



# EVERGREEN ACADEMY

*Educating Students...Training Leaders...Commissioning Warriors*

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## **Discipleship in the Lower School**

In the lower school setting, discipleship extends beyond the confines of the classroom, commencing with our dedicated faculty and staff, each of whom openly embraces a faith in Christ. At Evergreen Academy, we hold the conviction that academics and discipleship are intertwined, and we affirm that young students can absorb the teachings of the Bible and its principles. Consequently, our lower school seamlessly incorporates the Bible into every aspect of education, fostering the holistic growth of students—physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually—through the foundational truths found in the scriptures.

### **We EDUCATE**

Within the lower school classroom, students delve into Bible stories, grasp biblical principles, and explore the essence of following Christ. Integral to our curriculum, students engage in the practice of memorizing and reciting Scripture annually as part of their immersion in the study of the Bible.

### **We TRAIN**

Each academic year, lower school teachers at EA set specific spiritual goals for their classes, aiming to foster a more personal mentorship with their students. This involves daily practices such as praying with and for their students, imparting lessons on friendship, and integrating Gospel teachings into disciplinary measures. Beyond the classroom, our students actively participate in service opportunities. Progressing through grades, students also contribute to local ministries by collecting items such as shoes, canned goods, and books. The school community places emphasis on service within its own context, promoting acts of kindness and encouragement through uplifting notes and spontaneous acts of goodwill.

### **He COMMISSIONS**

Guided by the Lord's mandate to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19), our lower school program is centered on guiding students toward becoming dedicated disciples for Christ. Discipleship stands as our primary strategic approach, aiding lower school students in understanding their identity in Christ and facilitating the deepening of their relationship with Jesus Christ. The lower school years mark the initial phase of each student's journey in acquiring the skills to share the gospel and contribute to the advancement of the cause of Christ in their generation.