

Sunday School Behavior Guidelines

First Parish in Brookline

A covenant will be created in each classroom, based on our 7 Unitarian Universalist Principles:

1) We believe that each person is important.

- ◆ Only gentle play is okay at church
- ◆ Treat everyone with respect
- ◆ Use caring language and behavior
- ◆ Include others in your play and activities

2) We believe that all people should be treated fairly and kindly.

- ◆ Listen and follow directions
- ◆ Be polite and take turns
- ◆ Care about one another
- ◆ Do not brag

3) We believe that we should accept one another and keep on learning together.

- ◆ Try to come to church whenever you can; your friends and teachers depend upon you
- ◆ Include everyone in activities and planning
- ◆ Friends are welcome
- ◆ Let them know our rules
- ◆ Participate with enthusiasm

4) We believe that each person is free to search for what is true and right in life.

- ◆ Share your ideas
- ◆ respect the ideas of others

5) We believe that all persons should have the right to speak out and have a vote about what concerns them.

- ◆ Express your opinions constructively
- ◆ Respect the decision of the group

6) We believe in working for a peaceful, fair and free world.

- ◆ Ask for help when you need it
- ◆ Do your best to get along with others
- ◆ Be willing to listen to reminders about your behavior

7) We believe in caring for our earth.

- ◆ Take good care of our church and be careful with our space, materials and furniture
- ◆ Help clean up
- ◆ Use only what you need
- ◆ Be gentle with plants and animals

See sample classroom covenant on next page.

Sample Classroom Covenant

- **Respect yourself and each other**
- **One Person talks at a time. Raise your hand but not while a peer is speaking**
- **Make only positive comments about another person**
- **Listen quietly when another is talking**
- **Use indoor voices**
- **Each person has personal space. Control your own body**
- **Follow teacher's first request**
- **Stay in the group during all activities**