

Presentation of Bibles

Leader: As your name is read, you will step forward to receive your Bible, a gift from this church family to you. Please remain standing at the front after you receive your Bible. Grownups, please come with your children, bringing your bulletin insert.

Pastor: Today is a very special day in the life of this congregation. We have come together to worship God and to present Bibles to our students. Students, you have reached a special time in your church life. You have heard Bible stories read to you, you have looked at pictures in Bible story books, and you have memorized Bible verses. But now the time has come for you to have your very own Bible, to read these stories and discover the Christian faith for yourself, and to discover God through these stories. We, the congregation, celebrate with you in this special time of faith growth and give you this valuable treasure - the book of our faith.

You have begun to wonder and learn who God is and who you are in God's kingdom. The Bible can speak to you through the words of people who have experienced God throughout history. This is a gift of great value, a source of truth and life. Take time to read it faithfully.

Students: We thank our church family for our Bibles and promise to do our best to read them faithfully.

Grownups: With the support of this congregation, and in the presence of God, we promise to spend time with our children helping them to read, wonder and learn from their Bibles.

All: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for revealing yourself to us through the words of the Bible. Help us to read more faithfully, study more diligently, and share your message of love with others. We thank you for these children and ask that you continue to guide their growth so that they may truly be your people in thought, word, and deed. Amen.

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Today, during the Worship Services, the children (2nd graders and above) will receive their personal copy of the CEB Children's Bible. We rejoice with the children and their families as they embark on this new adventure in Christian learning. The children are encouraged to bring their Bibles every Sunday and to read and wonder in The Word.



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