

Middle School Classes at Crosstown

The Crosstown Student Movement believes the middle school years represent a pivotal season in the life of a teenager. These are years for students to develop their knowledge in what they believe and to be able to respond to challenges from peers, prepare for high school life, make significant choices that will shape the rest of their lives, and explore what it means to be a follower of Christ today. Below is a short description of Crosstown’s Sunday morning and Wednesday night Bible classes for middle school. If you’d like to know what your child is currently studying in Bible Class, please contact Justin Taylor.

Sunday Morning Bible Class:

On Sunday mornings, our middle school Bible class follows a three-year plan:
Year 1 — Groundwork
Year 2 — Character & Convictions
Year 3 — Books of the Bible

In Year 1 we discuss important subjects such as God’s story and identity, the life of Jesus, family, our identity as Christians, how to identify and deal with pain and struggles, and the Church. In Year 2 we build on this foundation by discussing doubt and fear, choices and consequences, conflict, love, evangelism, life after death, worship, and stewardship. Year 3 is focused on digging deeper into the Bible with engaging lessons that will illuminate Scripture with powerful details on the history and context of specific books from both the Old and New Testaments. We believe the topics discussed in our Sunday morning Bible class will help prepare your child for high school and beyond. A full list of the topics, subtopics, and scriptures covered in our Sunday morning Bible class can be found inside this brochure.

Wednesday Nights:

On Wednesday nights, we begin class with 15 minutes of worship, singing praises to God, before beginning our lesson. Sometimes middle school and high school meet together, sometimes middle school and high school are separate, and sometimes we separate the boys and the girls. Our lessons usually focus on current topics that can help students deal with everyday issues. In the past we have discussed how to deal with drugs, Internet, bullying, and phone apps. We have also done a series of lessons that challenged our students to become the authentic, real person God created them to be. Our Wednesday night courses are prayerfully determined by the needs of the group as they deal with the different seasons of young adult life; therefore, our general plan during the course of the year is flexible. If you as a parent have a suggestion about a topic we should focus on, please contact a Student Leader or Justin Taylor.

YEAR 3: Books of the Bible (New Testament)

MATTHEW: CHRIST OUR TEACHER

Jesus' Temptation (Matthew 4:1-11)
Being Salt and Light (Matthew 5:13-16)
Compassion for Suffering People (Matthew 9:35-38)
Finding Rest (Matthew 11:28-30)
Will You Follow Jesus? (Matthew 16:24-26)

JOHN: DISCOVERING LIFE NOW AND FOREVER

Quenching Spiritual Thirst (John 7:25-44)
Jesus: Eternal, Creator, Sustainer (John 1:1-14)
Living the Full Life (John 10:1-15)
All You Need Is Love (John 13:31-35)
Do the Right Thing (John 14:15-26)
Deep Impact (John 20:1-18)

ACTS: THE BASICS OF THE CHRIST-LIFE

Empowered to Act (Acts 1:4-11)
Powerful Simplicity (Acts 2:14-41)
Building Community (Acts 2:42-47)
Working Good out of Bad (Acts 8:1-8)
A Changed Life (Acts 9:1-22)
Looking for God's Leading (Acts 16:6-15)

ROMANS: THE GOSPEL IN ACTION

The Power of Relationships (Romans 1:8-17)
To Be Righteous (Romans 3:21-28)
Reasons to Rejoice (Romans 5:1-11)
An Unfailing Love (Romans 8:31-39)
Get Moving (Romans 10:8-15)
Sacrificial Living (Romans 12:1-2)

1 CORINTHIANS: AN INWARD LOOK

Wisdom for Fools (1 Corinthians 1:18-29)
Get Your Steak On (1 Corinthians 3:1-3)
Your Body, God's Temple (1 Corinthians 6:12-20)
No Easy Walk (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)
Rising Above (1 Corinthians 10:12-13)
All You Need Is Love (1 Corinthians 13:1-7)

1 & 2 TIMOTHY: GROWING UP IN THE FAITH

Never Too Young (1 Timothy 4:11-16)
The Problem With Stuff (1 Timothy 6:3-12)
Serenity Now (2 Timothy 2:22-24)
God's Word in Our Lives (2 Timothy 3:14-16)

HEBREWS: REAL FAITH PRACTICES

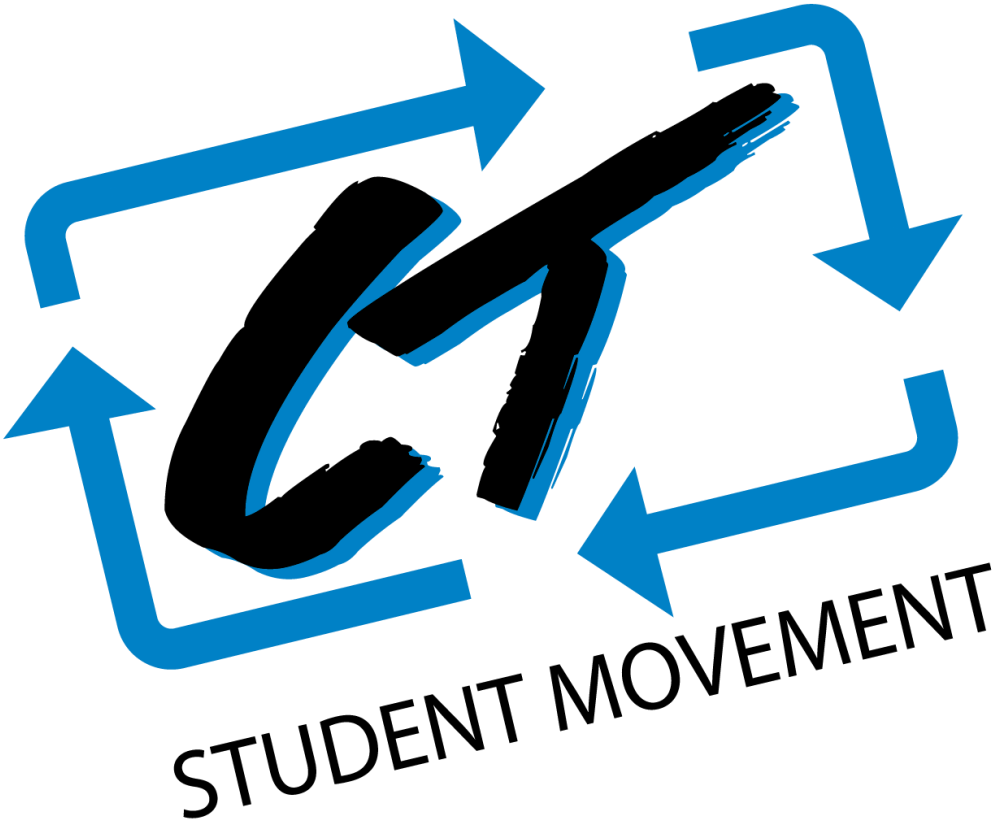
A Mighty Little Book (Hebrews 4:12-13)
Lend a Helping Hand (Hebrews 10:23-25)
Spiritual Endurance (Hebrews 12:1-3)
Holy Discipline (Hebrews 12:5-11)

REVELATION: THE PRESENT FUTURE

The Water's Just Fine (Revelation 3:14-20)
Expanding Your Vision (Revelation 7:9-12)
A Wedding Party (Revelation 19:6-9)
Relationship Restored (Revelation 21:1-7)

Crosstown Church of Christ

Middle School (6th-8th) Curriculum



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YEAR 1: Groundwork

GOD'S BIG STORY

- Creation—God Saw That It Was Good (Genesis 1)
- Fall—The World is Now Broken (Genesis 3)
- Redemption—The World Can Be Fixed (Romans 6:23)
- New Creation—A New Life Has Begun (2 Corinthians 5:17)

I-IDENTITY: DISCOVERING WHO GOD CREATED ME TO BE

- Who I Am (Colossians 3:17)
- Who I Am Not (Galatians 1:10)
- What I've Been Created To Do (1 Corinthians 12:12-21)

WHO IS GOD?

- God the Father—Our Provider (Exodus 16:1-23)
- God the Son—Our Savior (John 1:1-14)
- God the Holy Spirit—Our Counselor (John 16:5-15)

BETTER TOGETHER

- The First Church (Acts 2:42-47)
- You're One of Many Pieces (Romans 12:3-5)
- A New Command (John 13:34-35)

DANGEROUS PEOPLE

- Daniel—Stand Up Against Peer Pressure (Daniel 1:3-21)
- Esther—Stand Up Against Injustice (Esther 4)
- Peter—Take a Step of Faith (Matthew 14:22-33)

THE LIFE OF JESUS:THE THINGS THAT HE SAID

- Leading a Life of Significance (Matthew 5:21-26, 33-48)
- Knowing Jesus Better (John 6:25-40; 8:12; and 10:10-15)

FAMILY MATTERS

- Practicing Self-Control With Brothers and Sisters (James 3:1-12)
- Getting Along With Parents (Proverbs 15:5)
- Handling the Pain of Divorce (Isaiah 43:1-2)

THE BIBLE

- Learn About the Bible (2 Timothy 3:14-17)
- Navigate Through the Bible (Proverbs 2:1-6)
- Memorize Verses from the Bible (Psalm 119:9-16)

MY CHANGES

- Physical Change (Psalm 139:13-16)
- Emotional Change (Hebrews 4:14-16)
- Spiritual Change (Ephesians 4:14-15)

PAIN AND STRUGGLES

- Identify Your Pain and Struggles (John 5:1-15)
- Discover the Source of Healing (Luke 4:14-21)
- Help Others Experience Healing (Colossians 3:12-17)

SEXUALITY: WHAT WAS GOD THINKING?

- We Were Created as Sexual Beings (Genesis 1:26-31; 2:15-24)
- Choose Wisely (1 Corinthians 6:12-20)

JUST LIKE JESUS

- Choosing Our Ultimate Role Model (John 14:1-17)
- Representing Jesus Every Day (2 Corinthians 5:15-21)

TIME OUT! PAUSING OUR LIVES TO GROW WITH JESUS

- The Value of Solitude (Mark 1:35-39)
- The Benefits of Scripture Memorization (Matthew 4:1-11)

YEAR 2: Character & Convictions

FOUR THINGS

- Lying (Acts 5:1-10)
- Gossip (Proverbs 16:28)
- Popularity (Mark 9:33-35)
- Multiple Me's (2 Timothy 4:5-8)

DOUBT AND FEAR

- Don't Run Away From Your Doubt (Mark 9:14-27)
- Jesus Will Help You Face Your Fear (Mark 4:35-41)

THE CHURCH

- Basics About the Church (Acts 2:42-47)
- The Church as the Body (1 Corinthians 12:12-31)
- What's Communion All About? (Luke 22:7-20)
- What's Baptism All About? (Romans 6:1-4)

CHOICE AND CONSEQUENCE

- Sensible Decisions at School (Romans 7:21-25)
- Sensible Decisions of Friends (Proverbs 13:20)

CONFLICT

- Handling Conflict With Parents (Colossians 3:18-21)
- Handling Conflict With Friends (John 15:12-14)

LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS

- Learning to Love Others (Luke 10:29-37)
- Learning to Love God (Luke 10:25-28)

THE LIFE OF JESUS: THE THINGS THAT HE DID

- Jesus Healed People in Need (Mark 5)
- Jesus Performed Incredible Miracles (Mark 6:30-44)

EVANGELISM

- Talk With Your Ears (Matthew 4:18-22)
- Know the Basics (1 Peter 3:13-17)
- Knock, Knock (Acts 8:26-40)

THE END

- The Big Picture (Revelation 19:11-21; 20:7-15; 21:1)
- Heaven and Hell (Matthew 7:13-14)
- The End as a New Beginning (Revelation 21)

WORSHIP

- It's All About God (Deuteronomy 6:1-9)
- It's a Lifestyle (Romans 12:1-2)

SEXUALITY: WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?

- Run Away! (1 Corinthians 6:12-20)
- Boy Meets Girl! (2 Corinthians 6:14-18)

STEWARDSHIP

- It's God's World—We Just Live in It (Psalm 24:1)
- Become a Cheerful Giver (2 Corinthians 9:1-9)
- Trusted a Little, Trusted a Lot (Luke 16:10-13)

MLIFE: LIVING A LIFE OUTSIDE YOURSELF

- What Is an MLife? (Romans 3:9-28)
- Develop Compassion for the “Least of These” (Matthew 9:35-36)
- Make Your Everyday Life an MLife (Matthew 5:13-16)

STOP! GROWING WITH JESUS

- Stop and Take Time to Talk to Jesus (Matthew 6:5-15)
- Stop and Listen to Jesus Through the Bible (2 Timothy 3:14-17)

YEAR 3: Books of the Bible (Old Testament)

GENESIS: A VIEW FROM THE BEGINNING

- Reflecting the Creator—Creation (Genesis 1:26-31)
- Trouble in Paradise—The Fall (Genesis 3:1-13, 22-24)
- Trust When Trust Is Hard—Noah (Genesis 6:9-22)
- Called for a Purpose—Abraham (Genesis 12:1-9; 15:1-6)
- Choose Correctly—Jacob (Genesis 27:1-14, 30-35, 41-45)
- Strength in Adversity—Joseph (Genesis 37:1-28; 39:1-6)

EXODUS: WHEN GOD'S ON YOUR SIDE

- On God's Team—God Calls Moses (Exodus 3:1-12)
- Looking Back—Remembering God's Deliverance (Exodus 13:3-10)
- Actions Speak Loudly—The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-21)
- Life Change—A Glowing Moses (Exodus 34:28-35)

DEUTERONOMY: LIVES THAT HONOR GOD

- God-Focused Living (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)
- Foundation of Faithfulness (Deuteronomy 7:7-9)
- God's Plan for the Needy (Deuteronomy 15:7-11)
- A Life of Meaning (Deuteronomy 30:11-20)

OLD TESTAMENT SNAPSHOTS: REAL PEOPLE OF THE OT

- Joshua and Caleb—Facing a Hostile World (Numbers 13:25;14:10, 26-30)
- Judges—Samson's Tragic Story (Judges 16:4-30)
- Ruth—The Value of Loyalty (Ruth 1:1-18)
- David—An Unlikely Future King (1 Samuel 16:1-13)
- Solomon—Proverbs and Wisdom (Proverbs 2:1-11)
- Solomon—Ecclesiastes and Worship (Ecclesiastes 5:1-7)

PSALMS: INTERACTING WITH AN AWESOME GOD

- Turning to God (Psalm 3)
- When God Lifts You Up (Psalm 30)
- Dealing With Sin (Psalm 51)
- When God Seems Distant (Psalm 22:1-5)
- Walking the Right Way (Psalm 101)
- A God Who Watches Over Us (Psalm 138)

ISAIAH: EXPERIENCING GOD IN REAL WAYS

- Ready to Go—Isaiah's Call (Isaiah 6:1-8)
- Proof Positive—Isaiah's Prophecy About Christ (Isaiah 9:1-7)
- Have No Fear—God's Promised Presence (Isaiah 43:1-7)
- The Ultimate Purpose—God's Word at Work (Isaiah 55:10-13)

JONAH: DISOBEDIENCE, REPENTANCE, AND FORGIVENESS

- Running From God—Jonah's Disobedience (Jonah 1)
- A Compassionate God—Nineveh's Forgiveness (Jonah 3)

(Year 3: Books of the Bible, continued on back page)