Newsletter 2017

Expressions!!!

City Church Sunday School Department

Personal, honest, innocent expressions of Sunday school students in writings, drawings, and pictures. Happy reading and cherish the memories and be blessed. God Bless All!

2017 Events

2nd April	-	Love feast day
7th May	-	Parents, teachers Fellowship
25th June	-	Christian Broadcasting Network visit
26th – 28th June	-	Children's Bible Camp
August	-	Awareness program on cyber crime
6th August	-	Friendship Sunday
10th September	-	"Talent Celebration"
5th November	-	World Sunday school day
3rd December	-	Last day of Sunday school

Dear parents,

"God designed husband and wife to cling together, but He designed Children to eventually leave their parents" that's what Neil T Anderson commented on Matt 19:5, in his book "Seduction of our Children"

It is great to know that God gives us this great privilege and responsibility to care, love and nurture our children for Him for a very short time. It is even more important for us to know that our Children belong to God and we are His stewards and we are accountable to God for how we bring them up. We need God's grace, wisdom and commitment for this.

As parents and teachers we need each other for this great responsibility. As we look forward for coming years we Thank you all for your prayers, support and cooperation and making this year real exciting, a year of growing, maturing and lots of blessings. We pray and believe that the Seed sown will bear fruit that will last for His glory - **Mrs. Hekali Shikhu**

Toddlers Care

Aren Seyie

First of all, I thank GOD and the church leaders for giving me the opportunity to serve as a Sunday school teacher .When our pastor first approached me to help in toddlers class, I was reluctant, because I didn't have much experience with children. But after much praying I decided to serve by faith being a toddler's teacher it s not easy at all, but it is by far one of the best things, I have ever devoted my time to. We don't have any fixed curriculum for toddlers. But we try our best to at least impart basic Bible knowledge to them through crafts, games, praying and singing. Being with the kids, I have learnt just as much from them as they have learnt from me.









World Sunday School Day

Hoto Yeptho

Some 200 years back an English gentleman started teaching Christian children on Sunday and later the word of God is taught to children on Sunday and that is how the Sunday School started. All over the world Sunday School day is observed today in all the Churches.

Sunday School in not mentioned in the Bible, but it is imperative that the word of God is taught to children when they are still tender so that God's word will guide them as they grow up and become god-fearing men and women. If we teach them scripture when they are young it will become their weapon to defeat evil forces of this world. The word of God says in Psalm 119 :9 "How can a young man keep his way pure ? By living according to your word". Therefore, before we give them education or any form of knowledge we must give biblical knowledge to our children.

Deuteronomy 11:18-19 says, "Fix these words of mine to your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children ".

If God's word is in the hearts of our children then they will have pure at heart, purity of their thoughts and purity in their thinking process. Fix the word of God in the minds of our children so that their intellect will be controlled by Holy Spirit through God's word or else they may develop excessive head knowledge which may ruin their life. Bible reminds us to talk about God to our children while sitting at home and we walk along the road, when we lie down and when we get up. The word of God is very clear that God and His word should be priority in our life. We may give the best education to our children but if they lost eternal life the purpose of their life on earth is defeated and they gain nothing.

The world may provide riches but not joy, it may provide buildings but not home. The world may provide food but not satisfaction, it may provide pillow but not needed sleep. With our wealth and riches we may spend the night without a sleep. With enough food we may go hungry. But God's word will surely be our guide in this evil generation and lead us to the point of contentment. Let our children learn about God and His word when they are small so that they will enjoy victorious Christian life.

Sunday School Memory

Meribeni Shitri

Looking back at my life, I do not regret being a Sunday school graduate. Then, I did not realise the seeds it was planting, so I merely thought of it as something my parents would want me to attend and also meeting the additional friends from outside the usual week-day schools.

Now I realise the role it played in bringing me up. The seeds my Sunday school teachers were planting has been so fruitful. I can say this with assurance that, the discipline I have in my life is all thanks to the hard work and dedication of my Sunday school teachers.

Even if it's been a long time since I have graduated from it, I still sometimes want to go back and learn from them. Because their teachings are so detailed, and they give so much importance to every student, making sure that everyone understood.

I am thankful for the seriousness all the Sunday school teachers have in ministering to the young generations. I want to say, nothing goes to waste.

Friends

Senior Class

"You think you know about love. But let me tell you. You know nothing about love until you have experienced the love of Christ through a friend and that is love at its core" - *Kumali Ovung*

"God did not create friendship to it stay, but to share it till life's final day" – *Luket*

"Friends are trustworthy. Friend means helping each other" – *Chosu*

"Friends are forever" – *Meyuren*

"A true friend is the one who is there when you're helpless and everybody else doesn't care"-Apuvi

"A true friend is someone who will never let you down and will always be by your side no matter whatever circumstance it maybe" –*Kimeri*

"Friendship is a gift given by God to you. True friends are those who help you in times of need and wipe your tears while you are down in grief. So choose Godly friends for God is with them" . –*Kelevior*

Memory Verse

Intermediate Class

CREATION	–	**Genesis 1:1** *"In the beginning GOD created the heavens and the earth"*
FALL OF MAN	–	**Romans3:23** *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"*
RESULT OF SIN	–	**Romans 6:23** *"For the wages of sin death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus"*
REPENTANCE	–	**Acts 17:30** *"In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent"*
CONFESSION	–	**1John 1:9** *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness"*
BORN AGAIN	–	**John 3:3** *"In reply Jesus declared, I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again"*
ETERNAL LIFE	–	**John 3:16** *"For God so loved the world that He gave His One and only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"*
CHRISTIAN GROWTH	–	**2 PETER 3:18** *"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ .To whom be glory both now and forever"*
CHRISTIAN LIVING	–	**Psalm119:8-11** *"How can a young man keep his ways pure? By living according to Your Word .I seek You with all my heart, do not let me stray from Your commands. I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You"*
PROMISES OF GOD	–	**Jeremiah 29:11** *"For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"*



Intermediate Class



Senior Class

"True friends are those who will stand by you even when everything else seems to be fading away" – Tekhe

"A beautiful person is someone who sees the beauty in others. A friend is someone who knows all your jokes but laughs anyway." - Maneah

"The memories we made the memories we shared will forever be my best memories .You are the perfect harmony the sweetest melody I have ever heard". - Shuhrani

"A true friend will always laugh at your jokes even if it is as dry as the Sahara desert" - Menute

"A true friend never talks behind your back. He/she says it to your face so that you won't make same mistake over again...". - Atuna

"When your best friend says yes it is because she loves you and when she says no it is also because she loves you a friend is someone who knows what is best for you"- Vivi

"You understand me you are always there for me you make me smile to say that I am lucky to have a friend like you"- Dzuvarou

"A true friend is like an old song which we keep on singing even if we are bored of it and we are never tired of it"- Bokivi

My experience in Sunday School

Class X (Outgoing Students)



KELEVIVOR – I have been in this Sunday school since I was in class one and this Sunday school has taught me of Love of God and his commands. Through my teachers I have even learned to put more faith on God. I thank them for helping me grow in my spiritual life. I have found my identity in Christ. I am also thankful to the church for providing us choir classes where I have learned music and also enjoy singing.



KUMALI OVUNG: Sunday school has been a chapter of my lifelong journey of learning and growing in Christ. The past eleven years of my student life in Sunday school, I would come with a Bible, notebook, and a bag of supplies .But my supplies slowly lessened into just a Bible, notebook and a pen. I would come and learn lessons each Sundays. But over the years I, ve learned there is more to Sunday school than the lesson itself. So much more. In fact, I discovered many life- changing truths which brought me closer to God and gave me a much deeper understanding, the Sunday school have definitely made a big impact on my life, every Sunday school teacher is an evangelist in disguise, Just like superman heroes hide then true identity in the same way every Sunday school teacher is a hero in disguise, God has given the teachers a wonderful opportunity and a priceless privilege to impact students lives in ways few others can. Through the Sunday school teachers, I am growing more into the person God created me to be. I thank the Sunday school for being a big part of my journey in Christ Jesus and giving a strong base so that however big the obstacles may be, my faith will not be shaken because I have been firmly established in the LORD

"The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you, the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace."

NUMBERS 6:24-26



APUVI AWOMI: Just as academic education is crucial to become successful in future, spiritual education is also important. I believe it is more important because life on earth is just the staging area, the preschool or the tryout for life in eternity. At the most we may live a hundred years on earth, but we will spend forever in eternity (Ecc 3:11) yet this short life on earth determines where we are going to spend our eternity; heaven or hell. It is important that every child is brought up in a Christian environment and taught about the Word. Sunday school is just the perfect place for that. I thank my parents for making me attend Sunday school classes at a very small age. We were taught in such an interesting ways that we do not forget whatever is taught. Bible stories, Christian habits and values which I will never forget. I have also made many friends; we can always support each other. Sunday school has been quite a journey for me because when I reflect back at my childhood, I see a completely new person in me now. I owe it to all my wonderful teachers for their efforts to implant all good qualities and the important of God's Word in our hearts. Now I feel proud to say that I have completed a decade in Sunday school but I am also going to miss it all the more. I should cherish all the wonderful moments spent here all my life. I give all glory and honor to our heavenly Father for sending me to such a wonderful Sunday school.



LUKET ACHUMI : Ever since I joined the city church Sunday school I have always been taught to pray, read the Bible, to love one another, to love God, to be obedient and so on. But little did I realize that time just as the mist that forms and fades passed by and it was the last year of my Sunday school journey. All that I have gained from my Sunday school will never be found again. I am very grateful to god for His guidance and for blessing me with the city church Sunday school where I could grow to know more and more of the Lord and could draw closer towards Him.



KIMERI NGULLIE : Well it's sad to say that Sunday School as for me has to come to an end. Time had passed so fast that I didn't even realize how I grew up because the first time I entered Sunday School I was just a toddler. To be frank I was someone who was so self-conscious and feared the crowd, but this church has helped me alot to overcome my self-consciousness and also build up my self confidence to face the crowd. City Church Sunday School has been a place where I could share my problems and difficulties. It is also a place where I met friends who are so generous and kind hearted, teachers who are ever ready to help me in the midst of my difficulties.

The lessons I learned, the verses I memorized, the songs that we sang, the skits that we acted, the interactive classes, are the things I will be missing a lot as I will be leaving Sunday School. Growing up as a member of this church is such a blessing for me. I will also be ever thankful to all the teachers starting from my toddler class till senior class, as they are the ones who have helped me to discover God and His living word. Above all I would like to thank Sunday School for guiding me and adding up things in life.

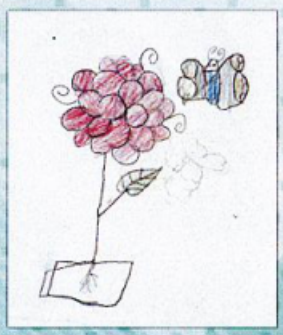


TEKHE COLO: Throughout my years in Sunday school city church, I have experienced so much of God's blessings. God has blessed me and our family to be a part of this wonderful and close knit family in Christ.(the church) growing up here, my relationship with God has become stronger, and this strength has enabled me to move forward in the believer's race. I know that all that I need is what God has given me. I believe that the Bible is the key to my life and the key to have spiritual power is to realise what is within me. I will always keep whatever I learned in Sunday school in my heart and cherish the many memories made here. Through God, the Church, my family, teachers and friends I have become a better person today. I am thankful and privileged to be a member of city church and I look forward to my commitment of fellowship and serving God through the church. City church has been and will always be an important and memorable part of my life.

What I Have Learnt This Year

Primary Class

- I have learn many things in Sunday school. We learn many things about Jesus, how to praise and obey each other - **Vili**
- My most memorable day in Sunday school was that when we went to Sunday school picnic - **Lulu**
- I learn how to be Christian and how to follow Jesus way - **Panpha**
- My most memorable day in Sunday school was world Sunday school day - **Vinani**
- I want to say to Jesus, thank You for creating my parents and want God to give my parents long life and forgive my sins - **Livilou**
- The most memorable day was world Sunday school day because we sang a song - **Kuvu**
- I learn to not lie, make fun of others, be nice to others, pray to God and help others - **Sentisenla**
- The most memorable day this year in Sunday school was the Sunday school picnic - **Rebecca**
- My most memorable day was world Sunday School Day - **Samio**
- I have learn many things to be kind to others, do not be over smart, do not beat each other, to help others in trouble, to be friends to others, to do what God says - **Vithuka**
- I have learnt in Sunday school that i will never sin; I will obey my parents and be good to each other - **Pelesi**
- The most memorable day in Sunday school is our Sunday school Choir - **Elizabeth**
- This year what I learn is forgive others - **Ephraim**
- Jesus bless me, forgive me - **K. Sutsuthongen**
- Jesus I love You and God thank You for everything. You have given me so many things. God forgive me - **Kenrin**
- Thank You Jesus, i love You Jesus - **Kumreto**





Important thing I Have Learnt This Year

Junior Class

This year I've learnt how to come closer to God. I've learnt to be disciplined and I have made friends who are very truthful to me and two good teachers. - ***Ronai***

I learnt that we must help one another and share food to the poor because God loves.. - ***Rongsen***

I learned from The Bible stories that no matter how far you push God away. He always finds you a way back to Him. - ***Lelen***

We learnt that we shouldn't try to be someone else that we aren't. Everything that we learnt through Bible stories, verses, activities were so simple but so meaningful. - ***Meli***

I liked this year because we sang songs, learnt many verses, had activities, and drew pictures according to Bible verses. Most importantly my memory became a lot better because we memorized many verses. - ***Alokutu***



This is the greatest Sunday school, best Sunday school you will find though it not that big it is the best. – ***Gwakenye***

The most important thing that I have learned is that if you have God in your heart you don't have to worry about money, food, clothes etc. if have God in your life you have the best life anyone could have. - ***KimKim***

This year was such a great year because we had great teachers, understanding friends, great Bible stories and Bible verses. I thank God for all He has blessed us this year. – ***Shannon***

I have learnt how to obey each other and our parents. When I was studying in my village I don't know anything but I have learnt so many things in the Sunday school. – ***Ngamphe***

I have experienced something important this year. What I learned is, not to worry about anything but to pray and ask to God because He is the only owner. - ***Penmila***

What is Love

Beginners Class



Talent Celebration



Children's Bible Camp



World Sunday School Day 2017













