

DEEPER KIDS

2026-2027 Handbook and Calendar

Welcome to Deeper Kids at Newington!

All year long, we will be using Lifeway's TeamKID curriculum to learn about GOD'S AMAZING STORY.

We will be focused on seeing the big story of the Bible, and we'll be learning the steps of The Gospel: God's Plan for Me and accompanying Bible verses, the meaning of the word Gospel, the New Testament & Old Testament Books.

Ages:

Deeper Kids is for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade

Registration: If you are new to Deeper Kids, we will have you complete registration info so we can learn about allergies, medical needs, emergency contact info, photo permission, etc. If you are returning, please let us know of any changes!

Schedule:

We meet from September to May on Wednesday nights from **6:30 to 7:45** in the Elementary Classroom. The last few minutes of our time will be used for games/free time on the playground or indoors in bad weather.

Building Access:

We will have a volunteer at the Welcome Center door (near the preschool) from about 6:15 to 6:40. At the end of the night, we will dismiss either from the playground, gym, or we will have a volunteer open the same door for parents around 7:40. If you cannot get in the building, **please text Heather King: 757-592-7632.**

Communication:

We will be using Groups in Breeze/Tithe.ly this year (instead of GroupMe) to send out weekly reminders, announcements, and more! This includes updates about the schedule, weather cancellations, etc. I also send out info about our memory verse and mission projects.

Weekly Schedule:

On a regular class night we will:

- Check-in: Students will check-in for the night: Say their memory verse, show they brought their Bible or any mission items, and say any special memory items for points.
- Welcome Time: Quiet activity time as they wait for everyone to check in.
- Large Group Time with welcome, memory review, birthdays, and prayer time.
- Snack and Small Group Time: We will be eating snack in the classroom while working on this week's lesson.
- Worship Time/Activity/Game Time.
- Closing—Time on the playground, gym, or finishing games in the classroom depending on weather.

Fun Nights:

About every 6-8 weeks, we'll hold a fun night where we review what we've learned so far, do missions projects, visit the store, eat pizza, etc. or have our Christmas or end-of-the-year party.

Points and The Store:

Our participants will periodically be able to visit our store to "buy" items with the points they've been earning each week.

Kids can earn points for these things:

Weekly Points for:

- Saying the Memory Verse (3 points for each verse)
- Attendance (1 point each week)
- Bringing their Bible (1 point each week)
- Bringing an item for the mission project (1 point each week they bring something, not a point per item)
- Participation points (Leaders' discretion each week for things such as: listening during lessons, answering questions, coming into class quietly and playing quietly until class begins—not being loud or running around!), good sportsmanship during games, acts of kindness, singing during worship time)
- Game Winners on game nights

Special Bonus Points During the Year for: (New memory items for this year are highlighted)

- **Saying the Big Ideas of the Gospel: God's Plan for Me.** (5 points for each Big Idea with 20 extra points for being able to say all 5 Big Ideas in order at one time.) They do not have to memorize the items word for word. They do have to be able to see the picture...say the main theme that goes with that picture (God Rules, We Sinned, God Provided, Jesus Gives, We Respond) ...and explain what it means.
- **Saying all the New Testament Books** (They can get 1 point for every book they can say in order when they start with Matthew. They can try as many weeks as they like, but they only get NEW points for new books they said beyond what they said last time they tried. They get 20 Bonus Points if they say ALL the books at once)
- **Saying all the Old Testament Books** (They can get 1 point for every book they can say in order when they start with Genesis. They can try as many weeks as they like, but they only get NEW points for new books they said beyond what they said last time they tried. Bonus 30 points if they say ALL the books at once)
- **Saying The Lord's Prayer** (10 points)
- **Saying what the word Gospel means: "Good News "** (5 points)

Behavior Policies:

It is our hope that all kids will be able to enjoy and participate in Deeper Kids while learning and having fun! We follow the classroom rules noted below. Kids will receive a gentle reminder to follow the rules if they make a mistake. For repeated infractions on a particular night, leaders may: Take away points, have a student sit out during fun times, ask the student to sit next to the teacher, inform the parent/guardian at the end of the night or call and ask the parent/guardian to come get their child. In cases of physical violence (if a child hits a leader or another child), running out of the classroom or away from the group, or uncontrollable outbursts, parents will be called to pick up their child immediately and the child may be asked to take a break for a few weeks and then try again with Deeper Kids in the future.

Classroom Rules:

- I can listen and not be disruptive. (Do not talk while the teacher is talking; Use inside voices)
- I can follow directions quickly.
- I can stay in my seat unless I have permission to move.
- I can be kind and respectful to my teachers and classmates. (No hitting or being unkind or rude)
- I can participate.

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September

- **Mission:** We will be collecting school supplies, toys, and hygiene items for **Operation Christmas Child**. (Last day to turn in is November 5th)
- **New Testament Books Review**
- **The Gospel Plan: "God Rules:** The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything."

9/9: Kick-Off Night: Meet downstairs at 6:30. We'll go upstairs around 7:15 for a Deeper Kids intro

9/16: God created the world and people (Genesis 1-2) – God Created Everything and Everyone
"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1)

9/23: Sin Entered the World (Genesis 2-3) – God Promised a Rescuer
"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1)

9/30: Noah and the Ark (Genesis 6-9) – God Keeps His Promises
"For everything was created by him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible
(Colossians 1:16a)

October:

- **Mission:** We will be collecting school supplies, toys, and hygiene items for **Operation Christmas Child**. (Last day to turn in is 10/28)
- **New Testament Books Review**
- **The Gospel Plan: "God Rules:** The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything."

10/7: God's Covenant Promise with Abraham (Genesis 12/15/17) – A Future Blessing
"For everything was created by him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible
(Colossians 1:16a)

10/14: Mission Night – **No Ms. Heather**

10/21: God Called Moses (Exodus 1-4) – God Leads His People
"For everything was created by him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible
(Colossians 1:16a)

10/28: STORE NIGHT/PIZZA NIGHT/FUN NIGHT

November:

- **Mission:** We will be collecting items for the Hope for Appalachia mission trip.
- **New Testament Books Review**
- **The Gospel Plan: “We Sinned:** Since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God (Romans 3:23). The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God’s punishment of death (Romans 6:23).”

11/4: No Deeper Kids Meeting: **Family Packing Party for Operation Christmas Child downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please come to help pack shoeboxes!**

11/11: God Delivered His People (Exodus 5-12)/The Ten Commandments – God is Deliverer and Gave His Law
“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23)

11/18: God’s People Disobeyed (Judges 1-3)
“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

11/25: No Deeper Kids. Thanksgiving Break

December:

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12/2: God Chose David (1 Samuel 16-17)
“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

12/9: **Deeper Kids Christmas Party/Fun Night/Pizza Night ----No Ms. Heather**

12/16: No Deeper Kids: Christmas Break

12/23: No Deeper Kids: Christmas Break

12/30: No Deeper Kids: Christmas Break

January

- **Mission:** We will be collecting items for the Hope for Appalachia mission trip.
- **New Testament Books Review**
- **The Gospel Plan: “God Provided:** God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It’s something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us.”

1/6 : Prophets Told About Jesus’ Birth (Isaiah 7; 9; 11; Micah 5)
“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16)

1/13: Angels Spoke to Mary and Joseph (Matthew 1; Luke 1)
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1/20: Jesus was Born and Dedicated (Luke 2)

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1/27: Jesus Was Baptized (Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3, John 1, John 3)

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

February:

- **Mission:** We will be collecting items for the Hope for Appalachia mission trip and then items for the Bread for Life Community Food Pantry.
- **Old Testament Books Review**
- **The Gospel Plan: “God Provided:** God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It’s something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us.”

2/3: Store Night/Fun Night/Pizza Night

2/10: Jesus Was Tempted (Matthew 4; Mark 1; Luke 4)

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2/17: Peter Worshiped Jesus (Luke 5:1-11)

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2/24 Jesus Called His Disciples (John 1)

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March

- **Mission:** We will be collecting items for the Bread for Life Community Food Pantry
- **Old Testament Books Review**
- **The Gospel Plan: “Jesus Gives:** Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God’s family for eternity. This is the best gift ever!

3/3 Jesus and Nicodemus (John 3)

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
Romans 5:8

3/10: Jesus Calmed a Storm (Matthew 8; Mark 4; Luke 8)

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Romans 5:8

3/17 Jesus Taught About God’s Love (Luke 15)

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace” (Ephesians 1:7)

3/24 Jesus Raised Lazarus (John 11-12)

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3/31 STORE NIGHT/PIZZA NIGHT/STAY UNTIL 8:00---No Ms. Heather?

April

- **Mission:** We will be collecting items for the Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society (pet food, pet treats, gently used or new blankets or towels, paper towels, etc.)
- **Old Testament Books Review**
- **The Gospel Plan: “We Respond:** Admit you are a sinner. Believe that Jesus alone saves you because of what He’s already done on the cross. Confess that Jesus is your Lord. You repent and turn away from self and sin and commit to following Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus!”

4/7: No Deeper Kids. Spring Break

4/14: Jesus Shared a Last Meal (Matthew 26)

“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me’” (John 14:6)

4/21 Jesus is Alive (Matthew 27-28) and is in Heaven

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4/28: The Holy Spirit Came (Acts 2)

“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9)

May

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- **Old Testament Books Review**
- **The Gospel Plan: “We Respond:** Admit that you are a sinner. Believe that Jesus alone saves you because of what He’s already done on the cross. Confess that Jesus is your Lord. You repent and turn away from self and sin and commit to following Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus!”

5/6: Saul Met Jesus

“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9)

5/13: Paul’s Missionary Journey (Acts 13-18)

for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:13)

5/20: Tentative last night. We will adjust if needed as we get closer to the end of the year.

STORE/PIZZA/END OF THE YEAR AWARDS

June – August: Summer Break!!