

DEEPER KIDS

2025-2026 Handbook and Calendar

Welcome to Deeper Kids at Newington! All year long, we will be using Lifeway's TeamKID curriculum to learn about FAITHFUL PROMISES in the Old Testament.

We will be focused on learning these new memory items this year:

Psalm 23, The Old Testament Books, and Proverbs 3:5-6

We'll also be reviewing memory items from past years:

The Lord's Prayer, John 3:16, the Books of the New Testament, and The Apostle's Creed.

Ages:

Deeper Kids is for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade

Registration: Please register your child using our registration form so that we can be informed about any allergies and have emergency contact information.

Schedule:

We meet from September to May on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Elementary Classroom.

If you are running late and need to be let in, please text Heather King: 757-592-7632

On a regular class night we will:

- Check-in: Students will check-in for the night: Say their memory verse, show that they brought their Bible or any mission items, and say any special memory items for points (John 3:16, Lord's Prayer, Books of the New Testament or Old Testament, The Apostle's Creed, Psalm 23, Proverbs 3:5-6, etc.)
- Welcome Time: Quiet, free time as they wait for everyone to check in.
- Large Group Time with welcome, 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
- Dismissal from the classroom at 7:30 to parents. We will have someone at the Welcome Center doors starting around 7:25 to let parents in for dismissal or we may dismiss from the playground if the weather is nice.
- On specially noted game nights (see the included calendar), kids are invited to stay until 8:00 and we will have game time in the gym or time outside for fun on those nights.

Please note: Families who have kids attending our church youth group that meets until 8:00 are welcome to enjoy time on the playground or time in the gym as they wait for youth group to finish.

Fun Nights:

About every 6-8 weeks, we'll have a fun night where we review what we've learned so far, do missions projects, visit the store, etc. On those nights, we will also offer extended play time in the gym from 7:40 to 8:00 p.m. We also celebrate with a Christmas Party and End-of-Year party each year.

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
- Attendance
- Bringing their Bible
- Bringing an item for the mission project (1 point each time 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 all the Old Testament Books (3 points for each section, 30 bonus points for all of them at once)
- Saying Proverbs 3:5-6 (3 points)
- Saying Psalm 23 (25 points)
- Saying The Lord’s Prayer (10 points)
- Saying John 3:16 (3 points)
- Saying all the New Testament Books (25 points)
- Saying The Apostle’s Creed (20 points)
- Saying what “Covenant” means (3 points)

Behavior Policies:

It is our hope that all kids will be able to enjoy and participate in KidzLife 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 KidzLife 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 KidzLife 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)
- **Books of the Old Testament:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
- **Psalms 23:** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- **Memory Review:** John 3:16

9/10: Creation: God Created the World and Everyone in It

Key verse: "Lord, your faithful love reaches to heaven, your faithfulness to the clouds" Psalm 36:5

9/17: Adam and Eve: God Created People to Have a Relationship With Him; People Disobeyed

Key verse: "Lord, your faithful love reaches to heaven, your faithfulness to the clouds" Psalm 36:5

9/24: Cain and Abel: Sin Spread to Other People

Key verse: "For this is what love for God is: to keep his commands, And his commands are not a burden" 1 John 5:3

October:

- **Mission:** We will be collecting school supplies, toys, and hygiene items for **Operation Christmas Child**. (Last day to turn in is November 5th)
- **Books of the Old Testament:** Joshua, Judges, Ruth
- **Psalms 23:** He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters
- **Memory Review:** The Lord's Prayer

10/1: God Warns Noah: God Takes Sin Seriously

Key verse: "For this is what love for God is: to keep his commands, And his commands are not a burden" 1 John 5:3

10/8: Noah obeyed God: We can obey God even when we don't understand His plan

Key verse: "For this is what love for God is: to keep his commands, And his commands are not a burden" 1 John 5:3

10/15: God Protected Noah and His Family and Made a Promise to Noah

Key verse: "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are protected" Prov. 18:10

10/22: Mission Night - Visit from Andrew and Leah Snipes

10/29: STORE NIGHT/PIZZA NIGHT/STAY UNTIL 8:00/Pickup from the gym

00November:

- **Mission:** We will finish collecting items for Operation Christmas Child on November 5th.
- **Books of the Old Testament:** 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles
- **Psalms 23:** He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
- **Memory Review:** The Lord's Prayer

11/5: God Called Abram: God Has a Plan, Even When We Don't

Key verse: "Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness" Genesis 15:6

11/12: **No Deeper Kids Meeting: Family Packing Party for Operation Christmas Child downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please come to help pack shoeboxes!**

11/19: Abram and Lot Part Ways: We Can Always Trust God's Plan

Key verse: Key verse: "Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness" Gen. 15:6

11/26: No Deeper Kids. Thanksgiving Break

December:

- **Books of the Old Testament:** Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job
- **Psalms 23:** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
- **Memory Review:** New Testament Books

12/3: God's Covenant with Abram and Promised a Son to Abram: God Can Do Things That Seem Impossible

Key Verse: "He remembers His covenant forever" (Psalm 105:8)

12/10: Christmas Party/Fun Night/Store----No Ms. Heather

12/17: No Deeper Kids

12/24: No Deeper Kids: Christmas Break

12/31: No Deeper Kids: Christmas Break

January

- **Mission:** We will be collecting items for the Hope for Appalachia mission trip.
- **Books of the Old Testament:**, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon
- **Psalms 23:** For you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- **Memory Review:** New Testament Books

1/7 : Abraham and Isaac: God Provides What We Need

Key Verse: "He remembers His covenant forever" (Psalm 105:8)

1/14: Jacob and Esau: God's Promises to Us are Unbreakable

Key Verse: "He remembers His covenant forever" (Psalm 105:8)

1/21: Jacob Returns Home: God Hears us When We Pray and Helps us Follow Him

Key Verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding" Proverbs 3:5

1/28: Joseph and His Brothers

Key Verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding" Proverbs 3:5

February:

- **Mission:** We will be collecting items for the Hope for Appalachia mission trip.
- **Books of the Old Testament:** Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel
- **Psalms 23:** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies
- **Memory Review:** New Testament Books

2/4: Jacob's Family in Egypt: God Can Turn Even The Worst Situations Into Good

Key Verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding" Proverbs 3:5

2/11: God Met With Moses: God Hears Us and Is Faithful to Provide

Key Verse: "The Lord is my strength and my song, he has become my salvation" (Exodus 15:2a)

2/18: : God Rescued His People: God Fulfills His Promises at Just the Right Time

Key Verse: "The Lord is my strength and my song, he has become my salvation" (Exodus 15:2a)

2/25 God Parted the Red Sea: God Does Not Abandon Us

Key Verse: "The Lord is my strength and my song, he has become my salvation" (Exodus 15:2a)

March

- **Mission:** We will be collecting items for the Hope for Appalachia mission trip.
- **Books of the Old Testament:** Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos
- **Psalms 23:** you anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.
- **Memory Review:** The Apostle's Creed

3/4 STORE NIGHT/PIZZA NIGHT/STAY UNTIL 8:00—Missions Activity?

3/11: God Made a Promise with Israel: God's Law Helps Us

Key Verse: "The Lord is a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in faithful love and truth" (Exodus 34:6)

3/18 The People Worshiped a Golden Calf: God's People Broke Their Promise to Him

Key Verse: "The Lord is my strength and my song, he has become my salvation" (Exodus 15:2a)

3/25 God Dwelt With His People

Key Verse: "The Lord is my strength and my song, he has become my salvation" (Exodus 15:2a)

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.)
- **Books of the Old Testament:** Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum
- **Psalms 23:** Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life
- **Memory Review:** The Apostle's Creed

4/1: : The People Didn't Go Into the Land

Key Verse: "Know that the Lord Your God is God" Deuteronomy 7:9

4/8: No KidzLife. Spring Break

4/15: Crossing the Jordan: God Always Keeps His Promises

Key Verse: "Know that the Lord Your God is God" Deuteronomy 7:9

4/22: The Nation Wanted a King/Saul Was Anointed and Disobeyed God

Key Verse: "Above all, fear the Lord and worship Him faithfully with all your heart" 1 Samuel 12:24

4/29: God Rejected Saul and Chose David to Be King and Established His Kingdom

Key Verse: "Above all, fear the Lord and worship Him faithfully with all your heart" 1 Samuel 12:24

May

- **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.)
- **Books of the Old Testament:** Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi
- **Psalms 23:** And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
- **Memory Review:** The Apostle's Creed

5/6: God Gave His Promise to Solomon

Key Verse: "May all the peoples of the earth know that the Lord is God. There is no other" (1 Kings 8:60)

5/13: The Kings of Israel Disobeyed God

Key Verse: "May all the peoples of the earth know that the Lord is God. There is no other" (1 Kings 8:60)

5/20: God Fulfilled His Promise to David Through Jesus

Key Verse: "May all the peoples of the earth know that the Lord is God. There is no other" (1 Kings 8:60)

5/27: Tentative last night. We will adjust if needed as we get closer to the end of the year. Last night!!!

STORE/PIZZA/END OF THE YEAR AWARDS

June – August: Summer Break!!

