



# Seeds of Faith

**A Faith Formation Resource  
for Parents and Teachers  
of Children  
Birth to 5th grade**

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## **Purpose of this booklet:**

*GBPC Children's Ministry has produced this booklet as a tool for teachers and parents to use as a "Spiritual Foundation Roadmap" for children. The following pages contain age-appropriate spiritual truths that build upon one another. Our hope and prayer is that our children will develop spiritual wisdom as this foundation is laid and these truths will transform their hearts and minds as they grow in the knowledge of God.*

Our intention for these objectives is not for children to just memorize them, but to understand them and respond with changed hearts, minds, attitudes and behavior. As they learn God's truth, apply it to their life and practice it, we pray our children will develop an attitude toward others and our world that is consistent with God's truth. In his book, *Transforming Children Into Spiritual Champions*, George Barna writes, "Before children reach junior high, they have developed a worldview. That life lens (worldview) enables them to quickly size up a situation and respond in ways that are consistent with what they believe is appropriate. We believe that parents, a child's most influential spiritual leader, church teachers and members of the congregation (remembering baptismal vows) should intentionally and strategically lead a young person through a process designed to help them arrive at a worldview that is consistent with God's truths, principles, and desires for His Creation." We pray that children will make Jesus their forever friend.

From Kathleen Chapman's book  
***Teaching Kids Authentic Worship***

"Moses seems to have more to say about God's instructions regarding our children than almost anyone else in Scripture. Consider again what Moses wrote in **Deuteronomy 6: 4-9** as I give my own modern translation to these verses: **"Bombard your kids with stories and teachings about God and His Word! Do it any way you can, but make it exciting, powerful, and constant! Talk about God first thing in the morning. Write His names on the kitchen (or church school) wall or ceiling! Talk about God on the way to school. Play Christian music in the car. Put notes in their lunch boxes, reminding them of God's love. Pray over homework. Pray before every meal. Pray to this wonderful God before they go to bed at night. Make Him as much a part of their existence as eating and sleeping. Make them so in awe of God they want to nominate him for a Pulitzer prize! Teach them to list His statistics! Help your children to know and adore God."** (author's paraphrase)

In keeping with the Deuteronomy challenge, we urge parents to take an active role in helping their children learn these truths.

Parents might review these truths by asking questions at the dinner table, in the car or at bedtime. Discussing them will help children to see how the truth applies to their life and will help children to understand and remember.

## Resources:

*Belonging to God: A First Catechism* (Approved by the 210<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1998)

([Http://www.pcusa.org/pcusa/ga210/catech/firstcat.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/pcusa/ga210/catech/firstcat.htm))

Catechism questions are listed as Q.#

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## What We Believe

**Theological principles that are the foundation for ministry to children of all ages.**

**TRINITY:** There is only one *God*. *God* exists in the form of three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is called the Trinity.

**GOD:** *God* is Creator of all things.  
*God* is all-knowing and all powerful.  
*God's* wisdom is too great for our human minds to completely understand.  
*God* loves us, cares for us and forgives us.  
*God* chose a people to be His own, established a covenant (promise) with them and maintains a relationship with them.

**JESUS:** *Jesus* is *God's* Son. He showed us what *God's* love is like and was sinless. He is our brother and friend. His birth, life, death and resurrection show us *God's* love for us. *Jesus* died for us on the cross but through *God's* power He rose from the dead. He took the punishment for our sins. When we believe in *Jesus*, we will be forgiven for the things we do wrong, if we ask for forgiveness. When we believe in *Jesus* we will be close to *God* and live with Him forever. *Jesus* wants us to follow Him in our words and deeds and share His love with others.

**HOLY SPIRIT:** The Holy Spirit is God's Spirit at work in the world and allows us to be near God wherever we are. The Spirit lives inside those who believe that Jesus is God's Son. The Holy Spirit comforts and guides us.

**WORSHIP:** Worship is how we show God that He is very important to us. As we worship, we sing praises, pray, read the Bible, give an offering, and celebrate Communion.

**THE BIBLE:** The Bible is God's perfect and Holy Word, written by human beings who God inspired. The Bible helps us to know about and understand God and the reason He created all things. The Bible teaches us how God wants us to treat others. *"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work."* 2 Timothy 3:16-17

**THE CHURCH:** The church is God's family, all who love God and who believe the Good News about Jesus. The church is a community of believers who, like a family, encourage and support one another and who grow together as believers and servants of the Lord.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Stewardship is the way in which we use our talents and our treasures for God's benefit. Everything we have (relationships, things, money, the earth) is a gift from God. When we are good stewards of God's gifts, we are thankful, share with others, serve others and care for God's creation. We give back to God a part of the money we earn, time and talents as an act of worship, showing our love for Him and His importance in our lives.



## **Birth to 2 years**

1. Receive the Sacrament of Baptism
2. Read Bible Picture books and talk about Jesus.
3. Pray with parents.
4. Come to church—a special place.



## **Two and Three Year-Olds**

By the time children have completed their 3 year-old school year they should be familiar with the following concepts, Scripture and songs:

**Table Prayer:** Thank you for the world so sweet, thank you for the food we eat. Thank you for the birds that sing. Thank you God, for everything. AMEN

### **Concepts:**

1. God loves us and God created all things.
2. Everything God does is good.
3. God knows all about me and watches over me.
4. Jesus is God's Son, we celebrate His birth at Christmas.
5. Jesus is my friend.
6. I belong to God's family.
7. I am a child of God.
8. The Bible is a special and important book about God, God's people and Jesus.

### **Scripture Memory Verses:**

1. **Isaiah 41:10** (adapted) "So do not fear, God is with you."
2. **Psalms 46:11** (adapted) "God is our help."
3. **1 John 4:16** "God is love."
4. **Ephesians 2:10** "God made us."

### **Songs:** (from "Wee Sing Bible Songs" CD)

1. "Jesus Loves Me"
2. "God Is So Good"
3. "This Little Light of Mine"
4. "My God is so great, so strong and so mighty" there's nothing my God cannot do. The mountains are His, the rivers are His, the stars are His handiwork too. My God is so great, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do!! For YOU!



## Four Year-Olds

By the time children have completed their 4 year-old school year they should be familiar with the following concepts, questions and Scripture:

### Concepts:

1. God is very wise, perfect and good.
2. Jesus is God's Son.
3. Jesus is my friend.
4. God is with me wherever I go.
5. God knows me and my needs.
6. We are forgiven because of Jesus, God forgives us when we ask.

**Table Prayers:** For food and all thy gifts of love we give You thanks and praise. Look down, Oh Father, from above, and bless us all our days. AMEN

### Catechism Questions:

1. **Q.1 Who are you?** I am a child of God. 1 John 3:1 "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God."
2. **Q.4. Don't you have to be good for God to love you?** No, God loves me in spite of all I do wrong. 1 John 4:10 "What is love? It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins."
3. **Q.6 How do you love God?** By worshipping God, by loving others, and respecting what God has created. Ps 25:5 "O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker."
4. **Q.7. What did God create?** God created all that is, seen and unseen. (Gen. 1:1, 31)

### Scripture Memory Verses:

1. **Genesis 1:31** "God saw everything that he had made, and behold it was very good."
2. **Matthew 7:12** "In everything, do to others what you would want them to do to you."
3. **Ephesians 6:1** "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."
4. **Psalms 118:24** "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."



## **Kindergarten:**

By the time children have completed their kindergarten school year they should be familiar with the following questions and Scripture:

### **Catechism Questions:**

1. **Q.2 What does it mean to be a child of God?** That I belong to God, who loves me. Matthew 19:14 "Let the children come to me"
2. **Q.5 How do you thank God for His gift of love?** Matthew 22:37 "I promise to love and trust God with all my heart."
3. **Q.46 Why do we pray to God?** Because we were created to live with God, who desires the prayers of our hearts. Our hearts long for God, for we need God's help and guidance every day.
4. **Q.47 What do we do when we pray?** When we pray, we adore God, we confess our sins, we give God thanks, and we pray for the needs of others and ourselves.

### **Scripture Memory Verses:**

1. **Joshua 1:9** "Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your GOD is with you wherever you go."
2. **Psalm 23:1** "The Lord is my shepherd, I have all that I need."
3. **Psalm 91:11** "For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go."
4. **Psalm 103:8** "The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love."
5. **Psalm 139:14** "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."
6. **Matthew 5:16** "Let your light shine in front of others. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will praise your Father who is in heaven."
7. **Matthew 19:14** "Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them! For the kingdom of heaven belongs to those who are like these children."



## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:

By the time children have completed 1st grade school year, they should be familiar with the following questions and Scripture:

### Concepts:

1. Know the Bible is the Word of God and has two parts, the Old and New Testaments. The Old Testament is about God's people before Jesus was born. The New Testament is about God's people after Jesus was born.

### Catechism Questions:

1. **Q.3 What makes you a child of God?** Grace, which is God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn. Ephesians 2:8-10
2. **Q.11 What is sin?** Sin is closing our hearts to God and disobeying God's law. Simply put, it is doing things that hurt God, parents, others and ourselves. Romans 3:23 "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
3. **Q.35 What is the church?** We are the church; the people who believe the good news about Jesus, who are baptized, and who share in the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love.
4. **Q.49 The Lord's Prayer—Jesus taught us to pray.** "Our Father, who art in Heaven. Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."
5. **Q 60: Why does our prayer end with "Amen"?** "Amen" means "so be it" or "let it be so". It expresses our complete confidence in God, keeps all his promises and whose love endures forever.

## 1st Grade (cont.)

### Scripture Memory Verses:

1. **Psalm 119:11** "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."
2. **Psalm 100:1-5** "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are his people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations."
3. **Matthew 7:7** "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."
4. **Philippians 4:6** "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done."
5. **Philippians 4:13** "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
6. **Revelation 4:11a** "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things."
7. **Psalm 46:1** "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble"

### Knowledge of the local church:

Know the names of the pastor, associate pastor, worship leaders.

### Song:

#### "The Doxology"

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above the heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:

By the time children have completed their 2nd grade school year, they should be familiar with the following concepts, questions and Scripture:

### Concepts:

1. **What are the first four books of the New Testament called?** The Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John. These four books are about the life of Jesus, many things that Jesus taught and said are found there.
2. **Know how to find scripture** in the Bible and follow along.
3. **How to compose a prayer:** Use the acronym **PATH**:  
Praise, Apologize, Thanksgiving and Help
4. **The Trinity:** the name of our one God who exists in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
5. **What is Worship?:** Worship is how we show God that He is very important to us. We sing praises, pray, read the Bible and give an offering.
6. **What is Communion?:** This sacrament, which we also call "The Lord's Supper" is an act of worship. We remember Jesus' death, resurrection and our forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. We do this by eating a piece of bread which represents Jesus' body and a sip of juice which represents His blood shed for the forgiveness of sins.

### Catechism Questions:

1. **Q.25 What was Jesus like?** When Jesus spoke, he spoke with God's authority. When he acted, he acted with God's power. The people were amazed. He was also gentle and loving. He cared for us in all our needs as a shepherd cares for his sheep.
2. **Q.26 What did he do during his life on earth?** He called disciples to follow him. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, blessed children, befriended outcasts, required people to repent, and forgave their sins. He taught people not to fear, but to trust always in God. He preached the good news of God's love and gave everyone hope for new life.
3. **Q.27 How did Jesus Christ prove to be our Savior?** He sacrificed his life for us by dying on the cross for our sins.

## 2nd Grade (cont.)

He showed his victory over death by rising from the dead. He removed our guilt and gives us new, unending life with God.

**4. Q.41 What is a sacrament?** A sacrament is a special act of Christian worship which uses visible signs to present God's grace for us in Jesus Christ. We believe that two sacraments were given by Jesus: Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

**5. Q.42 What is baptism?** Through baptism I am adopted and welcomed into God's family. In the water of baptism I share in the dying and rising of Jesus, who washes away my sins. I am made one with Him, and with all who are joined to Him in the church.

### Scripture Memory Verses:

1. **Psalm 34:14** "Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it."
2. **Matthew 22:37-39** "He (Jesus) said to him, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"
3. **Jeremiah 29:11** "I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord. "Plans to give you a hope and a future."
4. **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life."
5. **1 John 4:7-8** "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

**Attend the Communion and Worship Workshop held in February.**



### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:**

By the time children have completed their 3rd grade school year, they should be familiar with the following concepts, questions and Scripture:

#### **Concepts and Catechism Questions:**

1. **The Ten Commandments:** (In kid-friendly language)
  1. God is the only real God.
  2. Don't love anything more than God.
  3. Don't use God's name in a bad way.
  4. Make Sunday special.
  5. Honor your parents.
  6. Don't kill.
  7. Honor your marriage promises.
  8. Don't steal.
  9. Don't lie.
  10. Don't be jealous of what your friends have.
2. **Q.9 What does it mean that we are made in God's image?** It means we are made to reflect (show in our words and actions) God's goodness, wisdom and love for others.
3. **Q.13 How does God deal with us as sinners?** God hates our sin, but never stops loving us.
4. **Q.32 What is the Gospel?** The Gospel is the good news about Jesus. It promises us the forgiveness of our sins and eternal life because of all that Jesus did. Forgiveness and eternal life with God are what we mean by salvation.
5. **What is the HOLY SPIRIT?:** The Holy Spirit is God's Spirit at work in the world. The Holy Spirit comforts and guides us.
6. **Q.30 When was the Holy Spirit given to the first Christians?** On the day of Pentecost.
7. **Q.33 What were the results of Pentecost?** The Holy Spirit filled the first Christians with joy by revealing what Jesus had done for them. The Spirit inspired them to understand and proclaim the gospel, and to live a new life together in thanksgiving to God.

#### **Song:**

##### **The Gloria Patri:**

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen."

## 3rd Grade (cont.)

### Scripture Memory Verses:

1. **Psalm 119:105** "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
2. **Psalm 95:6** "Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under His care."
3. **Romans 8:28** "We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them."
4. **Matthew 28:19** "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
5. **1 John 1:9** "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."
6. **2 Timothy 3:16-17** "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God used it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work."
7. **Proverbs 3:5-6** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."
8. **Isaiah 41: 31** "Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint."



## **4<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

By the time children have completed their 4th grade school year they should be familiar with the following concepts and Scripture:

### **Concepts:**

- 1. Stories of Old Testament Prophets, Kings and Patriarchs:** Abraham, Issac, Jacob, Samuel, Saul, David, Moses, Solomon, Isaiah
- 2. Basic knowledge of major events of the gospel and selected teachings of Jesus:** Birth, Teachings, Healings, His relationships with people.
- 3. Bible Skills:** Locate Old and New Testament, Genesis, Psalms, all four Gospels, how to find a Bible reference (book, chapter, verse)
- 4. The Apostles Creed:**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Scripture Memory Verses:**

- 1. John 15:5** Jesus said to them, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing."
- 2. Isaiah 9:6** "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

## 4th Grade (cont.)

3. **Matthew 6:19-21** "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
4. **Matthew 11:28** "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest."
5. **Galatians 5:22-23** "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."
6. **1 Corinthians 13:4-8** "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."
7. **John 14:6** Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
8. **Romans 9:9** "Say with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord.' Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Then you will be saved."



## **5<sup>th</sup> grade:**

By the time children have completed 5th grade Sunday school they should be familiar with the following concepts and Scripture:

### **Concepts:**

- 1. Locate key Bible passages and Books of the Bible:** Ten Commandments, Gospels, the Lord's prayer, Beatitudes, The Psalms.
- 2. Place the following on a timeline in chronological order:** Creation, flood, wanderings of patriarchs, slavery in Egypt, Exodus, Giving of Ten Commandments, settlement in Canaan, rule of judges, time of kings, Exile, return to Jerusalem, birth of Jesus, crucifixion and resurrection, Pentecost, Beginning of Christian church
- 3. Know in chronological order the events of the Christmas story, life of Jesus, crucifixion-resurrection and Pentecost**
- 4. Attempt to classify the major biblical characters as:** patriarch (ex. Abraham), judges (ex. Samuel, Gideon, Deborah), King (ex. David) Prophet ( ex. Isaiah), Disciple (ex. John)
- 5. Learn the names of the books of the Old and New Testament.**

### **Scripture Memory Verses:**

- 1. Psalm 23**
- 2. Psalm 51:10-12** "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and renew a right spirit within me."
- 3. Psalm 91: 1-2** Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of

## 5th Grade (cont.)

safety; he is my God, and I trust Him.

4. **Micah 6:8** "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."
5. **1 John 4: 13-16** "And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us. Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. All who confess that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them and they live in God. We know how much God loves us and we have put our trust in his love."
6. **Romans 1:20** "For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God."
7. **Romans 8:28** "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."
8. **Ephesians 2:8** "God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God."
9. **Colossians 3:17** "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."
10. **Ephesians 3:20** "Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think."



## **Our Church Calendar**



**Advent- God is near.** This is the four weeks we wait and prepare for Christmas. Each Sunday during Advent we light a candle on a wreath in our worship service. During Advent we ask God to come and be with us.



**Christmas- We celebrate that God is with us.**

We celebrate the birth of Jesus our Lord, our King and Savior.



**Epiphany- The Wise Men Visit-** Twelve days after Christmas comes Epiphany when we remember the Wise Men who followed the star to visit and worship Jesus.

### **Ordinary Time**

This the time between the special seasons at church. We remember to serve others as Jesus did.



**Lent-** Lent is the time beginning with Ash Wednesday (not counting Sundays) the forty days before Easter. Jesus waited in the wilderness once for forty days without eating or drinking anything. He prayed to God the whole time. He was tempted by the devil to give up, but he didn't. We, too, should remember to pray at all times.

**Ash Wednesday-** "Ashes to ashes," the Bible says, "dust to dust." Like Jesus, one day we all will die, but the shape of the cross reminds us that whether we live or die, we are not alone, God is with us always.



**Palm Sunday-** Hosanna! We sing and everyone gets palms to remember the day long ago when Jesus triumphantly rode into Jerusalem and all the people worshiped Him. This is the first day of Holy Week.

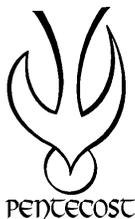


**Maundy Thursday-** This is the day during Holy Week that we remember Jesus' last supper and his command to remember Him. Many churches have a special service where communion is served. The service ends in darkness as we remember the day Jesus was crucified.

**Good Friday-** The day we remember Jesus was crucified. Jesus loved us so much that he died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins.



**Easter- God is Alive!** We celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead and that He lives forever!

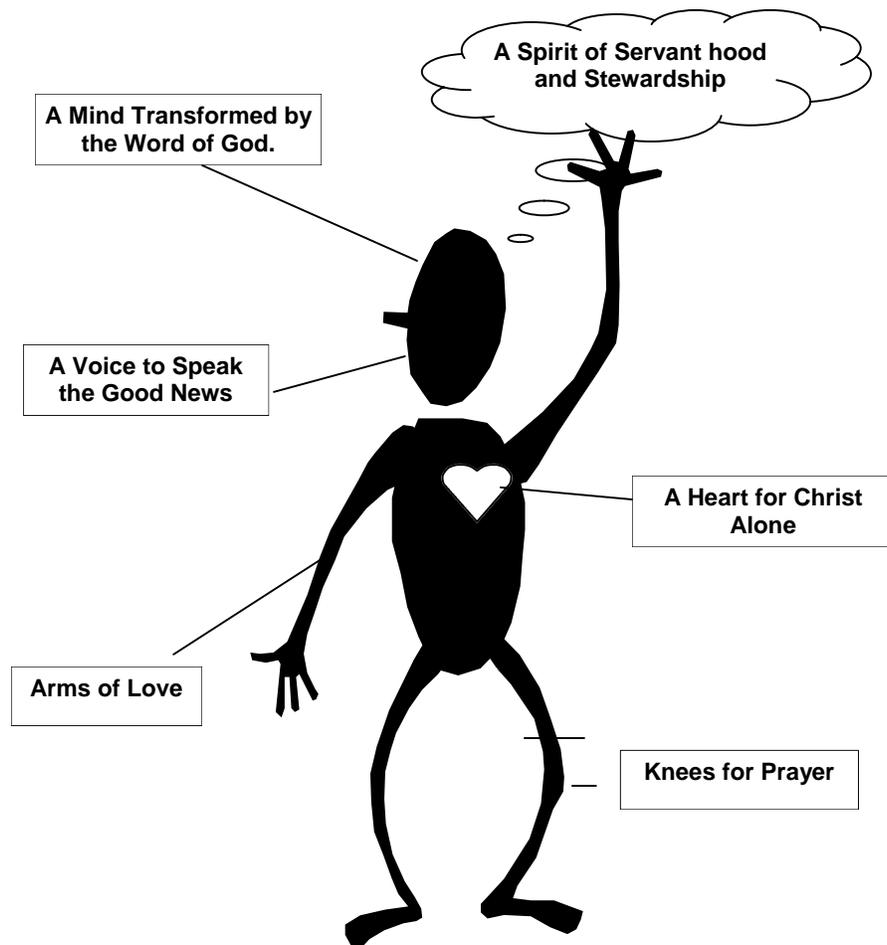


**Pentecost-** The Church's Birthday- On this day long ago the Church was born and Jesus' friends all received the gift of the Holy Spirit. We remember that God is Spirit.

**Ordinary Time (again)** until Advent.

## Marks of Discipleship

GBPC has committed to six marks of discipleship, six areas in which we believe God wants us to grow as followers of Jesus Christ.



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