



Bethel Marthoma Church, Sydney Online Sunday School

Information & Guidelines

Sunday School will be held online from **29 March 2020** from **8:30 - 9:30 am**.

This information sheet will help answer some of your child's questions about online Sunday school classes. Please read this with your child.

I have to stay at home. How can I attend Sunday School?

All of us have to practice '**Social Distancing**'. It is important to do this so that we can help stop the Coronavirus from spreading.

This means that we can't all come together in an actual, real classroom for Sunday School or church for some time.

BUT, we can still attend Sunday school and church "**online**", using the internet!

Your teacher will send you or your parents a Zoom weblink, which you can use to see and hear your Sunday school teacher and all your classmates.



How should I get ready for online Sunday School?

Dress and behave like you are in an actual Sunday School class in our church.

- Make sure you've brushed your teeth, combed your hair, and changed into neat and presentable clothes. It would not be a good idea to attend Sunday school in your pyjamas. :)
- Sit at a table (study table or dining table) with your device, in a quiet room. Try not to sit in bed during the class.



What do I need?

Your parents will prepare a device like a laptop or phone for you.

Keep your Bible, your Sunday School book, and a pencil ready for class.



DEAR PARENTS

Considering the shifting and unprecedented situation that we all are facing, it is important to stand together in faith for our children.

We hope to run Sunday school classes online from Sunday, 29th March 2020 onwards. Please help the teacher run the class smoothly, by practicing the following guidelines:

- **DEVICE & APPLICATION SETUP**
 - Set up and test a device like a laptop or phone for your child to use.
 - If the background is noisy, you may want to consider using a headset / ear plugs.
 - Setup the Zoom application, and test the zoom weblink before the class.

 - **CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE**
 - Please find a quiet place for your child to attend the class with minimum background noise.
 - Children should raise their hand if they wish to speak. Begin speaking only when the teacher asks the child to do so.
 - Students are requested not to post messages, or chat in parallel with fellow students using other apps while the class is in session.

 - **SECURITY**
 - In order to comply with Safe Ministry regulations and protect children online; please **DO NOT** share the Sunday school weblink with anyone outside of the Sunday School class. Only teachers, respective parents/carers and students should use the Zoom weblink.
If anyone you know requires the zoom link, please contact Reji Mathew (reji_innovate@yahoo.com.au) or Achen (vicar@sydneyarthoma.org.au) for further information.

 - All Sunday school classes will end no later than **9:45 am**. Our church service will begin at **10 am**. After the Sunday school class, please prepare to gather your family, and set up a device to attend the Church service via the respective web link sent by our Achen.

 - Please pray for Sunday school as this is the first time we're going online. We thank all families for their support and cooperation in this endeavour.
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