

A Parent's Guide to:



A place your child can learn and develop
strong personal character

INTRODUCTION

The goal is to develop in students an understanding of the unchanging values which become a “code for life.” Character Code for Life is based upon the truth that all moral values come from the very character of God, will have life transforming value for a person, a family, a community and an entire nation.

“Blessed is the nation whose god is the Lord,” (Psalm 33:12).

CHARACTER TRAITS

Throughout the entire nine-year curriculum students will be taught 36 Character traits. The program is divided into two semesters, with each semester introducing a trait that shows all values sourced from God. In each lesson, your child will learn a Bible story that contains the character trait that is being emphasized, memorize Bible verses that apply to real life, and participate in activities that show your child how to apply these traits in their daily life.

There is a pre-school/kindergarten level (ages 3-5), primary level (1st – 3rd) and an intermediate level (4th – 6th). Each group will be learning the same Bible stories and character traits, but they will be doing age appropriate activities during class time.

Each club night students will gather as a large group to sing songs of praise and worship, acknowledge student achievements, and listen to general announcements.

Immediately following this meeting, students will attend their age appropriate class to participate in an engaging, hands on learning session. In this session, they will participate in scripture memorization, life application, scenarios, and study the Bible to see the reason for morals and strong character. During class, friendships will develop and children can encourage one another to live a life for God.

When class is complete students will have a break with snacks and drinks. Following snack break, fun games will be the last portion of the club before meeting for closing assembly. Parents are invited to stay for opening assembly and come for the closing assembly as well.

On the next page, you will find the scope and sequence for the nine years of Character Code for Life. The Character Club will be using this curriculum as the material for each class session.

CHARACTER CODE FOR LIFE

VALUE TOPICS

PRESCHOOL—Ages 3-5 (Student Placemats)

	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4	Module 5	Module 6
Value 1	God Is Holy and Righteous	God Is Good and Just	God Is Gracious and Merciful	God Is Patient and Forgiving	God Is Faithful and True	God Is Loving and Kind
Value 2	Honesty	Responsibility	Sincerity	Initiative	Truthfulness	Dependability
Value 3	Acceptance	Forgiveness	Tolerance	Forgiveness	Fairness	Forgiveness
Value 4	Courage	Gratitude	Boldness	Humility	Endurance	Contentment
Value 5	Respect	Kindness	Self-Control	Compassion	Patience	Generosity
Value 6	Diligence	Loyalty	Thoroughness	Commitment	Determination	Dedication

PRIMARY—Grades 1-3 (Student Cards)

	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4	Module 5	Module 6
Value 1	God Is Holy and Righteous	God Is Good and Just	God Is Gracious and Merciful	God Is Patient and Forgiving	God Is Faithful and True	God Is Loving and Kind
Value 2	Honesty / Integrity	Responsibility	Sincerity	Initiative	Truthfulness	Dependability
Value 3	Acceptance	Forgiveness	Tolerance	Forgiveness	Fairness	Forgiveness
Value 4	Courage	Gratitude	Boldness	Humility	Endurance	Contentment
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INTERMEDIATE—Grades 4-6 (Student Leaflets)

	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4	Module 5	Module 6
Value 1	God Is Holy and Righteous	God Is Good and Just	God Is Gracious and Merciful	God Is Patient and Forgiving	God Is Faithful and True	God Is Loving and Kind
Value 2	Honesty / Integrity	Responsibility	Sincerity	Initiative	Truthfulness	Dependability
Value 3	Acceptance	Forgiveness	Tolerance	Forgiveness	Fairness	Forgiveness
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The *Character Code for Life* curriculum is being translated into as many languages as funding will permit. If you or your church would like to help the children of the world come to Jesus, please send your gift to: ICP, PO Box 2587, Texarkana, TX 75504. For more information, go to www.icpllit.org or email CCfL@icpllit.org.

VESTS AND AWARD CHART

Character Club has an incentive program using a vest as an “official” membership symbol. This vest will have the club logo and year badge marking how many years they have been in the club. Through the year your child will have the opportunity to earn awards to put on their vest. The chart below shows the award and how your child can earn the award.

Award	Requirements	Notes
Vest and year patch	Attend three class sessions	
Quarterly Character Merit (4 total to be earned)	Attend and complete 9 lessons (3 character traits)	*A parent note will be accepted if the student is sick.
Memory Master (2 total)	Memorize 10 verses throughout the year – student will earn one pin per 5 verses recited	
Fisher of Men	Invite and have 3 friends attend a Character Club session	
Perfect Attendance	Attends every Club session	
Service Project (2 total - 1 each semester)	Plan and complete a service project in the community based on one character trait	*Parents, guardian, or other adult will help with this project

AWARDS EXPLAINED

1. Vest: The vest is a place to put all merit badges and pins. They are green, which symbolizes growing in the Lord. Students will keep their vests at the building and will wear them during class time and when we go out as a group.
2. Quarterly Character Merit: It is good to encourage your child to take this club seriously and attend each club session if they are in good health. Each lesson is different and will emphasize different aspects to each moral trait.
3. Memory Master: The Bible encourages its readers to “hide God’s word in your heart.” We want our students to be able to use God’s word to live in this present world. As a result, they can

become a memory master by memorizing and reciting ten memory verses by the end of the year.

4. Fisher of Men: Jesus told his followers to become “fishers of men.” To encourage your child to share Jesus and His love and salvation to others, students can invite their friends to Character Club. If three of these friends attend, they will be awarded a fisher of men merit.
5. Perfect Attendance: Some children like to challenge themselves to have perfect attendance. If your child is able to achieve this mark, they will be awarded for doing so. It is good to teach our children to set high standards!
6. Service Project: Throughout the year, students will have the opportunity to complete in two service projects. They will be given a form to devise a plan and will complete the challenge within each semester. Parents or other important adults will need to help facilitate this project. Two service pins are possible each year.

OTHER FUN EVENTS

Throughout the year, we plan on having fun! Some of the ideas for these evenings include a Christmas party, Spring Break Bash, and an end-of-the-year showcase banquet. Be on the lookout for handouts and event invites throughout the year.