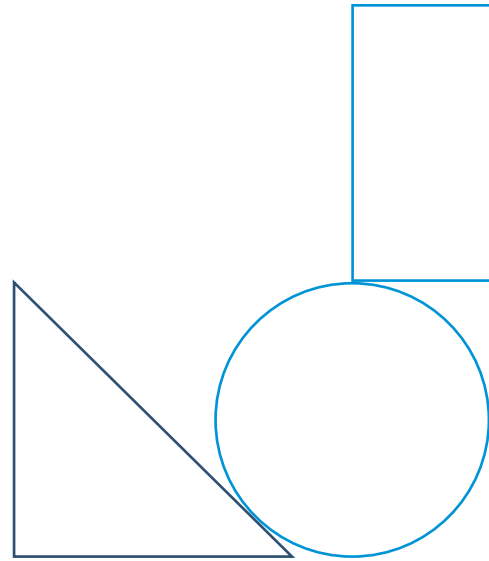
- Large group worship and teaching for 1st–5th grade
- Grade-specific small group environments

### **Events**

- Promotion Sunday
- 1st Grade Parent Forum
- KV Games (Fall/Spring)
- Elementary Baptism Class
- VBS

### **Milestones**

- ID Weekend
- 5th Grade Blessing/Graduation
- Baptism



# Middle School

## CURRICULUM

The Middle School Ministry introduces students to the concepts of their identity, belonging, and purpose in Christ. We provide biblical teaching on these foundational topics on a three-year rotation. Each fall we will focus on one of these major truths:

- **Identity** – Students will gain a firm understanding of their identity in Jesus Christ. Students will know that they are created in God’s image and have inherent dignity, value, and worth. Even more, our students will discover the riches of the identity of a beloved child of God.
- **Belonging** – Students will learn the importance of belonging to a community that follows and glorifies Jesus Christ. We also teach on major hurdles that might keep us from belonging, such as depression, loneliness, and anxiety.
- **Purpose** – Students will grow in knowing their purpose as disciples of Jesus Christ. We desire for our students to know God’s story and see themselves as a part of what God is doing in the world. The gospel doesn’t just save our students from something—it calls them into something.

Building upon the Elementary Ministry’s teaching of the biblical storyline, the Middle School Ministry introduces students to studying whole books of the Bible. Each spring, we walk through a book of the Bible that may align with what our church is preaching through. Students study this book in small group time and also receive large group teaching.



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## Groups

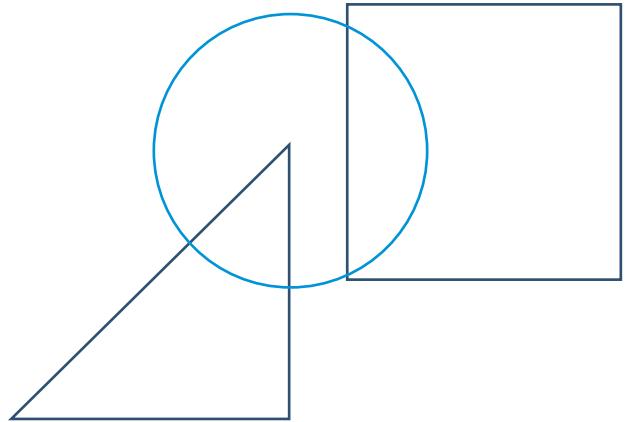
- Large group teaching
- Grade-specific and gender-specific small groups
- Mixed gender/grade groups (twice a semester)
- Summer Bible study

## Events

- The Showdown (Fall)
- Spin (Spring)
- Summer Camp
- GoGive

## Milestones

- Mix 56
- ID Weekend 2.0



# High School

## CURRICULUM

The High School Ministry continues and expounds upon concepts of identity, belonging, and purpose which were introduced in the Middle School Ministry. While the culture is bombarding our students with false narratives, our ministry seeks to present the true narrative through biblical teaching. In the fall, our ministry focuses on a portion of the Scripture that aligns with each foundational topic:

- **Identity** – Studying Genesis 1–11, students learn about their identity as image-bearers of God and the influence that identity has on their lives.
- **Belonging** – The book of James outlines what it means to be a follower of Christ and how Christians' sense of belonging is met in the presence of Christ and through the Church.
- **Purpose** – The Gospel of Mark teaches students about their purpose as disciples of Jesus Christ and how they are meant to influence the world around them.

In the spring, our focus is to provide our students with biblical teaching on relative topics regarding identity, belonging, and purpose in Christ, such as: image of God, sex and gender, race and ethnicity, anxiety and stress, the family of God, marriage and singleness, how to love God and others, and more.

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## Groups

- Large group teaching
- Grade-specific and gender-specific small groups
- Mixed gender/grade groups (twice a semester)
- Summer Bible study

## Events

- The Showdown (Fall)
- Spin (Spring)
- Summer Camp
- Mission Trips

## Milestones

- Fish Camp
- Student Mission Trip
- Senior Graduation

