

# [CHURCH NAME]

## Sunday School Behavior Standards/Policies and Procedures

### **PURPOSE:**

To provide a set of guidelines and spiritual foundation upon which children, youth and adults will build a lasting relationship with Jesus, and to develop disciples for Christ within an environment built on love, encouragement and support.

### **STRUCTURE:**

Our Sunday School ministry occurs every Sunday morning during the school term. The children will be dismissed during the morning church service before the sermon. The Sunday School curriculum should be in accordance with the doctrinal statements of [Church Name]. The music should be biblically based, honoring God and Christ centered. It can be memory based to help reinforce scripture (e.g., memorizing bible books, names of the disciples, scripture or doctrine) or other hymns, choruses and children's songs that meet the above criteria.

### **TEACHERS:**

All teachers must be members of [Church Name], attends weekly worship service at [Church Name] and be committed to weekly fellowship with {Church Name}.

### **HELPERS:**

A helper can be a nonmember of [Church Name], but must attend weekly worship service at [Church Name] and be committed to weekly fellowship with [Church Name].

### **BEHAVIOR STANDARDS:**

- Students will respect all classmates and teachers at all times.
- Students will participate in all classroom activities according to the teacher's instructions.
- Students will demonstrate acceptable behavior, Christian behavior, offering cooperation to teachers, acceptance of classmates, respect for church property and appropriate reverence for God.

### **BEHAVIOR IMPROVEMENT PROCEDURES: (Matthew 18:15-17)**

- Students will be addressed respectfully by the teacher, in a private conversation when possible, to describe the observed behavior and to explain the appropriate behavior expected in the future. (Matthew 18:15)
- Students who continue unacceptable behavior will experience the following: (Matthew 18:16)

- A conversation with the parents to collaborate on a behavior improvement plan. This plan may include:
  - An agreed upon expectation of the student’s future behavior
  - Attendance during class of a parent or guardian until the student begins acting responsibly
  - Removal of the student from the classroom to the parent or guardian’s care (Parents/Guardians would be expected to pick up the child as soon as possible.)
  - A meeting with the student, parents/guardians and the teacher to ensure behavioral improvements. Teachers and/or parents/guardians may invite one of the pastors to participate in the meeting. (Matthew 18:17)
  - Reentry into the classroom upon a written behavioral contract signed by the student and parents/guardians.
- A student may be removed from the classroom at any time, if the student’s behavior is threatening to the welfare of others (physically, relationally or emotionally). Reentry will require a meeting between the student, parents/guardians, the teacher and one of the pastors.

**SCRIPTURAL BASIS FOR BEHAVIOR PROCEDURES:** (Matthew 18:15-17)

“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church.”

**LEVELS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

There are three levels in the [Church Name] Sunday School ministry:

- 3 years – Kindergarten
- Grade 1-3
- Grade 4-6
- Grade 7-8

At the completion of grade 8, the student will graduate from Sunday School at the end of the year and then join the rest of the congregation for morning worship. With the permission of their parents/guardians, any high school student desiring to help in the Sunday School ministry will be required to meet the expectation of all Sunday School helpers.

**SIGNATURE:**

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*Senior Pastor*

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*Sunday School Leader*

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