

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Word of God Standards

Grades 9 and 10 Goals, Materials, Scope and Sequence for Nurturing Young People in 9th and 10th Grade

A. The Goals of Nurturing Young People in 9th and 10th Grade

- Because the mental development of 9th and 10th graders leads them to think more deeply about those spiritual truths they have already learned and to be ready to explore the applications of those truths especially if they see the importance of those truths for their faith and life as teenagers; and
- Because their emotional and volitional development means they are quite independent in regard to their personal attitudes and habits; and
- Because they can function well in a group, learning not only from influenced by the actions and opinions of their peers; and
- Because they share less of what they are learning with their and parents and are in that God-given process of leaving their parents in order to develop a life apart from their parents; and
- Because their sexuality is becoming an important aspect in life; and
- Because parents can continue to be some of the best teachers of young people of this age group if parents know how to balance the granting of independence with requiring responsibility on the part of their teenagers; and
- Because it is more likely that a parent will be an effective teacher of a young throughout the teenage years if the process continues from from the 7th and 8th grade years through the 9th and 10th grade; therefore,

The goals of nurturing young people in 9th and 10th grades are:

N.B. Those with a plus sign (+) preceding them are appearing for the first time at this grade level.

Those with an asterisk (*) are appearing in an altered form from that of an earlier level.

1) That the young person knows these spiritual truths:

- a) Sin is everything we do or say or think which is contrary to God's will.
- b) We are born in sin and also sin every day in thought, word, and action.
- c) What we deserve for our sins is God's punishment in our lives now and eternally in hell.
- *d) Jesus is God's Son whom God sent in fulfillment of OT prophecy to be our Savior and whom we now await by promise at the end of the World.
- e) God made the world and us by his mighty power, and by that same power he now watches over us wherever we are and also gives us all our daily needs.
- *f) God sends the Holy Spirit to work faith in us so that we gladly accept Jesus as his Son whom he sent to be our Savior from Sin.
- *g) We want to thank God for all that he has done for us by gladly doing, saying and thinking Only those things which please him.
- h) The means the Holy Spirit uses to bring about growth in us both in Our faith and in living a life of faith-born love is the gospel in Word and sacraments. It is only by regular reading and studying the good news of God's love for us that we can grow in faith and living as a child of God.
- i) The Bible is God's Word since its writers were verbally inspired by God himself. Therefore, the Bible is without error and every one of the promises God makes to us in the Bible is true.
- j) The law and gospel teach us two entirely different things. The law shows us we are sinful and under God's condemnation; the gospel tells us we are justified only by Jesus' atoning life and death. The law shows us how we in love can thank God by our lives; the gospel motivates us to live a life of thanks.
- k) Every day we as Christians have a war going on within us between our flesh (Old Adam) and spirit (New Man). This means that often we do the things we do not want to do and do not do the things we want to do. As baptized children of God we drown the Old Adam and put on the New Man by daily contrition and repentance.
- l) We can talk to God anytime in prayer to confess our sins, to ask for all We need both bodily and spiritually as well as to thank him for all his gracious gifts.
- m) We gather to worship God with others so that by hearing God's Word together and joining others in praise and thanks to God We might encourage each other in faith and living a life of thanks to God.
- n) We are caretakers of all God gives us. We want to use it all in thankful service to God rather than just for our own pleasure.
- o) We can serve God with our time, talents, and treasure both in church and in our personal lives. Most of the choices we make in life revolve around the single consideration of how we can best serve God with all the gifts he has given us.
- p) God wants us to share the good news about Jesus with everyone - both in

our neighborhood and across the whole World.

2) That the young person continues to develop these spiritual attitudes:

- a) There is absolutely nothing more important to us in our lives than what Jesus did for our salvation.
- b) Whatever material blessings God gives us are gifts of his grace which we want to use in thanks to his glory and for the Spiritual and bodily benefit of others.
- c) Since God is always with us and watching over us, we don't have to worry that we will have to face the troubles and trials of life alone, but we can always count on him for guidance and help.
- d) Praying, singing spiritual songs, studying God's Word, and worshipping God at home and in church are all things we do gladly, not because we have to but because we want to, out of thanks to God for all his goodness to us.
- e) We hate sin, and we daily want to recommit ourselves to doing and saying and thinking only those things which are pleasing to our God.
- f) It is important as teenagers that we keep growing in faith and in Christian living so that God can keep the enemies of our faith from leading us into unbelief, despair, or other great and shameful sins.
- g) Working and learning together as Christians in the family at home and in church is important so that we can encourage one another both in our faith and in serving God and One another in love in our lives.
- h) The talents and abilities God has given each of us are right for us, and we are worthwhile human beings not because of what God permits us to accomplish in life for him but because he made each of us his child and an heir of everlasting life by faith in Jesus.
- i) Our sexuality is a gift of God which we want to treasure and use in our lives in a way which is pleasing to God.
- *j) Doing our best in all we do in life glorifies God and shows our love for Jesus, and it is a way we can develop the talents God has given us so that we are able to use them in our lives to serve him and others.
- k) Having a deep concern for those who do not know that Jesus has redeemed them and telling them about him are important because we do not want them to die in unbelief and be lost forever.

3) That the young person continues to develop these spiritual habits:

- a) To pray at regular times as well as many times on his/her own.
- b) To sing often the spiritual songs he/she has learned. *c) To use every opportunity to study God's Word together with others as well as to read the Bible daily on his/her own.

- d) To confess his/her sins to God and anyone he/she may have sinned against and ask for forgiveness.
- e) To forgive those who sin against him/her or whose faults annoy him/her as fully and freely as Christ forgives.
- f) To join in public worship with fellow Christians in church regularly,
- +g) To receive the Lord's Supper frequently.
- +h) To use the Word of God to comfort and console oneself and others in times of sorrow and trial.
- i) To make everything that is said and done a thank-you to God for all his love (and not give into any peer pressure to the contrary).
- j) To obey parents and other superiors joyfully (while also showing responsibility which allows superiors to give more and more freedom.)
- k) To make decisions as a responsible Christian young person (and not using the freedom given by superiors as a license for sin.)
- l) To joyfully share with, work with and help others (including those who are not part of one's group of friends) and to express appreciation and praise; for others.
- m) To faithfully complete every assigned task at home, at school and on the job.
- n) To use his/her talents fully in the service of God and others.
- o) To express his/her convictions to others, especially to tell others what Christ means and to invite others to learn more about him.

4) That parents continue to be involved in teaching their child and are guided in the best way to train their child in these 9th and 10th grade years.

Learning activities and resources will be developed to meet the unique learning styles and perspectives of 9th and 10th grade students:

- Because young people in the 9th and 10th grade are growing into adulthood and do not think of themselves as children any longer, they are most interested in those things which they see have practical value for their faith and life; and
- Because they are able to work at something in depth over a number of class periods but at the same time enjoy a good deal of variety in their learning; and
- Because they enjoy thinking activities which require them to compare, analyze, evaluate, and create things as long as they are given some guidance in the process; and
- Because their thinking abilities enable them to build on what they have learned by going more deeply into the interrelations of biblical events and truths; and
- Because they question some things that they have always accepted since they are now thinking for themselves more than ever before; and
- Because their mental emotions and their will (attitudes and actions) are becoming

much more personal and are often governed by the role models which they consciously or unconsciously have chosen to follow (adult identity formation);and
-Because their mental emotions and their will (attitudes and actions) are greatly influenced by their peers and by things they pick up from the world around them;
and

-Because they enjoy discussing things with their peers since knowing what the group is thinking and being part of the group is quite important to them; and

-Because their growing experiences in life enable them to see how God's Word applies in many ways in their lives and makes the meaning of a Bible lesson for their lives an essential part of every lesson; and

-Because teenagers will soon be adults and many of the homes in which they live do not model such things as Christian family life, Christian decision making, Christian life planning, Christian witnessing and Christian relationships with others; and

-Because they enjoy putting their writing and reading skills to use in meaningful activities and in creating things which relate to a Bible lesson they are studying;
and

-Because as teenagers who are in the midst of the process of growing into adulthood they enjoy any opportunities they have to put their faith into practice.

Grades 11 and 12 Goals, Materials, Scope and Sequence for Nurturing Young People in 11th and 12th Grade

A. The Goals of Nurturing Young People in 11th and 12th Grade

- Because the mental development of 11th and 12th graders leads them to think more deeply about those spiritual truths they have already earned and to be ready to explore the applications of those truths especially if they see the importance of those truths for their faith and life as teenagers; and
- Because their emotional and volitional development means they are quite independent in regard to their personal attitudes and habits; and
- Because they can function well in a group, learning not only from the words and actions of their teachers but also being greatly influenced by the actions and opinions of their peers; and
- Because they share less of what they are learning with their parents and are in that God-given process of leaving their parents in order to develop a life apart from their parents; and
- Because their sexuality has become an important aspect of their life; and
- Because parents can continue to be very influential in the spiritual growth of young people in this age group if parents know how to balance the granting of independence with requiring responsibility on the part of their teenagers; therefore,

The goals of nurturing young people in 11th and 12th grades are:

- 1) That the young person knows these spiritual truths:
 - a) God made the world and us by his mighty power, and by that same power he now watches over us wherever we are and also gives us all our daily needs.
 - b) Sin is everything we do or say or think which is contrary to God's Will.
 - c) We are born in sin and also sin every day in thought, Word, and action.
 - d) What we deserve for our sins is God's punishment in Our lives now and eternally in hell.
 - +e) God planned our salvation and carried it out in the history of the world, using some key people to accomplish his saving plan.
 - *f) Jesus is God's son whom God sent to justify and reconcile the World by his redeeming life and death. According to God's promise, We now await his second coming at the end of the World.
 - g) God sends the Holy Spirit to work faith in us so that we gladly accept Jesus as his Son whom he sent to be our

Savior from Sin,

h) We want to thank God for all that he has done for us by gladly doing, saying and thinking only those things which please him.

*i) The Holy Spirit uses the gospel in word and sacraments to bring about growth in us both in our faith and in living a life of faith-born love. It is only by regular reading and studying the good news of God's love for us that we can grow in faith and living as a child of God.

j) The Bible is God's Word since its Writers were verbally Inspired by God himself. Therefore, the Bible is without error and every One of the promises God makes to us in the Bible is true.

k) The law and gospel teach us two entirely different things. The law shows us we are sinful and under God's condemnation; the gospel tells us we are justified only by Jesus' atoning life and death. The law shows us how we in love can thank God by our lives; the gospel motivates us to live a life of thanks.

l) Every day We have a war going on within us between Our flesh (Old Adam) and spirit (New Man). This means that often we do the things we do not want to do and do not do the things we want to do. As baptized children of God we drown the Old Adam and put on the New Man by daily contrition and repentance.

m) We can talk to God anytime in prayer to confess our sins, to ask for all we need both bodily and spiritually as well as to thank him for all his gracious gifts.

n) We gather to worship God with others so that by hearing God's Word together and joining others in praise and thanks to God We might encourage each other in faith and living a life of thanks to God.

O) We are caretakers of all God gives us. We want to use it all in thankful service to God rather than just for our own pleasure.

p) We can serve God with our time, talents and treasure both in church and in our personal lives. Most of the choices We make in life revolve around the single consideration of how we can best serve God with all the gifts he has given us.

q) God wants us to share the good news about Jesus with everyone - both in our neighborhood and across the whole World.

2) That the young person continue to develop these spiritual attitudes:

- a) There is absolutely nothing more important to us in our lives than what Jesus did for Our salvation.
- b) Whatever material blessings God gives us are gifts of his grace which we want to use in thanks to his glory and for the spiritual and bodily benefit of others.
- c) Since God is always with us and watching over us, we don't have to worry that we will have to face the troubles and trials of life alone, but we can always count on him for guidance and help.
- d) Praying, singing spiritual songs, studying God's Word, and worshipping God at home and in church are all things we do gladly, not because we have to but because we want to, out of thanks to God for all his goodness to us.
- e) We hate sin, and we daily want to recommit ourselves to doing and saying and thinking only those things which are pleasing to God.
- f) It is important as teenagers that we keep growing in faith and in Christian living so that God can keep the enemies of our faith from leading us into unbelief, despair, or other great and shameful sins.
- g) Working and learning together as Christians in the family and in church is important so that we can encourage one another both in our faith and in serving God and others in love in our lives.
- h) The talents and abilities God has given each of us are right for us, and we are worthwhile human beings not because of what God permits us to accomplish in life for him but because he made each of us his child and an heir of everlasting life by faith in Jesus.
- i) Our sexuality is a gift of God which we want to treasure and use in our lives in the way which is pleasing to God.
- j) Doing our best in all we do in life glorifies God and shows our love for Jesus, and it is a way we can develop the talents God has given us so that we are able to use them in our lives to serve him and others.
- k) Having a deep concern for those who do not know that Jesus has redeemed them and telling them about him are important because we do not want them to die in unbelief and be lost forever.

3) That the young person continues to develop these spiritual habits:

- a) To pray at regular times as well as many times on his/her own.
- b) To sing often the 'spiritual songs he/she has learned.
- c) To use every opportunity to study God's Word together

with others as well as to read the Bible daily on his/her Own.

d) To confess his/her sins to God and anyone he/she may have sinned against and ask for forgiveness.

e) To forgive those who sin against him/her or whose faults annoy him/her as fully and freely as Christ forgives.

f) To join in public worship with fellow Christians in church regularly.

g) To receive the Lord's Supper frequently.

h) To use the Word of God to comfort and console oneself and others in times of sorrow and trial.

i) To make everything that is said and done a thank-you to God for all his love (and not give in to any peer pressure to the contrary).

j) To obey parents and other superiors joyfully (while also showing responsibility, which allows superiors to give more and more freedom.)

k) To make decisions as a responsible Christian young person (and not using the freedom given by superiors as a license for sin.)

l) To joyfully share with, work with, and help others (including those who are not part of one's group of friends) and to express appreciation and praise for others.

m) To faithfully complete every assigned task at home, at school and on the job.

n) To use his/her talents fully in the service of God and others.

o) To express his/her convictions to others, especially to tell others what Christ means and to invite others to learn more about him.

4) That parents continue to be involved in helping their child grow spiritually and are guided in the best way to do this for their child in these 11th and 12th grade years.

Learning activities and resources will be developed to meet the unique learning styles and perspectives of 11th and 12th grade students:

- Because young people in the 11th and 12th grade are becoming adults and do not think of themselves as children any longer, they are not satisfied to be learning things for the sake of learning but are most interested in those things which they see have practical value for their faith and life; and

- Because they are able to work at something in depth over a number of class periods but at the same time enjoy a good deal of variety in their learning; and

- Because they enjoy thinking activities which require them to compare, analyze, evaluate, and create things as long as they are given some guidance in the process; and

- Because their thinking abilities enable them to build on what they have learned by going more deeply into the interrelation of biblical events and truths; and

- Because they question some things that they have always accepted since they are now thinking for themselves more than ever before; and

- Because their mental emotions, and their will (attitudes and actions) are becoming much more personal and are often governed by the role models which they consciously or unconsciously have chosen to follow (adult identity formation); and

- Because their mental emotions and their will (attitudes and actions) are greatly influenced by their peers and by things they pick up from the World around them; and

- Because they enjoy discussing things with their peers since knowing what the group is thinking and being part of the group is quite important to them; and

- Because their growing experiences in life enable them to see how God's Word applies in many ways in their lives and makes the meaning of a Bible lesson for their lives an essential part of every lesson; and

- Because 11th and 12th graders begin to look beyond high school and to make choices which relate to their adult life, they are more, interested than ever before in such things as Christian family life, Christian decision making, Christian life planning, Christian witnessing, relationships with others, and taking part in congregational life; and

- Because they enjoy putting their writing and reading skills to use in meaningful activities and in creating things which relate to a Bible lesson they are studying; and

- Because as teenagers who are becoming adults they enjoy any opportunities they have to put their faith into practice; and -Because parents need and desire help in the spiritual training of their child in his/her late teens; and