

Sign Language Class

Introduction:

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Did you get ABC papers? Try spelling your name.
Introduce yourselves by signing your name and then tell us why you took this class or what you hope to get out of it.

Purpose: To learn to communicate with the deaf in our congregation and to encourage them to communicate with us. We expect more families with deaf members in our congregation soon and want to be prepared for them. It is very important to them to feel welcome here. This will be a fun class and how fast you learn depends entirely on you. The more you use it the better you will become. Don't be shy. Learn with us, laugh with us. The deaf appreciate every bit of effort you make and are very patient.

Why do we begin with ABC's?

Colors

Green
Blue
Yellow
Purple
Pink
Red
Gray
Brown
Orange
White

Days of the Week

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

What we are learning is American Sign Language. From now on we will call it ASL. Most deaf do not use articles like is, the, to, a, an, especially when they talk to other deaf. Some have more hearing than others and try to use more English for their hearing friends. So what happens is that most deaf have a mixture and you will see different deaf people use it differently. Just like hearing people do not all talk the same, neither do the deaf. The most important thing is to be flexible. But remember, ASL is **not** English.

Beginning Sign Language Lesson # 1

Hello	You	Halleluiah	Sit
Goodbye	Your	Wonderful	Stay
Mother	Holy	Strong, mighty	Paper
Father	How	Spirit	Color
Grandmother	What	No	Paint
Grandfather	Book	Yes	Turn
I, me	Name	Trust	Share
Get	Fine	Love	Cookie
My, mine	Jesus	Happy, joy	Cracker
Pray	Bible	Here, presence	Candy

Sentences to Practice

I love Jesus.
My Bible black.
My Bible blue.
Jesus here
What your name?
My name _____
How you? Fine.
Halleluiah! Jesus wonderful.
I love my grandfather.
My mother here.
Goodbye _____
You happy?
You strong.
My mother father here.
My father loves me.
How your grandfather?
Yes! I pray Jesus.
Your cookie
Sit here.
You eat crackers.
You share cookies

Hello _____
Goodbye grandmother grandfather.
Your Bible brown.
Your Bible here.
I trust you.
Bible mine.
I love you.
You love me?
I get book Monday.
No! You get book Tuesday.
Yes! I happy.
How you pray?
I praise Jesus.
My book purple.
My mother loves me.
My grandfather wonderful.
I love candy.
Holy Spirit here.
Stay! Mother come.
Color paper.
I love red paper.