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Young PIONEERS INTRO. TO SIGN LANGUAGE (Grades 2–3 and 4–5)

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Textbook: No textbook required.

Lessons will be compiled using material from the following textbooks:

- *We can Sign!* (Tara Adams)
- *Sign Language for Kids - Activity Book* (Tara Adams)
- *American Sign Language for Kids* (Rochelle Barlow)
- *Barron's E-Z American Sign Language* (David A. Stewart, Elizabeth Stewart, Lisa M. Dimling, Jessalyn Little)

Resources Provided by Teacher: in class videos, activity worksheets and handouts

Topics we will cover include:

- Deaf culture/etiquette
- Alphabet/fingerspelling
- Numbers
- Vocabulary
- Facial expression
- Intensifying/expressing emotion
- Sign space
- Simple sentences
- ASL sentence structure/grammar
- Basic conversations
- As students progress, we will learn a few group presentations such as Bible verses and songs

Course Description:

This class is an introduction to American Sign Language (ASL) for beginners, grades 2nd-3rd and 4th-5th. Lessons will be similar for both age groups, slightly simplified for 2nd-3rd grade class. The purpose of the class is to educate students about deaf culture, the ASL language, and enable them to effectively communicate through their bodies. This language is far more than talking with your hands - it is made up of hand signs, as well as hand and body position, relating to others, facial expression, and proper grammatical structure. Students will learn the importance of communication, and specifically the role we can play in fulfilling Jesus' Great Commission to **Go** and tell **All**, which includes the deaf community. After all, how will they hear without someone to tell them?