

**Our mission is to sow salvation's seed by teaching students how to read.**

Our primary purpose is to teach students to master words so that they can know Jesus, The WORD of God, through the Word of God. This knowledge of the Word and of words will help children as they grow up to transform themselves and their communities by applying His word to every aspect of personal and societal activity.

In other words, our main mission is to produce a generation of biblically literate and academically advanced students with godly hearts and brilliant minds who will build the kingdom by leading and transforming societies just as Daniel and his friends did in Babylon.

To put it simply, we are training **D.A.N.I.E.L.S** to shine like stars in crooked and perverse generations.

**D.A.N.I.E.L.S are:**

Devout

Achievers filled with

Noble spirits

Intelligence

Excellence and

Leadership

Skills

We will equip young people to be brilliant thinkers who can defend their faith, discern error, and become indispensable guides (like Joseph, Daniel, and Nehemiah) to justice, mercy, and righteousness.

This is why we will be called the Reader-Redeemers.™

**How are we going to help children to read with excellence, confidence, and independence?**

First, we must help students to crack and conquer the written code that represents spoken sounds.

But as we help students to crack the code, we must also help them to build up a large volume of world knowledge and word knowledge, which will strengthen their ability to make sense of words and sentences. (Please refer to the Steps to Reading Success Chart.)

We must redefine and reframe the knowledge experience for students: we want them to know that all knowledge—not just religious knowledge—is a gift from God. When we restrict Missionary or Sunday School programs to teaching simply about religious knowledge, we are communicating to children loudly and clearly that the church is only responsible for knowledge in the Bible. We are saying to them that God is not the author of all knowledge. We are implying loudly and clearly that there is secular

knowledge and religious knowledge, and that the two don't have a central origin in God. When we don't link God with knowledge about his Word and about the world, we are saying to students that the church should be confined to spiritual things, and that the really important and practical elements of education belong to other places in the society where God has no role or respect. Our goal in the Mission School and the Sunday School is to restore God to his central prominence in the learning of all things.

### **Scripture References and Standards**

Luke 10:27 KJV

[27] And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.

Daniel 1:3-4,17-20 AMPC

[3] And the [Babylonian] king told Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring in some of the children of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility- [4] Youths without blemish, well-favored in appearance and skillful in all wisdom, discernment, and understanding, apt in learning knowledge, competent to stand and serve in the king's palace-and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans. [17] As for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all [kinds of] visions and dreams. [18] Now at the end of the time which the king had set for bringing [all the young men in], the chief of the eunuchs brought them before Nebuchadnezzar. [19] And the king conversed with them, and among them all none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they were assigned to stand before the king. [20] And in all matters of wisdom and understanding concerning which the king asked them, he found them ten times better than all the [learned] magicians and enchanters who were in his whole realm.

Daniel 1:17 AMPC

[17] As for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all [kinds of] visions and dreams.

1 Kings 4:29-34 AMPC

[29] And God gave Solomon exceptionally much wisdom and understanding, and breadth of mind like the sand of the seashore. [30] Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the people of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt. [31] For he was wiser than all other men-than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Calcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol. His fame was in all the nations round about. [32] He also originated 3,000 proverbs, and his songs were 1,005. [33] He spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of the wall; he spoke also of beasts, of birds, of creeping things, and of fish. [34] Men came from all peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and from all kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom.