



# PLANTING THE SEED

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## GROWING IN CHRIST

### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### **Return To Sunday School Plan 2020-2021**

We are eager to begin a new year growing in Christ!

Our Sunday School will follow the well-researched plan our elementary school has put in place. Sunday School specific statements are added as needed.

Our plan is for face-to-face instruction with the following procedures in place:

#### **KEY POINTS**



- Limit the Spread of Covid-19 by cleaning and disinfecting.
- Preserve an educational climate that nurtures spiritual growth.
- If we cannot hold classes on Sunday mornings we will work to provide parents with the resources to teach their children each week's story.
- Prioritize student and staff health.

#### **Health Checks**

It is critical that students remain at home if they are sick.



- Families must keep their child at home if the student has a fever of 100.4 and above.
- If a student has had a fever, they need to be fever free for 24 hours without the aid of medication before returning to Sunday School.
- Temperature checks will be taken if a child appears to be sick.

#### **Physical Distancing**



Our classrooms and class sizes will allow us to have students 6 feet apart while in the classroom. We will encourage teachers and students to practice physical distancing as much as possible.

#### **Mitigation Strategies**



- All classrooms and halls have been equipped with hand sanitizing stations.
- A strong emphasis will be placed on handwashing.
- Additional sanitizing will be done especially on high-touch surfaces.

## **Face Masks**



As of August 1, the entire state of Wisconsin is under a face covering mandate. Certain adults and children are exempt from this mandate for various reasons. You can find the order and a FAQ at <https://evers.wi.gov/>. We will follow these procedures until this mandate changes or expires.

Preschool aged children are not included in the order. If parents determine that their child is exempt, it would be appreciated if you could let your child's teacher know.

Note that the governor's order tells us to presume the best about those not wearing masks. As Christians we want to follow the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment and put the best construction on our neighbor. For that reason, we will not be questioning those who do not wear a mask.

Per the mandate, teachers will not be required to wear masks while in front of the room teaching, safely distanced from the students. They will use masks when in close proximity with the students during class (ie. activities and individual work).

## **Dropping Off and Picking Up: Masks & Physical Distancing**



Parents who enter the building must wear a mask and practice physical distancing. While some are comfortable with little physical distancing, there are others who are not. We ask parents to be aware of this and be respectful out of concern for our brothers and sisters.

All Sunday School classrooms are on the east end of the upper level. Parents may walk their children, especially the younger ones, to their classrooms.

Pick Up Procedures: Parents are also asked to wear masks and observe physical distancing when picking up their children. Take advantage of the space available in the upper hallway for physical distancing and don't crowd the doorways.

## **Closing Thoughts**

The above procedures have been put into place so we can begin with face-to-face instruction and to minimize the risk of exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

If we are unable to hold in-person classes, we will provide resources for parents to teach the stories to their children.

Understand that these procedures may quickly become outdated. When new rules are issued, we will update our plan and share it with you.

*We move forward confident that we are safe in God's hands.*

The Good Shepherd Sunday School Staff



*<sup>6</sup> So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6–7 (NIV)*