Pilgrim's Progress
Children's Book Club

- Prayer

- John Bunyan Biography (5-8 min.)

- What is an allegory?
  noun-a story, poem, or picture that can be interpreted to reveal a hidden meaning, typically a moral, spiritual, or political one. PP is an allegory of the *spiritual journey*.

- Review of places Christian visits:

1. **City of Destruction**
2. **Swamp of Despondency**
3. **Legality Hill**
4. **Wicket Gate**
5. **The Interpreter's House**
6. **Salvation Hill**
7. **House Beautiful**
8. **Valley of Humiliation/Valley of the Shadow of Death** {meets Faithful}
9. **Vanity Fair** {meets Hopeful}
10. **Castle Despair/Doubting Castle (Delectable Mountains)**
11. **The Pleasant Hills**
12. **The Celestial City**

- Characters Christian meets in each place:

The Swamp of Despondency-Obstinate, Pliable, Evangelist…then later Worldly Wiseman
Legality Hill- Mr. Legality & Civility
Wicket Gate- Goodwill
The Interpreter's House- Interpreter, Passion, Patience
Salvation Hill- Simple, Sloth, Presumption, Formalist, Hypocrisy, Timorous, Mistrust
House/Palace Beautiful- Watchful, Discretion, Prudence, Piety, Charity
Valley of Humiliation/Shadow of Death- Apollyon, Pope, Pagan

Faithful (Fifth Stage) meets: Wanton, Adam the First, Lust of the Flesh, Eyes, Pride of Life, Discontent, Moses, Pride, Arrogance, Self-Conceit, Worldly Glory, Shame, Talkative

Vanity Fair- Envy, Superstition, Pickthank (pg. 113 w/ the judges) where Faithful killed, and later on meets By-ends, Demas, Vain-Confidence
Castle Despair/Doubting Castle- Giant Despair, Diffidence (wife)
Delectable Mountains- Knowledge, Experience, Watchful, Sincere…later on walking by town of Conceit meets Ignorance, Little-Faith, Faint-Heart, Mistrust, Guilt…later on Flatterer, Atheist
Pleasant Hills- Gardener, Shining Ones then cross the RIVER "of death" (looks back to witness Vain-Hope take Ignorance to hell)
Celestial City- Shining Ones, Enoch, Moses, Elijah, The King, friends who passed before them

Open-ended Questions:

1. What does Christian want, and why can't he have it?

2. Should he have done that?
3. What was the most courageous thing Christian did in the book? Perhaps even cowardly?
4. What does this story remind you of?
5. What is Christian most afraid of?
6. What surprised you most?
7. How does Christian remind you of yourself?
8. What is something you don't want to forget from this book?