

VESSELS™

Filled by God, poured out for His Purpose

MISSION

VESSELS exists to empower and equip tween girls to develop a personal relationship with Christ and explore what it means to be a godly women in an ungodly world.

VISION

Filling their lives with things of God (not the world), girls will maintain a steadfast faith and become world changers as they pursue their unique, God-given purposes.

GOALS

- Girls find their value and identity in God.
- Girls realize they have purpose to live out today, not just in the future.
- Girls embrace what makes them unique (talents, skills, experiences and purposes).
- Girls gain wisdom and truth through the stories of biblical women
- Girls understand God's design for relationships (friendship, family and marriage).
- Girls build a strong foundation of biblical beliefs before the turbulent teen years.
- Girls maintain purity and display modesty.

THEOLOGICAL BELIEFS

- **The Bible is true** in every way; it's the bona fide authority for your life. (2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12)
- **There is only one true God** who's revealed Himself as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19; Matthew 3:16-17)
- The **Holy Spirit** is a divine person, sent to dwell, guide, teach, empower the believer, and convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. (*John 14:15-18; John 16:13, John 16:7-11*)
- **Jesus is God and became man.** He lived a sinless human life, then died for your sins. He rose from the dead, conquering sin, death and Satan. (John 1:1; Hebrews 2:14-18; I Thessalonians 5:1-11; Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 15; Hebrews 2:14-15)
- **Jesus will one day return** to this earth in power and in glory. (Acts 1:9-10)
- You must receive the gift of **eternal life** to live in heaven forever with God. **Salvation** comes from sorrow for your sins, turning away from your sins and surrendering trust in Jesus to save you from your sins. All people will spend eternity in either heaven or hell. (Ephesians 2:8-9; John 1:12-13; Romans 3:21-26; I John 1:7-10; Hebrews 9:27)
- **The Holy Spirit** guides you into truth, comforts you, convicts you of sin and empowers you for Christian service. (John 16:5-11)
- We believe in the **spiritual unity of believers** in our Lord Jesus Christ. (*Philippians 2:1-4*)
- Our ultimate **purpose in life** is to bring God glory and to honor Him. (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Isaiah 43:7)
- People who have, by faith, received Jesus as their Savior and desire to follow Him are **baptized in water** as an outward expression of inner obedience. It is a public profession and celebration of new life in Christ. (Romans 6:1-5; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:38)
- We believe God instituted **marriage between one man and one woman** as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. For this reason, we believe that marriage is exclusively the union of one man and one woman. Also, God's design for sexual intimacy is to be expressed only within the context of marriage, that God created man and woman to complement and complete each other. (*Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5-6; Mark 10:6-9; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9*)
- We believe that God wonderfully creates each person with a **permanent gender** as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (*Gen. 1:26-27*)