

## THE KINGDOM CULTURE IN THE HOME



*<sup>6</sup>And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.*

*<sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*

*<sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.*

*<sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

*– Deuteronomy 6:6-9*

### **The Christian home is to be a center of training the next generation in faith and godly living.**

While the culture of the world outside the home may be faithless and ungodly, inside the four walls of the house, parents are to establish a “Kingdom Culture” – a culture of godliness. And, when the family travels outside the home, the parents are to take that “Kingdom Culture” wherever they go, teaching and explaining to their children how God’s people live in faith in contrast to the ungodliness they see in the world.

### **To help parents in teaching and training their children in faith and godliness St. Paul’s has many resources that are available to all parents and children.**

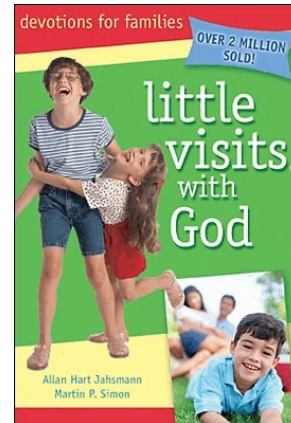
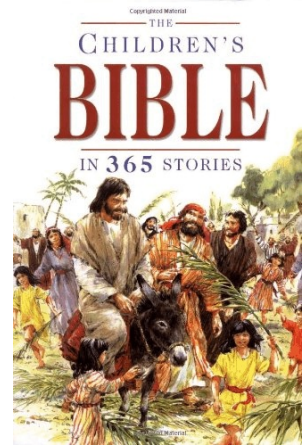
### **The Sunday School is an excellent resource for parents to use as a guideline for teaching the Word of God in the home throughout the week.**



First, on the Sunday School page of the Church Website [[www.stpaulslutheranchurch.org](http://www.stpaulslutheranchurch.org)] parents will find the link to the Scripture Lesson used each Sunday for the Kindergarten through Six Grade students. Parents can read these Scriptures ahead of Sunday and familiarize their children with the

Biblical content or review them the week after class.

All kindergarten students in Sunday School receive a “**Children’s Bible in 365 Stories**”. Parents can read one story a day to their young child, perhaps at night before bed, to teach their children the Word of God.



Fourth Grade students receive a book of daily devotions “**Little Visits with God**” that they can read everyday. This book applies the Word of God to their lives in practical ways and trains the children to apply God’s Word to all areas of their lives.

### **The Sunday School also has a Memory Guide Program for all students in the First through Sixth Grades.**

This Memory Program works through the Six Chief Parts of Luther’s Small Catechism and Key Scriptures over six years. In this way, the children are learning about the Ten Commandments, the Apostles’ Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, Baptism, the Lord’s Supper, and Confession & Absolution – six very important parts of the Christian Faith.

### **Confirmation Classes in the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Grades also provide the youth with a more comprehensive approach to what the Bible teaches.**

In the Seventh Grade students take a survey of the Old Testament and learn how God was working in history to send the Savior into the world. In Eighth Grade students study the life of Jesus and the growth of the early Christian Church. In Ninth Grade, students receive instruction from Luther’s Small Catechism and learn the Six Chiefs parts of the Christian Faith.

Parents, please make use of these valuable resources for establishing and maintaining a “Kingdom Culture” in your home. Most of the time, the readings in the Children’s Bible or the Devotional take 15 minutes or less. The regular reading of Scripture and its application, for just 15 minutes a day, six days a week (Monday–Saturday) will provide the children with 78 hours of learning in One Year.