

## **5 Pillars of Christian Character**

### **Ideals of Program:**

- Every student will receive no less than 4 weeks of character based teaching each year they attend SCCA.
- Each teacher will gather resources, prepare lessons and teach the 5 pillars of Christian Character in detail throughout the 4 designated weeks.
- All employees will continue to reinforce these 5 pillars in every situation throughout the school year. i.e.: discipline, classroom, playground, etc.
- Every students shall be able to recite the “Eagle’s Creed” on demand.
- Incorporate 5 pillars into a “school song”.

## **FAITH**

### **Goals for students:**

- believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
- wholly trust in His Word as absolute truth
- worship God as my Creator, my Savior, my Provider, and my Lord
- give Him and His Word reverence and respect at all times
- faithfully learn about Him and His Word
- maintain fellowship with God through active prayer

### **Topics to be covered:**

- salvation
- Bible study and scripture memory
- church attendance
- service
- glorifying God with our talents
- prayer

## **OBEDIENCE**

### **Goals for students:**

- understand that first and foremost we must obey God
- realize that as a child they are required by God to obey their parents
- acknowledge that they are also responsible for obeying those who have charge over them
- understand that in order to obey we must first submit ourselves to both the giver of the command and the command itself.
- realize that obedience shows love toward the one to whom we obey.
- understand that obedience pleases God and is the main responsibility of a child.
- realize that disobedience has consequences.

### **Topics to be covered:**

- define obedience
- Service
- God’s Word as truth
- Obeying Parents (honoring)
- Following Directions
- obey without complaint
- should not have to be forced, bribed, or told many times before we obey

# LOVE

## Goals for students:

- we are to love God with all our being
- we are to love one another
- have genuine compassion and care for others
- put others before self
- give of our talents, substance, and time to help others

## Topics to be covered:

- kindness (gentleness)
- gratitude
- hospitality (manners)
- forgiveness (mercy)
- giving (sacrifice)
- Bullying
- friendship

# HONESTY

## Goals for students:

- understand that we should always tell the truth.
- understand that any form of deceit is a lie and therefore sin.
- realize that our reputation depends on our honesty.
- learn to speak the truth concerning self and others

## Topics to be covered:

- Lying
- Stealing
- Cheating
- Exaggerations
- Gossip
- Boasting, Flattery

# DISCIPLINE

## Goals for students:

- realize that rules are necessary for all men.
- understand that hard work and diligence is always rewarded.
- that self-discipline is important in all aspects of life.
- receive correction and learn from chastisement.
- maintain self-control and orderliness of emotions and actions.

## Topics to be covered:

- Orderliness
- Service
- Teachable and Learning
- Study
- Preparedness
- Work with hands
- Diligence and Perseverance
- Not quitting
- Patience
- Maintaining a schedule
- Completing tasks (including the undesirable)



## **School-wide Discipline Program**

**Summary:** This program is designed to reinforce Christ-like behavior by rewarding students for following school rules, respecting teachers and other students, following directions, and working diligently and honestly at their academics. It also teaches that there are consequences for bad behavior and that rebellion results in missed blessings.

### **How does the system work?**

Each student receives 5 fish at the beginning of each school week. These Christian Symbols are placed on a chart which is kept in the classroom. These fish represent what it means to be a Christian (5 Pillars) and serve as a constant visible reminder of expected behavior.

### **Fish Removals.**

Teachers can remove fish from students if they break rules, are defiant, fail to complete assignments, etc. The teacher must fill out a form that both teacher and student must sign every time a fish is taken. This is kept in a file by the teacher and a copy is sent home to the parents. A fish is then removed from the student's chart.

- Students who lose 5 or more fish in a week will serve one day of lunch and recess detention.
- Students who lose more than 10 fish during a grading period will not be allowed to attend the Eagle Extravaganza at the end of the grading period.

### **Rewards**

- Students who keep all five fish for the week are rewarded by their teacher on Fridays.
- Students who have 35 or more fish at the end of the grading period get to attend the Eagle Extravaganza.
- Students who have all 45 fish at the end of the grading period are awarded with special prizes at the extravaganza.

### **Parent Cooperation**

Parents of SCCA students are expected to cooperate fully with the implementation of this program. Character training is an essential part of Christian Education and cooperation between parent and school is key. Parents are expected to reinforce these 5 Pillars of Christian Character at home and to not undermine the authority of their child's teacher and principal. We expect parents to follow through with all disciplinary action such as extra assignments, fish removals, detention, time-outs, and sending their children to school on the day of the extravaganza even if they are not able to attend. One of the tragedies of our day is that so many parents uphold their children in wrong behavior creating an attitude of disrespect for authority and never taking responsibility for one's actions. This program is designed to train children to be "Christian" and we feel it worthy of parents' full support.