**KIDS GROW Sunday School 2025-2026**

**We are EXCITED for Sunday School this year!**

We are excited to ***GROW*** in the knowledge of and love for God and each other this year! We want to support and encourage dynamic faith growth together and at home.

**BIG GROW GOAL #1** Families will worship together! Worship is such an important part of our relationship with God and our family. Families will stay together at the beginning of the service to praise, confess, hear scripture and a children’s message together. Kids age 3-6th grade will then be excused to go downstairs for small group time together while the adults remain upstairs.

**BIG GROW GOAL #2** We willencourage Scripture memorization**.** Bible memory verses are important because they help to remind us of who we are in Christ and what His plan is for our lives. Children will be encouraged to practice and recite unit theme verses along with other key verses throughout the year.

**BIG GOAL #3** We will build meaningful relationships! Relationships are central to healthy spiritual growth in the lives of the very youngest. We will work to help kids grow in relationship with each other and with their leaders. [Building relationships with other believers who have a genuine and mature walk with God is one of the most important aspects of becoming strong in your faith](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=b07aea579b4071bbJmltdHM9MTY5MDI0MzIwMCZpZ3VpZD0yYmU3YjVlNi1jYWMwLTY4MjctMjljNC1hNzcwY2I5NjY5Y2MmaW5zaWQ9NTY5Nw&ptn=3&hsh=3&fclid=2be7b5e6-cac0-6827-29c4-a770cb9669cc&psq=why+are+relationships+important+at+church&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly9jaHVyY2hsZWFkZXJzLmNvbS9vdXRyZWFjaC1taXNzaW9ucy9vdXRyZWFjaC1taXNzaW9ucy1ibG9ncy8xNTg4ODQtcGhpbGlwX3dhZ25lcl90aGVfaW1wb3J0YW5jZV9vZl9idWlsZGluZ19nZW51aW5lX3JlbGF0aW9uc2hpcHNfd2l0aF9vdGhlcl9iZWxpZXZlcnMuaHRtbA&ntb=1).

**General Sunday School Information:**

* + ***KIDS GROW*** Sunday School will run during the 8:30am and 10:00am services. Children will remain with their family in worship until after opening worship, then head downstairs together. Parents are encouraged to enjoy fellowship time after the service for a few minutes before going downstairs to pick up their children from their small group classroom.
	+ Children in Preschool-6th grade will use the lower-level rooms. Classrooms are listed below but are subject to change to accommodate spacing needs.
		- * Preschool/Kindergarten- Preschool Rooms 2-3
			* Grades 1-6- Sunday School/Lower-Level Rooms 2-5
	+ Volunteers will be leading and assisting each group. These individuals are excited to work with your children this year! Please be sure to thank them for their service and encourage your children to listen well to them and be kind to their classmates for a fun year together.
	+ Communication:
		- Heather Gleason leads Sunday School for Preschool-Grade 6. You can reach Heather at heather@gsowatonna.com or 451-4125 with questions or concerns.
* Schedule/Dates:
	+ Sunday School will run September 14 - May 17

Sept 14,21,28 Oct 5,12,26 Nov 2,9,16,23 Dec 7,14

Jan 11,18,25 Feb 1,8,15,22 Mar 1,8,15,22 Apr 12,19,26 May 3,10,17

* There will be NO Sunday School on these dates:

Oct 19; Nov 30; Dec 21 (Special Christmas Service), 28; Jan 4; Mar 29; April 5

* Our Children’s Christmas Service will be held December 21

Blessings,

Heather Gleason

Good Shepherd Children’s Ministry Leader