

# **LEARNING AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH CHILDREN and YOUTH**

## **BURLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOL**

### **Our Faith and Purpose Statement**

Every child, youth and adult is important and valued.

We accept each other in our learning together.

Honouring our shared humanity, we respect diversity of opinion.

We honour and respect diversity of abilities, age, race, culture, gender and sexual orientation.

We encourage individual abilities and stages of learning and nourish these.

We promote loving relationships, compassion and justice.

We foster the sense of our being part of a community of faith.

We encourage cooperation and collaboration.

We accept responsibility of caring for the earth, God's creation.

### **Our Faith in Action**

Teachers use curriculum that provides for spiritual growth for themselves and the children/youth.

We offer loving care for babies and toddlers in our nursery.

Children and youth are offered learning opportunities appropriate for each age.

Church School creates a welcoming atmosphere in each room with appropriate equipment.

We explore the Christian faith through stories, discussions, crafts, cooperative games, technology and activities that promote joy, compassion and justice.

Bible stories are used as examples explaining to children and youth how we can learn from them and apply them in our lives: to help others with loving, healing and helping in our homes, church, schools, community and the world.

Being part of the Christian tradition, we study bible stories to encourage all to learn about Jesus, his exemplary life and his faithfulness to God. This teaching is offered with the hope that learners will follow Jesus' example.

Recognizing the variety in learning, we promote opportunities for visual, auditory and hands-on experiences.

We honour that curiosity and a sense of wonder are part of learning enrichment and provide opportunities for exploration of and care for God's creation.

To promote supportive intergenerational relationships, adults, children and youth accept special friendships.

Each child/youth is introduced to the congregation at a Sunday worship service.

Mutual support and respect are nurtured through discussions, both speaking and listening.

Youth activities provide times for spiritual growth, increased respect and responsibility.