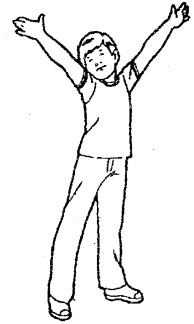


# Spirit Club---Frequently Asked Questions

*My child hasn't started the Spirit Club yet, but we want to. How do we join? Can we still join?*

Simply turn in your Spirit Club handbook to your child's age group, find the current month and start there. Practice this month's verse all month until your child knows it and can recite it from memory (independently) citing chapter and verse. You are not behind!! Your goal is to add to your child's Bible knowledge day by day, week by week, month by month, and year by year. Start today.



*We missed last month's memory verse. How do we get back on track?*

Start with this month's verse. You are not behind. There is no need to catch up.

*My child is in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Do we start at the beginning with the verses listed for the 3's, 4's and 5's?*

No, just start with your child's age group for the current month. You do not need to review or catch up. There are built in review years in the handbook which will give your child any memory work that they haven't yet completed, or help them to review/reinforce that earlier learning.

*How does my child get recognized for his/her memory work?*

Pictures will be taken in the Teen Room immediately following services on the first Sunday of every month, and will be presented prior to worship the following Sunday. If your child has been recognized in the past for the Spirit Club, they *do not* have to have their picture done. However, you must turn in a Spirit Club update slip every month for your child to be recognized (even if we have their picture on file). This is the only way we can keep track of who is doing what. Forms are available on the table in the foyer.

If for some reason we miss your child, or you forget to turn in your form, let us know and we will get it the following month.



*Where do I turn in my child's recognition form?*

Turn it in to the person taking pictures in the Teen Room immediately following services on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month (even if you do not need a new picture).

*My child has not yet learned the 66 Books of the Bible. Do we need to learn that first?*

The 66 Club remains as it always has. For the Spirit Club, your child may be able to learn some of the shorter lists/songs before he/she has mastered all 66 Books in order, and that is fine. The lists for the 3's, 4's, & 5's can be achieved in any order! Continue to work on the 66 Books, but don't let that hold you back from starting the Spirit Club. You know your child! Move at your child's pace, and start with what you know you are ready for. All of the lists have songs to go with them, and these are usually the easiest for a child to begin with.

*My child is only 2, but he/she knows some of the memory work. Can he join the Spirit Club?*

Of course!!! The age groups were only suggested guidelines... we will not hold any child back!!

*There is a certain passage that wouldn't have been my choice for my child. Does he/she have to learn it to be in the Spirit Club?*

The Spirit Club was intended to help guide parents through the awesome task of training their young people in academic Biblical knowledge. You as a parent are the best judge for your child. Simply substitute another verse. It is a parent led program, therefore you have the freedom to make choices that best suit your family.

*I have two children close in age. Can't they just learn the same verses?*

This is a *parent led* program. Use what you wish. If your child is consistently learning new Scripture, then it is a success. However, some of our Sunday/Wednesday teachers are working with this curriculum in their classes (and some are not), so you might want to check with them so that your child is not left out of additional incentives.



*Where do I go if I am confused or have questions?*



The bulletin board in the annex is designed to help you. You can find all of your child's memory work for the year in your child's age group folder. (If you find you have the last copy, it would be appreciated if you would refill the folder with 10 new copies before taking the last one! We will try to make sure there are always enough so that you don't have to...)

If you have questions/suggestions, please talk to Steve, Kristi or Kendra about them. We will be adjusting this ministry to meet the needs of our children as we go along!

*I've heard there are materials to help my child memorize their verses/lists. Where do I get these?*

There are song books available in the foyer and the songs include all of the memorization for the preschool ages!! In addition, we have crafts, visual aids, and magnets that can help you and your child not only memorize these verses, but grow in an understanding of the Scripture!! Remember that the goal of the program is to embed the Word of God into the hearts and minds of our children, in word and meaning. We hope to add to the collection of learning aids through the years, so please share your ideas and great finds!! See Kendra or Kristi if you are interested in these materials for your child.

