



UALC PRESCHOOL

What Makes Us a Christian Preschool?

It is our desire to serve the Lord, to teach as He would want us to do, growing in faith ourselves and bringing others to Him. UALC Preschool is His preschool. May His name be glorified here!

Curriculum

Each school year, we choose a general topic for our Christian curriculum (e.g. "Fruit of the Spirit", "God's Creation", "Bible Treasures"). We build on that topic in our classrooms in all of our centers, particularly in art and dramatic play. Our special areas are dedicated to Christian teaching:

- Music is so much fun for the children as they sing, move, play instruments, use sign language, hold up pictures, and dance to Christian songs (and a few secular songs too). They come to a special music class once a week in room 100.
- Praise Time is our time to focus on a specific Bible story and learn what we value as Christians. Through songs and dramatic play, our Bible stories come to life. Praise Time meets twice a month in room 122.

Prayer

- Prayer is an important element in our daily living. We begin and end our day with prayer, pray as we sit down to eat, pray for our classmates who are absent, pray when we're sad or upset, when we're happy and rejoicing in God's wonderful goodness. There is always a time to thank God and to praise Him.
- Staff members begin their day with prayer for their classes and for the Preschool.
- Our e-mail prayer chain has about fifty preschool parents and staff members who lift our preschool family's confidential requests to the Lord in prayer.

Grace and Forgiveness

We all make mistakes, but we learn from Jesus that we must love and forgive one another. Helping children learn to get along with others is a very important aspect of our preschool experience. Social, emotional, and spiritual development go hand-in-hand. When we hurt others, it's important that we go to them to see how we might help them feel better and ask for their forgiveness. When others hurt us, we need to let them know that we are hurt and then forgive them.

Service to Others

Jesus came to serve, not to be served, and likewise we are called to serve others. We offer many opportunities for children and their families to help others in a "hands-on" way. This may be as simple as decorating a placemat for a nursing home, bringing change for disaster relief or canned foods for the food pantry. We participate in Operation Christmas Child by filling shoeboxes with gifts for children around the world. Additionally, we plant and work in our community garden. Food from this goes to either a free lunch program or food pantry. These projects demonstrate the preschool's dedication to serving others in the world around us.