

emmanuel episcopal church

# **Pledge Statements for Children**

Choose the appropriate pledge certificate for your child(ren).  
Submission to Emmanuel is optional.

## I want to give to God's work at Emmanuel in 2018

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

### ***I pledge to pray often.***

Here are some ideas that Emmanuel encourages:

- ◆ Pray for yourself, your family, your church, your friends, and others
- ◆ Say "thank you" to God
- ◆ Believe that God is awesome!
- ◆ Use The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)



### ***I pledge to give some of my money or treasure to help my church.***

Here are some ideas that Emmanuel encourages:

- ◆ Give a portion of money you receive as a gift
- ◆ Give some of your allowance
- ◆ Collect coins to bring to Easter worship in a box that is placed in the floral cross



### ***I pledge to come to church as often as I can.***

Here are some ideas that Emmanuel encourages:

- ◆ Every Sunday, if possible
- ◆ Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas
- ◆ Be in community and feel closer to God
- ◆ "Wonder" in Godly Play



### ***I pledge to take care of God's creation.***

Here are some ideas that Emmanuel encourages:

- ◆ Participate in a volunteer earth clean up
- ◆ Help care for the earth by turning off the light when leaving a room
- ◆ Walk or bike safely instead of taking a car



### ***I pledge to help others.***

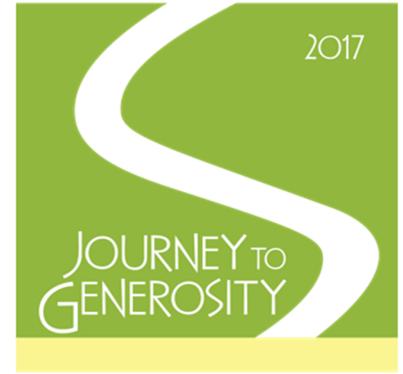
Here are some ideas that Emmanuel encourages:

- ◆ Help your family at home like cleaning your own space, putting things away, and helping mom and dad
- ◆ Give or share a toy with someone (think about Emmanuel's adopted Christmas families in December)
- ◆ Volunteer your time to serving others (give your time and talent)



# I want to give to God's work at Emmanuel

My name is \_\_\_\_\_



Draw a picture or write what you are thankful for:

Draw a picture or write what you plan to do to take care of God's  
Creation in 2018:

Here are some ideas that Emmanuel Church encourages:

- ◆ Helping my family at home like cleaning my own space, putting things away, and helping mom and dad
- ◆ Giving or sharing a toy with someone (think about Emmanuel's adopted Christmas families in December)
- ◆ Helping care for the earth by turning off the light when I leave a room
- ◆ Participate in a volunteer earth clean up
- ◆ Attend church regularly to be in community and feel closer to God
- ◆ Pray regularly for myself, my family, my church, and others
- ◆ Volunteer my time to serving others (give my time and talent)
- ◆ Giving some of my allowance or money as an offering to Emmanuel (give my treasure)

I pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ of my treasure to Emmanuel in 2018

I pledge to volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ hours of my time and talent each month in 2018

## Stewardship for Children Suggested Plan for Parents

### Wealth Wisdom—Proverbs 3:9

Wealth is? Let children give their definitions of wealth. Explain that wealth is having more than enough to survive. Help children understand how to use their “wealth” (money or treasure) wisely by budgeting. Give each child 4 containers. Have them label each container as: Give, Save, Spend, Goal.

- ◆ Give is God’s money, what we give back to Him.
- ◆ Save is money that is put away for future use.
- ◆ Spend is money that can be spent now on something we want.
- ◆ Goal is saving for a special item.

Give your child 10 pennies. Read Leviticus 27:30-34 and teach that the first penny goes into the Give container because it belongs to God then encourage the children to divide the rest of the money into containers of their choice.

### I Care for the World God has Made

Help your children think of times when they were kept in the care of someone else. Ask “When Mom and Dad need to be away and can’t take you with us, who do we usually ask to take care of you?” Answers will most likely include grandparents, baby sitter, neighbors, and friends. “Why do you think we chose those people? Why didn’t we just pick names out of the phone book and ask those people to care for you? Their answers will focus on these ideas: 1) they are too important to you to be placed in the care of strangers and 2) you will leave them only with someone whom you consider reliable, trustworthy, and dependable.

Tell your children that God trusts them to take care of the earth and every living creature on the earth. God’s creation is too important to be left to the care of strangers, those who do not know God. Read Psalm 8 and ask “What feelings do you

experience when you think about everything God created and realize that people are God’s most special creation?” “What does this Psalm tell us about God’s opinion of humans?” God values us, created us just a little lower than God, and crowned us to glory and honor. God placed us in charge of caring for the earth and all living creatures. Ask them to describe ways in which they care for God’s creation. Encourage them to think of one way that they could become more involved. Make a list of these suggestions and ask children to do one of them during the coming week.

