

Age/Grade Level	0-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	The Vision Leaving Early Childhood	Kindergarten	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	The Vision Leaving Elementary
<b>Prayer</b>	Introduce kids to simple memorized prayer and prayer posture.	Teach kids that prayer is talking to God.	Teach kids to pray using echoed prayers.	Recite the Lord's Prayer.	Parents pray for and with their kids.	Participate in guided prayer.	Learn about giving thanks in prayer. Practice independent prayer.	Practice adoration of God in prayer.	Practice confession of sin in prayer and forgiveness.	Practice supplication in prayer, praying for others and self.	Understand A.C.T.S. independent prayer.	Kids have a basic understanding of prayer and lead prayers at church and at home.
<b>Scripture</b>	Introduce kids to Bible stories.	Be able to identify a Bible.	Know that the Bible contains the Word of God.	Know that the words and stories in the Bible are inspired by God.	Kids hear the basic stories and truths of Scripture.	Understand that the Bible has two major divisions (Old Testament and New Testament) and 66 books.	Understand the divisions of the Bible: <b>Old Testament:</b> 39 books <b>New Testament:</b> 27 books	Recite Old Testament and New Testament books.	Independently look up Scripture given Bible citation.  Learn the Ten Commandments.	List major Old Testament and New Testament persons and associated books, and name the twelve disciples.	Understand the connection between Old Testament and New Testament—comprising one story.  Understand that the Bible has application in our lives (John 13:34-35).	Kids learn the basic stories and truths of Scripture.
<b>Worship</b>	Introduce kids to a worshipful environment/worship music.	Learn "Jesus Loves Me."	Learn "God is so Good" and "This is the Day."	Know the Doxology.	Kids hear songs of the faith.	Be exposed to the spiritual discipline of tithing.	Learn about the spiritual discipline of worship—who and why?	Learn the "Gloria Patri" and different worship styles.	Learn about Communion and worship posture.	Know the Apostle's Creed.	Know "Amazing Grace" and learn about the sacrament of Baptism.	Kids learn to worship with peers and adults.
<b>Community</b>	Know that church is a safe place.	Recognize that a church is God's house.	Learn that Highland Park United Methodist Church is the name of our church.	Know that I have a church family.	Parents connect to a Small Group.	Understand the importance of fellowship with other believers.	Learn about the types of Christian community.	Begin to ask who is in my community?	Experience community through a small group.	Gain an overview of the Methodist tradition.	Learn what it means to be the church through prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.	Kids connect to a small group.
<b>Service</b>	Introduce kids to acts of service/kindness to others.	Expose kids to acts of service/kindness to others.	Teach kids to share/kindness to others.	Know the Golden Rule.	Parents "adopt" an HPUMC Outreach partner for their family to support.	Ask: Where can I serve?	Ask: Whom can I serve?	Ask: How can I use my gifts and talents to serve others?	Ask: How can we serve as a family?	Ask: How can I serve on my own? John 13:34-35	Ask: How can I serve on my own? John 13:34-35	Families develop a habit of serving others together.
<b>Basic Truths</b>	<b>Prevenient grace</b> Mark 10:14 God loves all of His kids.	<b>God made me.</b> Genesis 1:27	<b>God is Love.</b> 1 John 4:8 God loves me.	<b>Jesus wants to be my friend forever.</b> John 14:6		<b>Trust</b> Psalm 145:13 God keeps His promises.	<b>Love</b> Matthew 22:37-40 and John 13:34-35 Love God and love others.	<b>Faith</b> Ephesians 2:8 and Romans 10:10 Trust, believe, commit.	<b>Grace</b> Ephesians 2:5 and 2:8 Means of grace: believe, do, experience.	<b>Eternal Life, Hope</b> John 3:16 and Romans 15:13	<b>Holy Spirit</b> John 14:26 <b>Sin/Salvation</b> Romans 3:23-26	