

Bible Bucks

We value our kids at GUMC and put a lot of time and effort into developing programs you'll find have value. We feel it is important that the kids have a fun time while they are here, yet grow spiritually and formulate the values you want them to have at the same time. In an effort to help our children grow spiritually, we are incorporating The Bible Bucks Program in our Sunday school, Children's Church, and Sunday Night Children's Program.

Bible Bucks is an incentive program that encourages the children to earn "Bucks" and then spend them in the Bible Bucks Market on the first Sunday of each month. Bucks are earned and received by the students each Sunday for:

Attendance	1 Buck
Bring Bible	1 Buck
Read and submit a summary or picture on one of the books from our book club.	1 Buck
Random Act of Kindness	2 Bucks
Bring Offering	2 Bucks
Memory Verse Recited	2 Bucks
Perfect Attendance	5 Bucks
Bring a Visitor	10 Bucks
The Great Book Challenge	10 Bucks

Bible Bucks are a great way to reward kids for completing memory work, bringing their Bibles to Sunday school or even inviting their friends to church. The Bible bucks are NOT given out for good behavior because good behavior is an expectation that we expect from all children.

We will have a memory verse every month for Sunday school and Children's Church for the children to learn and recite to their Sunday school teacher or Children's Church leader. The memory verses are taken from the Sunday school curriculum, "Live Big", and will be reinforced during the Sunday school and Children's Church lessons.

We will have a weekly memory verse for our Sunday night program. The children will be given the opportunity to recite these verses each Sunday night during our Bible Memory Games. Please encourage your child to participate in our Bible Bucks Program.

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Dear Sunday School Teachers:

Would you please help us incorporate the Bible Bucks Program by giving each child the memory verse at the beginning of each month, and allowing them time during Sunday school on the fourth Sunday of each month to recite their verse.

We are asking that you please encourage the children in your class to remember the monthly memory verse as well as bring their Bible to class, attend Sunday school weekly, bring a friend, etc.... and give out the Bible bucks according to the Bible bucks chart.

I have left a brown envelope in each Sunday school room. In the envelope you will find Bible bucks, the memory verse cards for January, and an extra sheet of the memory verses in case you need to make extra copies. If you need additional Bible Bucks please let me know. The children will have the opportunity to spend their Bible Bucks at the Bible Bucks Market, which will be open after church the 1st Sunday of each month.

Please do not award the children Bible bucks for good behavior. Good behavior is an expectation, and the children need to learn their own sense of self discipline. If we reward them for good behavior these rewards are conditioning them to act in a certain way and is not allowing them to reason why they must behave in a certain manner. The route that we should employ for our children to develop self-discipline is to:

Love them

Know them

Expect the best from them

Explain expectations to them

Guide them

Encourage and praise them

Out of concerns from parents and children's leaders we have developed a discipline policy for children's leaders, parents, and children. We ask that you please enforce the discipline policy so that the children will learn that they must accept responsibility for their behavior and accept the consequences of their actions. Let the kids know what is expected of them and follow through. Each child is expected to pay attention to the lesson and avoid disrupting others. Discipline is not a negative thing. The Bible teaches us that God corrects us and disciplines us because He loves us. We too must discipline out of love and concern for the children.

If you do not feel comfortable speaking to a parent about a child's behavior please let me know and we can have a conversation with the parent.

Thank you,

Carlene Lucas