

## Statements of Faith

Young Explorers is a Christ centered homeschool coop. We put God at the center of our lives and live by His word.

**Proverbs 22:6:** “Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” **lifetime habits are formed from training**

**Deuteronomy 6:5-9:** “... You shall teach them (God’s words) diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up..” (vs.8) \* Training is a lifestyle not a curriculum. You teach your children how to love and live for God when you are living it out in daily life.

**Isaiah 54:3:** “All your children will be taught of the Lord; and great will be the peace of your children.” \*True peace comes from being taught by God and in His ways.

### **We believe the following statements to be true.....**

There is only one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1; Matthew 28:19; John 1:1,3 & 4:24; Acts 5:3,4; Romans 1:20; Ephesians 4:5,6; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

The Bible is the verbally, totally inspired, infallible, Word of God; the supreme and final authority for all faith, life, and truth.(2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20,21)

Man was created in the image of God; he sinned; through that sin he incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death (separation from God); and all people are born with a sin nature and are guilty sinners in thought, word, and deed.(Genesis 1:26,27 & 3:1-24; Romans 3:23 & 5:12-18; 1 John 1:8)

The deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, (Philippians 2:5-8) His virgin birth,(Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38)His sinless life, (2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 3:5) His miracles, (John 2:23) His atoning death through His shed blood, (Isaiah 53; John 3:16-18; Romans 3:24-26; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 1 John 2:2) His bodily resurrection,(Matthew 28:6; Romans 10:9; 1 Corinthians 15:14) His ascension, (Acts 1:9) and His imminent return in power and glory.(Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

Salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose death on the cross paid the penalty for man’s sin.(Romans 5:1; John 1:12-13; Ephesians 1:7 & 2:8-9)

God has instituted marriage- the covenant relationship between one man and one woman intended to be a lifelong union of husband and wife. The single life, either by call or circumstance, is honored by God.

The unmarried are an important part of the Christian community.(Genesis 2:21-24, Matthew 19:4-6, 1 Corinthians 7:1-40, Ephesians 5:22-33)

Sexuality is inherent in God's creation of human beings in His image as male and female. Husbands and wives are called to exclusive sexual fidelity to one another and single persons are called to abstinence. God intends and enables all people to live within these boundaries, with the help of the Holy Spirit and in fellowship of the church.(Matthew 19:4-6, Mark 10:6-9, 1Corinthians 7:1-40)

\*\*We recognize that our group is made up of a diverse group of people whose commonality is the priority of homeschooling our children. For this reason we do ask that member families respect/abide by, and not dispute, the above values and Young Explorers statement of faith during their participation in Young Explorers.

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