



## Overview

What if you knew that God was **HERE** for you and with you no matter what?

In an anxious and lonely world, what if every kid had the skills to be fully present with God—**HERE** and now—through prayer, Scripture, community, worship, and serving?

What if every kid had a meaningful relationship with a consistent leader committed to being **HERE** for them at this phase of life?

**HERE** is where Jesus invites us and meets us to transform and renew us. **HERE** is how we show what matters most to us. **HERE** is where everything has the potential to change.

This year, as we lean into the theme of **HERE**, you'll discover an invitation to us all—leaders, volunteers, and kids/teens—to be **HERE** for it as we understand more about God, ourselves, and others.

## THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS

### One Priority

**“‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”**

MATT. 22:37-39, NIV

### Three Relational Motives



Move kids to **love God** by inciting wonder.



Move kids to **love life** by provoking discovery.\*



Move kids to **love others** by fueling passion.

\*In the Elementary Phase, the **DISCOVERY** dial is turned all the way up.

### Nine Core Insights

#### Design of God's Creation

What I see around me reveals a Creator who cares about me.

#### Identity based on God's Image

I am created in the image of God and have unique potential and worth.

#### Connection because of God's Love

I live in pursuit of an infinite God who desires an eternal relationship with me.

#### Faith in God's Son

I believe in Jesus and will continue to trust Him even when life doesn't make sense.

#### Transformation by the power of God's Spirit

God's Spirit is transforming my unique and imperfect life into the character of Jesus.

#### Truth according to God's Message

What Jesus said and did impacts how I should respond to God's Word in my everyday life.

#### Restoration through participating in God's Story

I am designed to participate in God's story to restore a broken and hurting world.

#### Compassion that reflects God's Character

My faith in Christ is revealed by my compassion and care for others.

#### Community in the context of God's Family

I choose to live in the complexities of family and community because God values them.

## THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS

### Three Basic Truths

In the elementary school years, kids will grow in wisdom, faith, and friendship.

**I need to make the wise choice.**

**I can trust God no matter what.**

**I should treat others the way  
I want to be treated.**

## PHASE

## The Elementary Phase

Kindergarten–Fifth Grade



## ➔ What is a phase?

A phase is a timeframe in a kid's life when you can leverage distinctive opportunities to influence their future.

**At each phase, your job is simple . . .**

Know what can be expected of them and know how they think so they will hear what you say and know what to do.

**It's just a phase,  
don't miss it.**

## ➔ Thinks like . . .

An elementary schooler thinks like a scientist.

Scientists understand the world through concrete evidence they can test repeatedly.

Like scientists, elementary schoolers learn best when they can observe something in their present environment. They are concrete thinkers and need repetition and clear application. The more frequently a new concept can be connected to everyday experience, the better.

## ➔ How they relate to God . . .

God's story inspires my story.

Kids who think like scientists love stories. They relate to a God who heals the sick, conquers evil, explains mysteries, performs miracles, overcomes death, and teaches them how to win at life.

## ➔ Wants to know . . .

In the elementary years, a child develops skills and competencies that equip their future.

The way a child resolves the "Do I have . . ." questions of each phase provides them with critical knowledge and resources.

The best way to resolve an elementary schooler's relational questions is to consistently engage their interests.

**Do I have your attention?**

In kindergarten and first grade, a child craves adult attention and approval. When adults demonstrate interest in kids' progress, kids improve abilities.

**Do I have what it takes?**

In second and third grade, a kid wants to know how their abilities compare with peers. When adults praise kids' persistence and efforts, kids broaden competence.

**Do I have friends?**

In fourth and fifth grade, a kid begins to prioritize friends in a new way. When adults make introductions and include peers, kids develop friendships.

## 2024-2025 THEMES



### AUGUST

Dive Deep: There's always more to explore



### SEPTEMBER

Live Bright: Shine Jesus' light



### OCTOBER

Game Show: The choice is yours



### NOVEMBER

Special Delivery: No postage required



### DECEMBER

Christmas Playlist: Let heaven and nature sing



### JANUARY

Rain or Shine: Trusting God in every season



### FEBRUARY

Made: Discover who you're meant to be



### MARCH

Cast and Crew: Everyone has a part to play



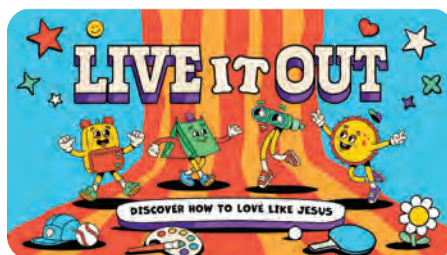
### APRIL

The Big Picture: Keep hope alive



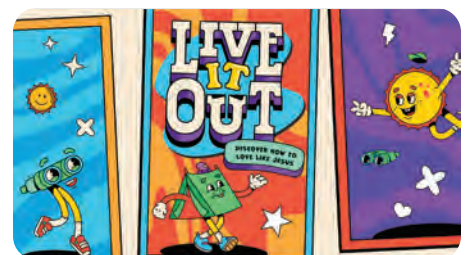
### MAY

Eye Spy: Get a clue about what to do



### JUNE

Live It Out



### JULY

Live It Out



## 2024-2025 THEMES

## August

**SERIES DESCRIPTION**

When Jesus was a boy, He grew in wisdom. God wants us to discover wisdom too. When we make the wise choice, we reflect the character of Jesus to people around us.

**CORE QUESTION**

How did Jesus grow in wisdom?

**CORE INSIGHT**

God's Message / Truth

**MEMORY VERSE**

If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you. God gives freely to everyone and doesn't find fault. (James 1:5, NIV)

**Week One:** Jesus Grows in Wisdom (Luke 2:41-52)

**Bottom Line:** Wisdom is worth searching for.

**Week Two:** Speck and Plank (Matthew 7:1-5)

**Bottom Line:** When you see yourself clearly, you can make the wise choice.

**Week Three:** Rehoboam Listens to Fools (2 Chronicles 10)

**Bottom Line:** Hang out with wise people.

**Week Four:** Renew Your Mind (Romans 12:2)

**Bottom Line:** Never stop growing in wisdom.

**VIRTUE**

Wisdom: Finding out what you should do and doing it

## September

**SERIES DESCRIPTION**

God's compassion for us led to the greatest act of love the world has ever seen. God sent Jesus to rescue us. We reflect God's compassion when we care about others and work to make things right.

**CORE QUESTION**

How does trusting Jesus change how I treat others?

**CORE INSIGHT**

God's Character / Compassion

**MEMORY VERSE**

"Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16, NIV)

**Week One:** You Are the Light of the World (Matthew 5:14-16)

**Bottom Line:** You can shine God's light.

**Week Two:** Jesus Feeds 5,000 (John 6:1-13)

**Bottom Line:** Use what you have to help others.

**Week Three:** Jesus Heals Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52)

**Bottom Line:** Make time to help others.

**Week Four:** Sharing God's Comfort (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

**Bottom Line:** Comfort others the way God comforts you.

**Week Five:** Jesus Is the Light of the World (John 8:12)

**Bottom Line:** Jesus is the light of the world.

**VIRTUE**

Compassion: Caring enough to do something about someone else's needs

## 2024-2025 THEMES

## October

**SERIES DESCRIPTION**

As we follow Jesus, His love transforms us. His Spirit helps us show self-control. We can follow Jesus' example and choose to do what's best—even when we don't want to.

**CORE QUESTION**

How can I trust God to help me do what's best?

**CORE INSIGHT**

God's Spirit / Transformation

**MEMORY VERSE**

God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life. (2 Peter 1:3a, NIV)

**Week One:** Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness (Luke 4:1-13)

**Bottom Line:** Be ready to do the right thing.

**Week Two:** Choose Your Words Carefully (Proverbs 12:18)

**Bottom Line:** Think before you speak.

**Week Three:** David Spares Saul's Life (1 Samuel 24)

**Bottom Line:** Think before you act.

**Week Four:** Too Much of a Good Thing (Proverbs 25:16)

**Bottom Line:** Know when to stop.

**VIRTUE**

Self-Control: Choosing to do what's best even when you don't want to

## November

**SERIES DESCRIPTION**

God was generous to us by sending Jesus. Not only is Jesus the greatest gift—He is also the best example of someone we can look to when we give. Because of God's generosity toward us, we can also be generous to everyone around us.

**CORE QUESTION**

How does God's generosity give us a reason to give?

**CORE INSIGHT**

God's Story / Restoration

**MEMORY VERSE**

Every good and perfect gift is from God. (James 1:17a, NIV)

**Week One:** Every Good and Perfect Gift (James 1:17a)

**Bottom Line:** God gives us good things.

**Week Two:** Widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:7-16)

**Bottom Line:** You always have something to give.

**Week Three:** God Loves a Cheerful Giver (2 Corinthians 9:7)

**Bottom Line:** Give with a good attitude.

**Week Four:** Love in Action (1 John 3:16-18)

**Bottom Line:** Jesus showed us how to give.

**VIRTUE**

Generosity: Making someone's day by giving something away

2024-2025 THEMES

December



SERIES DESCRIPTION

The best gift God ever gave was Jesus. Because of Jesus, it's possible for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever. As we remember the Christmas story, we take time to celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever known.

CORE QUESTION

Why is Jesus so important in God's story?

CORE INSIGHT

God's Love / Connection

MEMORY VERSE

"[Mary] is going to have a son. You must give him the name Jesus. That's because he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21, Nlrv)

**Week One:** In the Beginning Was the Word (John 1:1-5, 14)  
**Bottom Line:** God always had a plan to send Jesus.

**Week Two:** An Angel Appears to Mary and Joseph (Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-25)  
**Bottom Line:** Celebrate because God is with you.

**Week Three:** Jesus Is Born (Luke 2:1-7)  
**Bottom Line:** Celebrate because God sent a Savior.

**Week Four:** Shepherds and Angels (Luke 2:8-20)  
**Bottom Line:** Celebrate Jesus with others.

**Week Five:** Wise Men (Matthew 2:1-12)  
**Bottom Line:** Never stop celebrating Jesus.

VIRTUE

Christmas: Celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift

January



SERIES DESCRIPTION

God is faithful and present, always working in our lives. We might get knocked down from time to time, but when we put our trust in God, we find the strength we need to get back up again.

CORE QUESTION

How can I trust that God knows how I feel?

CORE INSIGHT

God's Spirit / Transformation

MEMORY VERSE

Be strong, all you who put your hope in the LORD. Never give up. (Psalm 31:24, Nlrv)

**Week One:** Jesus Wept (John 11:1-45)  
**Bottom Line:** When you're sad, remember you're not alone.

**Week Two:** Do Not Worry (Matthew 6:25-34)  
**Bottom Line:** When you're worried, trust God.

**Week Three:** Slow to Anger (James 1:19)  
**Bottom Line:** When you're angry, talk to God.

**Week Four:** Paul and Silas (Acts 16:16-40)  
**Bottom Line:** God can help you choose joy.

VIRTUE

Resilience: Getting back up when something gets you down



## 2024-2025 THEMES

## February

**SERIES DESCRIPTION**

God is one of a kind—with no beginning and no end. Everything God has created is unique, including people. Every person is an original reflection, made in the image of God.

**CORE QUESTION**

What does God want you to discover about you?

**CORE INSIGHT**

God's Image / Identity

**MEMORY VERSE**

How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. (Psalm 139:14, NIRV)

**Week One:** Fearfully and Wonderfully Made (Psalm 139:1-14)

**Bottom Line:** God made you, knows you, and loves you.

**Week Two:** Moses and the Burning Bush (Exodus 3–4:15)

**Bottom Line:** God made you to make a difference.

**Week Three:** Lydia (Acts 16:13-15)

**Bottom Line:** Use your gifts to make a difference.

**Week Four:** Timothy (1 Timothy 4:12)

**Bottom Line:** You can make a difference right now.

**VIRTUE**

Uniqueness: Learning more about yourself so you can make a difference

## March

**SERIES DESCRIPTION**

God created us to work together in community. When we cooperate, we reflect what Jesus envisioned for His followers. Our love for one another can point people back to Jesus.

**CORE QUESTION**

What does God want us to do together?

**CORE INSIGHT**

God's Family / Community

**MEMORY VERSE**

Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do. (Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIRV)

**Week One:** Jesus and His Followers (Luke 5, 6, 8)

**Bottom Line:** Jesus wants us to work together.

**Week Two:** Joshua Wins the Battle Over the Amalekites

(Exodus 17:8-13)

**Bottom Line:** Work together to help someone succeed.

**Week Three:** Nehemiah Rebuilds the Walls (Nehemiah 1–4; 6:15)

**Bottom Line:** Work together to solve problems.

**Week Four:** Four Friends Work Together (Luke 5:17-26)

**Bottom Line:** Work together to help someone in need.

**Week Five:** One Body, Many Parts (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

**Bottom Line:** Work together to point people to Jesus.

**VIRTUE**

Cooperation: Working together to do more than you can do alone

## April



## CORE QUESTION

## CORE INSIGHT

## MEMORY VERSE

Hope: Believing that something good can come out of something bad

## SERIES DESCRIPTION

## CORE QUESTION

## CORE INSIGHT

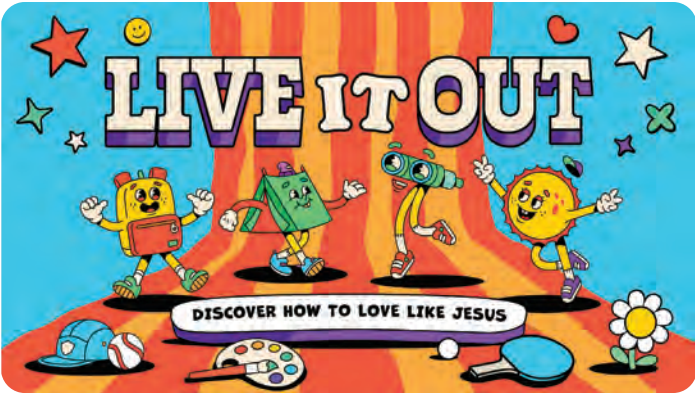
## MEMORY VERSE

## VIRTUE



2024-2025 THEMES

June



SERIES DESCRIPTION

Jesus is the greatest example of what it looks like to value others. Through the way He lived His life, Jesus taught us how to value one another. And when we follow Jesus, God’s Spirit helps us to live like Jesus—transforming not only us but the world around us.

CORE QUESTION

What does it look like to live like Jesus?

CORE INSIGHT

God’s Spirit / Transformation

MEMORY VERSE

As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did. (Philippians 2:5, Nlrv)

**Week One:** Live Like Jesus (Philippians 2:5)

**Bottom Line:** Live like Jesus.

**Week Two:** Saul and Barnabas (Romans 12:18)

**Bottom Line:** Live in peace with one another.

**Week Three:** Jesus Heals on the Sabbath (Philippians 2:4)

**Bottom Line:** Look out for one another.

**Week Four:** Encourage One Another (Hebrews 10:24-25)

**Bottom Line:** Encourage one another.

**Week Five:** Peter and Cornelius (Romans 15:7)

**Bottom Line:** Accept one another.

VIRTUE

Live It Out: With Jesus we can help change the world.

July



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CORE QUESTION

What does it look like to live like Jesus?

CORE INSIGHT

God’s Spirit / Transformation

MEMORY VERSE

Our God is a God who strengthens and encourages you. May he give you the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had. (Romans 15:5, Nlrv)

**Week One:** Jesus Forgives Peter (Colossians 3:13)

**Bottom Line:** Forgive one another.

**Week Two:** The Church Prays for Peter (1 Timothy 2:1)

**Bottom Line:** Pray for one another.

**Week Three:** The Good Samaritan (Galatians 6:2)

**Bottom Line:** Care for one another.

**Week Four:** The Great Commission (Romans 15:14)

**Bottom Line:** Teach one another.

VIRTUE

Live It Out: With Jesus we can help change the world.

VIRTUES

What is a virtue?

What God is doing in you  
to change the world around you.

Monthly Virtues

AUGUST

**Wisdom**  
Finding out what you should do and  
doing it  
**James 1:5**

SEPTEMBER

**Compassion**  
Caring enough to do something about  
someone else’s needs  
**Matthew 5:16**

OCTOBER

**Self-Control**  
Choosing to do what’s best even when  
you don’t want to  
**2 Peter 1:3a**

NOVEMBER

**Generosity**  
Making someone’s day by giving  
something away  
**James 1:17a**

DECEMBER

**Christmas**  
Celebrating Jesus, God’s greatest gift  
**Matthew 1:21**

JANUARY

**Resilience**  
Getting back up when something gets  
you down  
**Psalms 31:24**

FEBRUARY

**Uniqueness**  
Learning more about yourself so you  
can make a difference  
**Psalms 139:14**

MARCH

**Cooperation**  
Working together to do more than you  
can do alone  
**Ecclesiastes 4:9**

APRIL

**Hope**  
Believing that something good can  
come out of something bad  
**John 16:33b**

MAY

**Initiative**  
Seeing what needs to be done and  
doing it  
**Philippians 2:4**

JUNE

**Live It Out**  
With Jesus we can help change  
the world  
**Philippians 2:5**

JULY

**Live It Out**  
With Jesus we can help change  
the world  
**Romans 15:5**



## VIRTUES

Note: While the Virtues recycle every three years, the content for each Virtue does not. New content is created each month, as well as new resources and products. Virtues and definitions are subject to change.

## Three-Year Overview

## 2022-23

**August**

Love—Showing others how much they matter to you (1 John 4:10)

**September**

Trust—Putting your confidence in someone you can depend on (Proverbs 3:5)

**October**

Grit—Refusing to give up when life gets hard (Galatians 6:9)

**November**

Courage—Being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you're afraid (Joshua 1:9b)

**December**

Christmas—Celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift (Luke 2:11)

**January**

Knowledge—Learning something new so you can be better at whatever you do (Proverbs 2:6)

**February**

Respect—Showing others they are important by what you say and do (Luke 6:31)

**March**

Forgiveness—Deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay (Colossians 3:13)

**April**

Humility—Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve (Philippians 2:3)

**May**

Confidence—Living like you believe God is with you (Hebrews 13:6a)

**Summer (June/July)**

Faith—Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see (Hebrews 11:1, Ephesians 2:8)

## 2023-24

**August**

Creativity—Using your imagination to do something new (Ephesians 2:10)

**September**

Friendship—Using your words and actions to show others you care (Proverbs 17:17)

**October**

Integrity—Choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do (Proverbs 10:9)

**November**

Gratitude—Letting others know you see how they've helped you (Psalm 136:1)

**December**

Christmas—Celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift (Isaiah 9:6)

**January**

Responsibility—Showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you (Luke 16:10a)

**February**

Kindness—Showing others they are valuable by how you treat them (Colossians 3:12)

**March**

Peace—Proving you care more about each other than winning an argument (Romans 12:18)  
Easter—Celebrating that Jesus is alive (John 3:16)

**April**

Patience—Waiting until later for what you want now (Psalm 27:14)

**May**

Commitment—Making a plan and putting it into practice (1 Timothy 4:8)

**Summer (June/July)**

Joy—Choosing to celebrate what God is doing (Proverbs 17:22, Philippians 4:4)

## 2024-25

**August**

Wisdom—Finding out what you should do and doing it (James 1:5)

**September**

Compassion—Caring enough to do something about someone else's needs (Matthew 5:16)

**October**

Self-Control—Choosing to do what's best even when you don't want to (2 Peter 1:3a)

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**April**

Hope—Believing that something good can come out of something bad (John 16:33b)

**May**

Initiative—Seeing what needs to be done and doing it (Philippians 2:4)

**Summer (June/July)**

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## BIBLE STORIES

## THREE-YEAR OVERVIEW

## Old Testament

Creation Story (Genesis 1:1-2:1)

Adam and Eve's First Job  
(Genesis 1:26-31; 2:15, 19-20)

Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:1-13, 23-24)

The Fall (Genesis 3:1-24)

Noah (Genesis 6-8)

Abram's Calling (Genesis 12:1-5)

Abram Makes Peace (Genesis 13:5-18)

Isaac Is Born (Genesis 18, 21-22)

Esau's Impatience (Genesis 25:24-34)

Isaac's Wells (Genesis 26:1-6, 16-22, 26-31)

Jacob Deceives Isaac (Genesis 27:1-45)

Jacob's Dream (Genesis 28:10-22)

Jacob and Esau Meet Again  
(Genesis 31:3; 32:1-21; 33:1-11)

Joseph Sold into Slavery (Genesis 37)

Joseph in Jail (Genesis 39-40)

Joseph in Charge (Genesis 41)

Joseph Forgives His Brothers (Genesis 42-46)

Moses Is Born and Miriam's Courage  
(Exodus 1:22-2:10)

Moses—Burning Bush & Plagues  
(Exodus 3:1-4:17; 7-12)

Moses—Red Sea (Exodus 13:17-22; 14)

Israelites Long for Egypt  
(Exodus 16:2-21, 17:1-4)

Joshua Wins the Battle Over the  
Amalekites (Exodus 17:8-13)

Building the Tabernacle (Exodus 28:1, 3;  
31:1-11; 35:21, 25, 34; 39:42-43)

Golden Calf (Exodus 32:1-35)

Joshua, Caleb, and the 10 Spies  
(Numbers 13-14)

Israel Takes Jericho (Joshua 5:13-15, 6)

Gideon (Judges 6-8)

Samson (Judges 13-16)

Ruth and Boaz (Ruth)

Samuel Anoints David / David and  
Goliath (1 Samuel 16:1-13; 17:1-58)

David and Jonathan (1 Samuel 18:1-9;  
19:1-7; 20:1-42)

David and Ahimelek (1 Samuel 21-22)

David Spares Saul's Life (1 Samuel 24)

Abigail Intervenes (1 Samuel 25:1-35)

David and Mephibosheth  
(2 Samuel 9:1-13)

Solomon Chooses Wisdom  
(1 Kings 3:4-15, James 1:5)

Rehoboam Listens to Fools  
(1 Kings 12:1-15a, Proverbs 13:20)

Elijah and the Prophets of Baal  
(1 Kings 18)

Elijah and Elisha  
(1 Kings 19:14-21, 2 Kings 2:1-15)

King Ahab and Naboth's Vineyard  
(1 Kings 21:1-19, 27)

Naaman and Elisha's Servant, Gehazi  
(2 Kings 5)

Josiah Follows God (2 Kings 22-23)

Nehemiah Hears About the Wall  
(Nehemiah 1)

Nehemiah Wants to Rebuild the Wall  
(Nehemiah 2:1-9, 11-18)

Nehemiah and Sanballat  
(Nehemiah 2:19-20; 4; 6)

Nehemiah Helps the Poor  
(Nehemiah 5:1-12)

The Wall Is Rebuilt (Nehemiah 2:19-20;  
3-4; 6:15-16; 8:1-3a, 17b)

Esther's Courage (Esther)

Haman's Plot Against the Jews  
(Esther 3; 4:8b; 5:6-10; 7:1-6, 9b-10)

The Earth Belongs to God (Psalm 24:1)

Number Your Days (Psalm 90:12)

Psalms of Thanksgiving (Psalm 100)

Importance of God's Word  
(Psalm 119:105)

Trust in the Lord (Proverbs 3:5-6)

The Ant and The Sluggard (Proverbs  
6:6-8)

Choose Your Words Carefully  
(Proverbs 12:18)

Hang Out With Wise People  
(Proverbs 13:20)

Patience Principle (Proverbs 14:29)

Patience Principle (Proverbs 15:18)

Slow to Anger (Proverbs 16:32)

Wise People See Danger (Proverbs 22:3)

Too Much of a Good Thing  
(Proverbs 25:16)

Broken-Down Walls (Proverbs 25:28)

God Promises a Savior (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Daniel's Integrity (Daniel 1)

The Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3)

Daniel and the Lions (Daniel 6)

Bethlehem Prophecy (Micah 5:2)

Palm Sunday Prophecy (Zechariah 9:9)

## BIBLE STORIES

## New Testament

Wise Men Visit Jesus (Matt. 2:1-12)

Salt and Light (Matt. 5:14-16)

Jesus Teaches on Forgiveness (Matt. 5:23-24)

Love Your Enemies (Matt. 5:43-47)

Give in Secret (Matt. 6:1-4)

The Lord's Prayer (Matt. 6:5-13, Luke 11:1-14)

Treasures in Heaven (Matt. 6:19-24)

Wise and Foolish Builders (Matt. 7:24-29)

Faith of the Centurion (Matt. 8:5-13)

John the Baptist in Jail (Matt. 11:1-6; Luke 7:18-22)

Peter Walks on Water (Matt. 14:22-33)

Who Do You Say That I Am? (Matt. 16:13-20)

70 × 7 / Unmerciful Servant (Matt. 18:21-35)

Parable of the Vineyard Workers (Matt. 20:1-15)

The Greatest Commandment (Matt. 22:34-37)

Parable of the Talents (Matt. 25:14-29a)

Least of These (Matt. 25:35-40)

Jesus in the Garden (Matt. 26:36-46)

The Great Commission (Matt. 28:16-20)

Calming the Storm (Mark 4:35-40)

Feeding 5,000 (Mark 5:30-44; John 6:1-13)

No Greater Love (Mark 8:27-30, 10:33-40; John 13:1-9, 34-35; 15:12-13)

Jesus Heals Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52)

Palm Sunday / Arrest and Trial / Crucifixion (Mark 11:1-11; 14:43-15:47)

Widow's Mite (Mark 12:1-44)

Woman Pours Oil on Jesus (Mark 14:1-9)

Zechariah and Elizabeth (Luke 1:5-25; 57-79)

Jesus Is Born (Luke 2:1-18, John 3:16)

Shepherds Visit Jesus (Luke 2:8-20)

Simeon Waits for the Messiah (Luke 2:25-35)

Jesus at the Temple (Luke 2:41-52)

Wisdom of Jesus (Luke 2:52)

Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness (Luke 4:1-13)

Jesus' Mission Statement (Luke 4:14-24, 28-30)

Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man (Luke 5:17-26)

The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)

Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42)

Parable of the Rich Man (Luke 12:13-21)

The Story of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-7)

The Story of the Lost Son—The Son (Luke 15:11-20)

The Story of the Lost Son—Father and Brother (Luke 15:11-32)

Jesus Heals 10 Lepers (Luke 17:11-19)

Rich Young Ruler (Luke 18:18-27)

Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

Jesus' Baptism / John Calls Jesus the Lamb of God (John 1:19-42)

Philip and Nathanael (John 1:43-51)

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus (John 3:1-21)

God Loved the World (John 3:16)

Jesus Talks with the Woman from Samaria (John 4:1-30, 39-42)

Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:14)

Jesus Raises Lazarus (John 11)

Palm Sunday (John 12:9-16)

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet (John 13:1-17)

## THREE-YEAR OVERVIEW

Love One Another (John 13:34)

Jesus is the Way (John 14:6)

Jesus Heals the Servant's Ear (John 18:1-11)

Peter Denies Jesus (John 18:15-27)

Easter (John 18:12-20:23)

Jesus Appears to Thomas (John 20:19-23)

Jesus Restores Peter (John 21:1-19)

Ascension (Acts 1:1-11)

Pentecost (Acts 2:1-41)

Early Church Works Together (Acts 2:42-47)

Peter and John Before the Sanhedrin (Acts 3:1-9, 4:1-21)

Apostles Treated Badly (Acts 5:17-42)

Stephen (Acts 6:1-7:60)

Philip and the Ethiopian Official (Acts 8:26-40)

Paul's Conversion (Acts 9:1-29)

Paul and Ananias (Acts 9:10-29)

Barnabas Welcomes Saul (Acts 9:26-30; Acts 26:12-18)

Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10:1-35)

Paul in Antioch (Acts 11:25-30, 13:1-3)

Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:1-35)

Lydia (Acts 16:11-15)



## Overview

What if you knew that God was **HERE** for you and with you no matter what?

In an anxious and lonely world, what if every kid had the skills to be fully present with God—**HERE** and now—through prayer, Scripture, community, worship, and serving?

What if every kid had a meaningful relationship with a consistent leader committed to being **HERE** for them at this phase of life?

**HERE** is where Jesus invites us and meets us to transform and renew us. **HERE** is how we show what matters most to us. **HERE** is where everything has the potential to change.

This year, as we lean into the theme of **HERE**, you'll discover an invitation to us all—leaders, volunteers, and kids/teens—to be **HERE** for it as we understand more about God, ourselves, and others.



THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS

One Priority

**“‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”**

MATT. 22:37-39, NIV

Three Relational Motives



Move kids to **love God** by inciting wonder.



Move kids to **love life** by provoking discovery.\*



Move kids to **love others** by fueling passion.

\*In the Elementary Phase, the **DISCOVERY** dial is turned all the way up.

Nine Core Insights

**Design of God's Creation**

What I see around me reveals a Creator who cares about me.

**Identity based on God's Image**

I am created in the image of God and have unique potential and worth.

**Connection because of God's Love**

I live in pursuit of an infinite God who desires an eternal relationship with me.

**Faith in God's Son**

I believe in Jesus and will continue to trust Him even when life doesn't make sense.

**Transformation by the power of God's Spirit**

God's Spirit is transforming my unique and imperfect life into the character of Jesus.

**Truth according to God's Message**

What Jesus said and did impacts how I should respond to God's Word in my everyday life.

**Restoration through participating in God's Story**

I am designed to participate in God's story to restore a broken and hurting world.

**Compassion that reflects God's Character**

My faith in Christ is revealed by my compassion and care for others.

**Community in the context of God's Family**

I choose to live in the complexities of family and community because God values them.

THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS

Three Basic Truths

In the elementary school years, kids will grow in wisdom, faith, and friendship.

**I need to make the wise choice.**

**I can trust God no matter what.**

**I should treat others the way  
I want to be treated.**

PHASE

## The Elementary Phase

Kindergarten–Fifth Grade



### ➔ What is a phase?

A phase is a timeframe in a kid's life when you can leverage distinctive opportunities to influence their future.

#### At each phase, your job is simple . . .

Know what can be expected of them and know how they think so they will hear what you say and know what to do.

**It's just a phase,  
don't miss it.**

### ➔ Thinks like . . .

An elementary schooler thinks like a scientist.

Scientists understand the world through concrete evidence they can test repeatedly.

Like scientists, elementary schoolers learn best when they can observe something in their present environment. They are concrete thinkers and need repetition and clear application. The more frequently a new concept can be connected to everyday experience, the better.

### ➔ How they relate to God . . .

God's story inspires my story.

Kids who think like scientists love stories. They relate to a God who heals the sick, conquers evil, explains mysteries, performs miracles, overcomes death, and teaches them how to win at life.

### ➔ Wants to know . . .

In the elementary years, a child develops skills and competencies that equip their future.

The way a child resolves the "Do I have . . ." questions of each phase provides them with critical knowledge and resources.

The best way to resolve an elementary schooler's relational questions is to consistently engage their interests.

#### Do I have your attention?

In kindergarten and first grade, a child craves adult attention and approval. When adults demonstrate interest in kids' progress, kids improve abilities.

#### Do I have what it takes?

In second and third grade, a kid wants to know how their abilities compare with peers. When adults praise kids' persistence and efforts, kids broaden competence.

#### Do I have friends?

In fourth and fifth grade, a kid begins to prioritize friends in a new way. When adults make introductions and include peers, kids develop friendships.

2024-2025 THEMES



AUGUST

Dive Deep: There's always more to explore



SEPTEMBER

Live Bright: Shine Jesus' light



OCTOBER

Game Show: The choice is yours



NOVEMBER

Special Delivery: No postage required



DECEMBER

Christmas Playlist: Let heaven and nature sing



JANUARY

Rain or Shine: Trusting God in every season



FEBRUARY

Made: Discover who you're meant to be



MARCH

Cast and Crew: Everyone has a part to play



APRIL

The Big Picture: Keep hope alive



MAY

Eye Spy: Get a clue about what to do



JUNE

Live It Out



JULY

Live It Out



2024-2025 THEMES

## August



### SERIES DESCRIPTION

When Jesus was a boy, He grew in wisdom. God wants us to discover wisdom too. When we make the wise choice, we reflect the character of Jesus to people around us.

### CORE QUESTION

How did Jesus grow in wisdom?

### CORE INSIGHT

God's Message / Truth

### MEMORY VERSE

If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you. God gives freely to everyone and doesn't find fault. (James 1:5, NIRV)

**Week One:** Jesus Grows in Wisdom (Luke 2:41-52)

**Key Question:** What does it mean to be wise?

**Week Two:** Speck and Plank (Matthew 7:1-5)

**Key Question:** What are you learning about yourself?

**Week Three:** Rehoboam Listens to Fools (2 Chronicles 10)

**Key Question:** Who are some wise people in your life?

**Week Four:** Renew Your Mind (Romans 12:2)

**Key Question:** How are you wiser than you used to be?

### VIRTUE

Wisdom: Finding out what you should do and doing it

## September



### SERIES DESCRIPTION

God's compassion for us led to the greatest act of love the world has ever seen. God sent Jesus to rescue us. We reflect God's compassion when we care about others and work to make things right.

### CORE QUESTION

How does trusting Jesus change how I treat others?

### CORE INSIGHT

God's Character / Compassion

### MEMORY VERSE

"Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16, NIRV)

**Week One:** You Are the Light of the World (Matthew 5:14-16)

**Key Question:** How can you be a light?

**Week Two:** Jesus Feeds 5,000 (John 6:1-13)

**Key Question:** What do you have that you can use to help others?

**Week Three:** Jesus Heals Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52)

**Key Question:** When has someone made time for you?

**Week Four:** Sharing God's Comfort (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

**Key Question:** How can you show someone you care?

**Week Five:** Jesus Is the Light of the World (John 8:12)

**Key Question:** Where have you seen the light of Jesus?

### VIRTUE

Compassion: Caring enough to do something about someone else's needs

## 2024-2025 THEMES

## October



## SERIES DESCRIPTION

As we follow Jesus, His love transforms us. His Spirit helps us show self-control. We can follow Jesus' example and choose to do what's best—even when we don't want to.

## CORE QUESTION

## How can I trust God to help me do what's best?

## CORE INSIGHT

## God's Spirit / Transformation

## MEMORY VERSE

God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life. (2 Peter 1:3a, NIV)

### Week One: Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness (Luke 4:1-13)

**Key Question:** How do you get ready?

## Week Two: Choose Your Words Carefully (Proverbs 12:18)

**Key Question:** How can your words change things?

### Week Three: David Spares Saul's Life (1 Samuel 24)

**Key Question:** When have you had self-control?

### Week Four: Too Much of a Good Thing (Proverbs 25:16)

### Key Question: Why is it hard to stop?

## VIRTUE

Self-Control: Choosing to do what's best even when you don't want to

## November



## SERIES DESCRIPTION

God was generous to us by sending Jesus. Not only is Jesus the greatest gift—He is also the best example of someone we can look to when we give. Because of God's generosity toward us, we can also be generous to everyone around us.

## CORE QUESTION

How does God's generosity give us a reason to give?

## CORE INSIGHT

## God's Story / Restoration

## MEMORY VERSE

Every good and perfect gift is from God. (James 1:17a, Nlrv)

**Week One:** Every Good and Perfect Gift (James 1:17a)

**Key Question:** What good things has God given you?

**Week Two:** Widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:7-16)

**Key Question:** What do you have to give?

**Week Three: God Loves a Cheerful Giver (2 Corinthians 9:7)**

**Key Question:** How do you feel when you give?

### Week Four: Love in Action (1 John 3:16-18)

**Key Question:** When has someone been generous to you?

## VIRTUE

Generosity: Making someone's day by giving something away

## December



## CORE QUESTION

## CORE INSIGHT

## MEMORY VERSE

**Week One:** In the Beginning Was the Word (John 1:1-5, 14)

**Key Question:** Why is Jesus important to you?

**Week Two:** An Angel Appears to Mary and Joseph  
(Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-25)

**Key Question:** What helps you remember that God is with you?

### Week Three: Jesus Is Born (Luke 2:1-7)

**Key Question:** What does Christmas mean to you?

### Week Four: Shepherds and Angels (Luke 2:8-20)

**Key Question:** How are you celebrating Christmas this year?

### Week Five: Wise Men (Matthew 2:1-12)

**Key Question:** How can you celebrate Jesus all year long?

## Christmas: Celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift

## SERIES DESCRIPTION

## CORE QUESTION

## CORE INSIGHT

## MEMORY VERSE

### Week One: Jesus Wept (John 11:1-45)

**Key Question:** Who can you talk to when you're sad?

## Week Two: Do Not Worry (Matthew 6:25-34)

**Key Question:** What kinds of things do you worry about?

### Week Three: Slow to Anger (James 1:19)

**Key Question:** What do you do when you feel angry?

### Week Four: Paul and Silas (Acts 16:16-40)

**Key Question:** What brings you joy?

## Resilience: Getting back up when something gets you down



2024-2025 THEMES

## February



### SERIES DESCRIPTION

God is one of a kind—with no beginning and no end. Everything God has created is unique, including people. Every person is an original reflection, made in the image of God.

### CORE QUESTION

What does God want you to discover about you?

### CORE INSIGHT

God's Image / Identity

### MEMORY VERSE

How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. (Psalm 139:14, NIV)

**Week One:** Fearfully and Wonderfully Made (Psalm 139:1-14)

**Key Question:** How would you describe yourself?

**Week Two:** Moses and the Burning Bush (Exodus 3–4:15)

**Key Question:** What's unique about you?

**Week Three:** Lydia (Acts 16:13-15)

**Key Question:** What are your gifts?

**Week Four:** Timothy (1 Timothy 4:12)

**Key Question:** Who has made a difference in your life?

### VIRTUE

Uniqueness: Learning more about yourself so you can make a difference

## March



### SERIES DESCRIPTION

God created us to work together in community. When we cooperate, we reflect what Jesus envisioned for His followers. Our love for one another can point people back to Jesus.

### CORE QUESTION

What does God want us to do together?

### CORE INSIGHT

God's Family / Community

### MEMORY VERSE

Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do. (Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIV)

**Week One:** Jesus and His Followers (Luke 5, 6, 8)

**Key Question:** When have you seen people work together?

**Week Two:** Joshua Wins the Battle Over the Amalekites

(Exodus 17:8-13)

**Key Question:** Who do you work well with?

**Week Three:** Nehemiah Rebuilds the Walls (Nehemiah 1–4; 6:15)

**Key Question:** How has someone helped you solve problems?

**Week Four:** Four Friends Work Together (Luke 5:17-26)

**Key Question:** How can you work together to help someone?

**Week Five:** One Body, Many Parts (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

**Key Question:** What part can you play?

### VIRTUE

Cooperation: Working together to do more than you can do alone



2024-2025 THEMES

## April



### SERIES DESCRIPTION

We can't always understand why some things happen. But we can believe in a God who keeps promises. We can have hope—even in the toughest times—because we know God can make something good out of something bad.

### CORE QUESTION

Why is the story of Jesus good news?

### CORE INSIGHT

God's Son / Faith

### MEMORY VERSE

"In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world." (John 16:33b, NIV)

**Week One:** Keep Looking to Jesus (Hebrews 12:1-3)

**Key Question:** When is it hard to focus on Jesus?

**Week Two:** Palm Sunday (John 12:12-16)

**Key Question:** What are you hoping for?

**Week Three:** Crucifixion and Resurrection (John 18-20:1-18)

**Key Question:** Why does Easter give us hope?

**Week Four:** Jesus Appears to Thomas (John 20:19-29)

**Key Question:** What questions do you have for God?

### VIRTUE

Hope: Believing that something good can come out of something bad

## May



### SERIES DESCRIPTION

God took the initiative to send Jesus because of our sin. Jesus came so that we could be brought back into a relationship with God, making things right again. When we see a need and choose to do something about it, people can see the reality of God's love for them.

### CORE QUESTION

What does it look like to love God?

### CORE INSIGHT

God's Story / Restoration

### MEMORY VERSE

None of you should look out just for your own good. Each of you should also look out for the good of others. (Philippians 2:4, NIV)

**Week One:** God So Loved the World (John 3:16-17)

**Key Question:** How has God met your needs?

**Week Two:** Miriam Takes Initiative (Exodus 2:1-10)

**Key Question:** Who do you see that needs your help?

**Week Three:** Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

**Key Question:** How can you use what you've been given?

**Week Four:** John's Disciples Follow Jesus (John 1:35-42)

**Key Question:** How did you first hear about Jesus?

**Week Five:** Jesus Heals a Suffering Woman (Mark 5:25-34)

**Key Question:** What can keep you from connecting with Jesus?

### VIRTUE

Initiative: Seeing what needs to be done and doing it

2024-2025 THEMES

June



SERIES DESCRIPTION

Jesus is the greatest example of what it looks like to value others. Through the way He lived His life, Jesus taught us how to value one another. And when we follow Jesus, God’s Spirit helps us to live like Jesus—transforming not only us but the world around us.

CORE QUESTION

What does it look like to live like Jesus?

CORE INSIGHT

God’s Spirit / Transformation

MEMORY VERSE

As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did. (Philippians 2:5, Nlrv)

**Week One:** Live Like Jesus (Philippians 2:5)

**Key Question:** How can we live like Jesus?

**Week Two:** Saul and Barnabas (Romans 12:18)

**Key Question:** What does it mean to live in peace?

**Week Three:** Jesus Heals on the Sabbath (Philippians 2:4)

**Key Question:** Who’s looking out for you?

**Week Four:** Encourage One Another (Hebrews 10:24-25)

**Key Question:** When has someone encouraged you?

**Week Five:** Peter and Cornelius (Romans 15:7)

**Key Question:** How does it feel to be accepted?

VIRTUE

Live It Out: With Jesus we can help change the world.

July



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Jesus is the greatest example of what it looks like to value others. Through the way He lived His life, Jesus taught us how to value one another. And when we follow Jesus, God’s Spirit helps us to live like Jesus—transforming not only us but the world around us.

CORE QUESTION

What does it look like to live like Jesus?

CORE INSIGHT

God’s Spirit / Transformation

MEMORY VERSE

Our God is a God who strengthens and encourages you. May he give you the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had. (Romans 15:5, Nlrv)

**Week One:** Jesus Forgives Peter (Colossians 3:13)

**Key Question:** What makes it hard to forgive?

**Week Two:** The Church Prays for Peter (1 Timothy 2:1)

**Key Question:** Why is it important to pray?

**Week Three:** The Good Samaritan (Galatians 6:2)

**Key Question:** How can you show someone you care?

**Week Four:** The Great Commission (Romans 15:14)

**Key Question:** Who taught you to live like Jesus?

VIRTUE

Live It Out: With Jesus we can help change the world.

## VIRTUES

## What is a virtue?

**What God is doing in you  
to change the world around you.**

## Monthly Virtues

## AUGUST

**Wisdom**

Finding out what you should do and doing it

**James 1:5**

## SEPTEMBER

**Compassion**

Caring enough to do something about someone else's needs

**Matthew 5:16**

## OCTOBER

**Self-Control**

Choosing to do what's best even when you don't want to

**2 Peter 1:3a**

## NOVEMBER

**Generosity**

Making someone's day by giving something away

**James 1:17a**

## DECEMBER

**Christmas**

Celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift

**Matthew 1:21**

## JANUARY

**Resilience**

Getting back up when something gets you down

**Psalms 31:24**

## FEBRUARY

**Uniqueness**

Learning more about yourself so you can make a difference

**Psalms 139:14**

## MARCH

**Cooperation**

Working together to do more than you can do alone

**Ecclesiastes 4:9**

## APRIL

**Hope**

Believing that something good can come out of something bad

**John 16:33b**

## MAY

**Initiative**

Seeing what needs to be done and doing it

**Philippians 2:4**

## JUNE

**Live It Out**

With Jesus we can help change the world

**Philippians 2:5**

## JULY

**Live It Out**

With Jesus we can help change the world

**Romans 15:5**

VIRTUES

Three-Year Overview

2022-23

August

Love—Showing others how much they matter to you (1 John 4:10)

September

Trust—Putting your confidence in someone you can depend on (Proverbs 3:5)

October

Grit—Refusing to give up when life gets hard (Galatians 6:9)

November

Courage—Being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you're afraid (Joshua 1:9b)

December

Christmas—Celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift (Luke 2:11)

January

Knowledge—Learning something new so you can be better at whatever you do (Proverbs 2:6)

February

Respect—Showing others they are important by what you say and do (Luke 6:31)

March

Forgiveness—Deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay (Colossians 3:13)

April

Humility—Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve (Philippians 2:3)

May

Confidence—Living like you believe God is with you (Hebrews 13:6a)

Summer (June/July)

Faith—Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see (Hebrews 11:1, Ephesians 2:8)

Note: While the Virtues recycle every three years, the content for each Virtue does not. New content is created each month, as well as new resources and products. Virtues and definitions are subject to change.

2023-24

August

Creativity—Using your imagination to do something new (Ephesians 2:10)

September

Friendship—Using your words and actions to show others you care (Proverbs 17:17)

October

Integrity—Choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do (Proverbs 10:9)

November

Gratitude—Letting others know you see how they've helped you (Psalm 136:1)

December

Christmas—Celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift (Isaiah 9:6)

January

Responsibility—Showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you (Luke 16:10a)

February

Kindness—Showing others they are valuable by how you treat them (Colossians 3:12)

March

Peace—Proving you care more about each other than winning an argument (Romans 12:18)  
Easter—Celebrating that Jesus is alive (John 3:16)

April

Patience—Waiting until later for what you want now (Psalm 27:14)

May

Commitment—Making a plan and putting it into practice (1 Timothy 4:8)

Summer (June/July)

Joy—Choosing to celebrate what God is doing (Proverbs 17:22, Philippians 4:4)

2024-25

August

Wisdom—Finding out what you should do and doing it (James 1:5)

September

Compassion—Caring enough to do something about someone else's needs (Matthew 5:16)

October

Self-Control—Choosing to do what's best even when you don't want to (2 Peter 1:3a)

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Generosity—Making someone's day by giving something away (James 1:17a)

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Christmas—Celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift (Matthew 1:21)

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Resilience—Getting back up when something gets you down (Psalm 31:24)

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Cooperation—Working together to do more than you can do alone (Ecclesiastes 4:9)

April

Hope—Believing that something good can come out of something bad (John 16:33b)

May

Initiative—Seeing what needs to be done and doing it (Philippians 2:4)

Summer (June/July)

TBD



BIBLE STORIES

THREE-YEAR OVERVIEW

Old Testament

Creation Story (Genesis 1:1-2:1)

Adam and Eve's First Job  
(Genesis 1:26-31; 2:15, 19-20)

Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:1-13, 23-24)

The Fall (Genesis 3:1-24)

Noah (Genesis 6-8)

Abram's Calling (Genesis 12:1-5)

Abram Makes Peace (Genesis 13:5-18)

Isaac Is Born (Genesis 18, 21-22)

Esau's Impatience (Genesis 25:24-34)

Isaac's Wells (Genesis 26:1-6, 16-22, 26-31)

Jacob Deceives Isaac (Genesis 27:1-45)

Jacob's Dream (Genesis 28:10-22)

Jacob and Esau Meet Again  
(Genesis 31:3; 32:1-21; 33:1-11)

Joseph Sold into Slavery (Genesis 37)

Joseph in Jail (Genesis 39-40)

Joseph in Charge (Genesis 41)

Joseph Forgives His Brothers (Genesis 42-46)

Moses Is Born and Miriam's Courage  
(Exodus 1:22-2:10)

Moses—Burning Bush & Plagues  
(Exodus 3:1-4:17; 7-12)

Moses—Red Sea (Exodus 13:17-22; 14)

Israelites Long for Egypt  
(Exodus 16:2-21, 17:1-4)

Joshua Wins the Battle Over the  
Amalekites (Exodus 17:8-13)

Building the Tabernacle (Exodus 28:1, 3;  
31:1-11; 35:21, 25, 34; 39:42-43)

Golden Calf (Exodus 32:1-35)

Joshua, Caleb, and the 10 Spies  
(Numbers 13-14)

Israel Takes Jericho (Joshua 5:13-15, 6)

Gideon (Judges 6-8)

Samson (Judges 13-16)

Ruth and Boaz (Ruth)

Samuel Anoints David / David and  
Goliath (1 Samuel 16:1-13; 17:1-58)

David and Jonathan (1 Samuel 18:1-9;  
19:1-7; 20:1-42)

David and Ahimelek (1 Samuel 21-22)

David Spares Saul's Life (1 Samuel 24)

Abigail Intervenes (1 Samuel 25:1-35)

David and Mephibosheth  
(2 Samuel 9:1-13)

Solomon Chooses Wisdom  
(1 Kings 3:4-15, James 1:5)

Rehoboam Listens to Fools  
(1 Kings 12:1-15a, Proverbs 13:20)

Elijah and the Prophets of Baal  
(1 Kings 18)

Elijah and Elisha  
(1 Kings 19:14-21, 2 Kings 2:1-15)

King Ahab and Naboth's Vineyard  
(1 Kings 21:1-19, 27)

Naaman and Elisha's Servant, Gehazi  
(2 Kings 5)

Josiah Follows God (2 Kings 22-23)

Nehemiah Hears About the Wall  
(Nehemiah 1)

Nehemiah Wants to Rebuild the Wall  
(Nehemiah 2:1-9, 11-18)

Nehemiah and Sanballat  
(Nehemiah 2:19-20; 4; 6)

Nehemiah Helps the Poor  
(Nehemiah 5:1-12)

The Wall Is Rebuilt (Nehemiah 2:19-20;  
3-4; 6:15-16; 8:1-3a, 17b)

Esther's Courage (Esther)

Haman's Plot Against the Jews  
(Esther 3; 4:8b; 5:6-10; 7:1-6, 9b-10)

The Earth Belongs to God (Psalm 24:1)

Number Your Days (Psalm 90:12)

Psalms of Thanksgiving (Psalm 100)

Importance of God's Word  
(Psalm 119:105)

Trust in the Lord (Proverbs 3:5-6)

The Ant and The Sluggard (Proverbs  
6:6-8)

Choose Your Words Carefully  
(Proverbs 12:18)

Hang Out With Wise People  
(Proverbs 13:20)

Patience Principle (Proverbs 14:29)

Patience Principle (Proverbs 15:18)

Slow to Anger (Proverbs 16:32)

Wise People See Danger (Proverbs 22:3)

Too Much of a Good Thing  
(Proverbs 25:16)

Broken-Down Walls (Proverbs 25:28)

God Promises a Savior (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Daniel's Integrity (Daniel 1)

The Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3)

Daniel and the Lions (Daniel 6)

Bethlehem Prophecy (Micah 5:2)

Palm Sunday Prophecy (Zechariah 9:9)

## BIBLE STORIES

## THREE-YEAR OVERVIEW

## New Testament

Wise Men Visit Jesus (Matt. 2:1-12)

Salt and Light (Matt. 5:14-16)

Jesus Teaches on Forgiveness (Matt. 5:23-24)

Love Your Enemies (Matt. 5:43-47)

Give in Secret (Matt. 6:1-4)

The Lord's Prayer (Matt. 6:5-13, Luke 11:1-14)

Treasures in Heaven (Matt. 6:19-24)

Wise and Foolish Builders (Matt. 7:24-29)

Faith of the Centurion (Matt. 8:5-13)

John the Baptist in Jail (Matt. 11:1-6; Luke 7:18-22)

Peter Walks on Water (Matt. 14:22-33)

Who Do You Say That I Am? (Matt. 16:13-20)

70 x 7 / Unmerciful Servant (Matt. 18:21-35)

Parable of the Vineyard Workers (Matt. 20:1-15)

The Greatest Commandment (Matt. 22:34-37)

Parable of the Talents (Matt. 25:14-29a)

Least of These (Matt. 25:35-40)

Jesus in the Garden (Matt. 26:36-46)

The Great Commission (Matt. 28:16-20)

Calming the Storm (Mark 4:35-40)

Feeding 5,000 (Mark 5:30-44; John 6:1-13)

No Greater Love (Mark 8:27-30, 10:33-40; John 13:1-9, 34-35; 15:12-13)

Jesus Heals Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52)

Palm Sunday / Arrest and Trial / Crucifixion (Mark 11:1-11; 14:43-15:47)

Widow's Mite (Mark 12:1-44)

Woman Pours Oil on Jesus (Mark 14:1-9)

Zechariah and Elizabeth (Luke 1:5-25; 57-79)

Jesus Is Born (Luke 2:1-18, John 3:16)

Shepherds Visit Jesus (Luke 2:8-20)

Simeon Waits for the Messiah (Luke 2:25-35)

Jesus at the Temple (Luke 2:41-52)

Wisdom of Jesus (Luke 2:52)

Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness (Luke 4:1-13)

Jesus' Mission Statement (Luke 4:14-24, 28-30)

Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man (Luke 5:17-26)

The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)

Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42)

Parable of the Rich Man (Luke 12:13-21)

The Story of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-7)

The Story of the Lost Son—The Son (Luke 15:11-20)

The Story of the Lost Son—Father and Brother (Luke 15:11-32)

Jesus Heals 10 Lepers (Luke 17:11-19)

Rich Young Ruler (Luke 18:18-27)

Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

Jesus' Baptism / John Calls Jesus the Lamb of God (John 1:19-42)

Philip and Nathanael (John 1:43-51)

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus (John 3:1-21)

God Loved the World (John 3:16)

Jesus Talks with the Woman from Samaria (John 4:1-30, 39-42)

Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:14)

Jesus Raises Lazarus (John 11)

Palm Sunday (John 12:9-16)

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet (John 13:1-17)

Love One Another (John 13:34)

Jesus is the Way (John 14:6)

Jesus Heals the Servant's Ear (John 18:1-11)

Peter Denies Jesus (John 18:15-27)

Easter (John 18:12-20:23)

Jesus Appears to Thomas (John 20:19-23)

Jesus Restores Peter (John 21:1-19)

Ascension (Acts 1:1-11)

Pentecost (Acts 2:1-41)

Early Church Works Together (Acts 2:42-47)

Peter and John Before the Sanhedrin (Acts 3:1-9, 4:1-21)

Apostles Treated Badly (Acts 5:17-42)

Stephen (Acts 6:1-7:60)

Philip and the Ethiopian Official (Acts 8:26-40)

Paul's Conversion (Acts 9:1-29)

Paul and Ananias (Acts 9:10-29)

Barnabas Welcomes Saul (Acts 9:26-30; Acts 26:12-18)

Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10:1-35)

Paul in Antioch (Acts 11:25-30, 13:1-3)

Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:1-35)

Lydia (Acts 16:11-15)



### Annual Theme

What if you knew that God was **HERE** for you and with you no matter what?

In an anxious and lonely world, what if every kid had the skills to be fully present with God—**HERE** and now—through prayer, Scripture, community, worship, and serving?

What if every kid had a meaningful relationship with a consistent leader committed to being **HERE** for them at this phase of life?

**HERE** is where Jesus invites us and meets us to transform and renew us. **HERE** is how we show what matters most to us. **HERE** is where everything has the potential to change.

This year, as we lean into the theme of **HERE**, you'll discover an invitation to us all—leaders, volunteers, and kids/teens—to be **HERE** for it as we understand more about God, ourselves, and others.

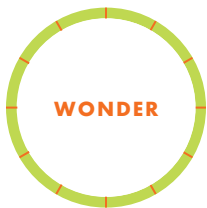
## THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS

### One Priority

**“‘Love God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”**

MATT. 22:37-39, NIV

### Three Relational Motives



Move kids to **love God** by inciting wonder.



Move kids to **love life** by provoking discovery.\*



Move kids to **love others** by fueling passion.

\*In the Preschool Phase, the **WONDER** dial is turned all the way up.

### Nine Core Insights

#### Design of God's Creation

What I see around me reveals a Creator who cares about me.

#### Identity based on God's Image

I am created in the image of God and have unique potential and worth.

#### Connection because of God's Love

I live in pursuit of an infinite God who desires an eternal relationship with me.

#### Faith in God's Son

I believe in Jesus and will continue to trust Him even when life doesn't make sense.

#### Transformation by the power of God's Spirit

God's Spirit is transforming my unique and imperfect life into the character of Jesus.

#### Truth according to God's Message

What Jesus said and did impacts how I should respond to God's Word in my everyday life.

#### Restoration through participating in God's Story

I am designed to participate in God's story to restore a broken and hurting world.

#### Compassion that reflects God's Character

My faith in Christ is revealed by my compassion and care for others.

#### Community in the context of God's Family

I choose to live in the complexities of family and community because God values them.



## THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS

### Three Basic Truths

In the preschool years, a child will form their first impression of God's love.

**God made me.**

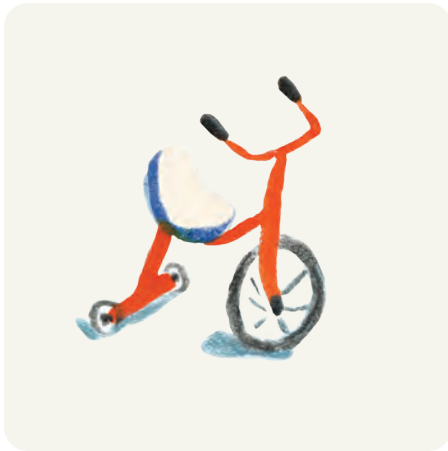
**God loves me.**

**Jesus wants to be  
my friend forever.**

## PHASE

### The Preschool Phase

One-Year-Old—Four-Year-Old



#### ➔ What is a phase?

A phase is a timeframe in a kid's life when you can leverage distinctive opportunities to influence their future.

#### At each phase, your job is simple . . .

Know what can be expected of them and know how they think so they will hear what you say and know what to do.

**It's just a phase,  
don't miss it.**

#### ➔ Thinks like . . .

A preschooler thinks like an artist.

Artists experience the world through activities that stimulate the five senses.

Like artists, preschoolers learn best when they can make it with their hands. They learn experientially, through their senses, from someone who responds to them.

#### ➔ How They Relate to God . . .

God's story is my story.

Preschoolers who think like artists blend the stories they hear with the stories they live in a way that makes a loaf and two fish just as memorable as yesterday's pizza. They relate to an invisible God they can imagine.

#### ➔ Wants to know . . .

In first five years of life, a child forms impressions about themselves and the world.

The way a child resolves the "Am I . . . ?" questions of the phase establishes a critical foundation for their future.

The best way to resolve a preschooler's relational questions is to consistently embrace their physical needs.

#### Am I safe?

In the first year of life, a baby needs to know they are safe. When adults consistently respond to a baby's needs, babies establish trust.

#### Am I able?

When a toddler is one and two years old, they discover new abilities. When adults patiently allow toddlers to try new things, toddlers develop confidence.

#### Am I okay?

When a preschooler is three or four, they learn a few rules and expectations. When adults set boundaries and discipline with love, preschoolers cultivate self-control.

## 2024-2025 THEMES



**AUGUST**  
Cooking Show



**SEPTEMBER**  
Light Bright



**OCTOBER**  
Let's Fly



**NOVEMBER**  
Puzzle Pieces



**DECEMBER**  
Show & Tell



**JANUARY**  
Rain or Shine



**FEBRUARY**  
Wheels on the Bus



**MARCH**  
Watch This!



**APRIL**  
Happy Day



**MAY**  
So Big



**JUNE**  
Live It Out



**JULY**  
Live It Out

## 2024-2025 THEMES

### August



#### THEME

Cooking Show

#### SERIES DESCRIPTION

People are wonderful, not because of anything we have done, but because of Who made us – because of Whose image we were made in. God is wonderful! And we were made in God's wonderful image, by our wonderful God! So every person we see, including you and me, is someone God has made wonderful.

#### CORE INSIGHT

God's Image / Identity

#### BOTTOM LINE

God made me wonderful.

**Week One:** God Made Me\* (Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13-14)

**Week Two:** God Made Me in His Image (Genesis 1:26-27, Psalms 28:7, 104:24, 121:2; Proverbs 2:6; Acts 17:24)


**Week Three:** God Knows Everything About Me (Psalm 139:1-4; Matthew 10:30)

**Week Four:** God Loves Me (John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10)

#### MEMORY VERSE

"How you made me is amazing and wonderful."  
Psalm 139:14, NIV

### September

 This month includes Preschool Family Experience



#### THEME

Light Bright

#### SERIES DESCRIPTION

Jesus is the light of the world—not just our world—the whole world! Jesus is the light that came to show us how to love the way God made us to love. And when we love others the way Jesus loves us, something amazing happens! We become the light of the world, too!

#### CORE INSIGHT

God's Character / Compassion

#### BOTTOM LINE

I can love like Jesus.

**Week One:** Jesus is the Light (John 1:4-5, 8:12, 9:5)

**Week Two:** The Man at the Pool (John 5:1-9)

**Week Three:** Jesus Gives a New Command (John 13:34-35; Luke 18:15-16, 19:1-10; John 4:1-30)

**Week Four:** We Are the Light (Matthew 5:14-16; Acts 8:26-35)

**Week Five:** Tabitha Helps\* (Acts 9:36-42)

#### MEMORY VERSE

"You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14, NIV



## 2024-2025 THEMES

### October



#### THEME

Let's Fly

#### SERIES DESCRIPTION

Think about all of the places you go: home, school, the grocery store, the soccer field, the top of a mountain, the deep blue ocean. God is with you wherever you go. God is always with you, and we want our preschoolers to know that no matter where they go, God will be with them, too.

#### CORE INSIGHT

God's Character / Compassion

#### BOTTOM LINE

God is always with me.

**Week One:** Daniel and the Lions (Daniel 6:1-23)

**Week Two:** Hagar and Ishmael (Genesis 21:14-20)

**Week Three:** Joseph\* (Genesis 37; 39-47)

**Week Four:** Jonah (Jonah 1-3:3)

#### MEMORY VERSE

"God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9, NLT

### November



#### THEME

Puzzle Pieces

#### SERIES DESCRIPTION

It's easy to say that we trust God until we have to really trust God. It's during these faith-testing times that we get to choose between doing things our way or waiting for God to do things God's way. Trusting that God's got it will always be the best way. Why? Because God's got it.

#### CORE INSIGHT

God's Son / Faith

#### BOTTOM LINE

God's got it.

**Week One:** Burning Bush (Exodus 3:1-18; 6:11; Psalm 118:7)

**Week Two:** Pillars of Cloud and Fire (Exodus 13:3-4, 21-22)

**Week Three:** Elijah and the Widow\* (1 Kings 17:1-16)

**Week Four:** King Hezekiah Prays to God (Isaiah 37:14-20, 35; 38:1-6, 20)

#### MEMORY VERSE

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart." Proverbs 3:5, NIV

2024-2025 THEMES

December



THEME

Show & Tell

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Why should we follow Jesus? What makes Jesus so special? Jesus is special because Jesus is God's Son. God loves us so much that God sent Jesus for us. Because of Jesus, we can be with God forever! This incredible gift is a gift that we can show and tell others so everyone can follow Jesus.

CORE INSIGHT

God's Love / Connection

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is God's Son.

**Week One:** The Angel and Mary (Luke 1:26-33, 38)

**Week Two:** Jesus Is Born (Luke 2:1-7)

**Week Three:** The Shepherds (Luke 2:8-20)


**Week Four:** Happy Birthday, Jesus!\* (Luke 1:26-33, 38; 2:1-20)

**Week Five:** The Wise Men (Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11)

MEMORY VERSE

"God has given a son to us." Isaiah 9:6, NCV

January

 This month includes Preschool Family Experience



THEME

Rain or Shine

SERIES DESCRIPTION

A friend who loves you through all of the ups and downs of your emotions is a good friend. They sit with you when you're sad. They rejoice with you when you're happy. They comfort you when you're afraid. And they celebrate with you when you're excited. Jesus is always that kind of friend. Jesus is always a good friend!

CORE INSIGHT

God's Spirit / Transformation

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is always a good friend.

**Week One:** Peter Walks on Water (Matthew 14:22-33)

**Week Two:** Jesus Heals Ten Men (Luke 17:11-16)

**Week Three:** Mary, Martha, and Lazarus (John 11:1-3, 20, 28-36)

**Week Four:** Zacchaeus\* (Luke 19:1-10)

MEMORY VERSE

"A friend loves you all the time." Proverbs 17:17, NCV

## 2024-2025 THEMES

### February



#### THEME

Wheels on the Bus

#### SERIES DESCRIPTION

If you've ever wondered whether or not Jesus loves everyone, take a look at the people who first followed Jesus! That will leave you no doubt that Jesus loves everyone! As Jesus invited his first twelve disciples to follow Him, Jesus' actions clearly showed that Jesus came for everyone, everywhere, because Jesus loves everyone.

#### CORE INSIGHT

God's Story / Restoration

#### BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves everyone.

**Week One:** Peter, Andrew, James, and John (Matthew 4:18-22)

**Week Two:** Matthew (Matthew 9:9-10)

**Week Three:** Philip and Nathanael (John 1:43-49)

**Week Four:** The Twelve Disciples\* (Matthew 4:18-22, 9:9-10, 10:2-4; John 1:43-49)

#### MEMORY VERSE

"Love each other in the same way I have loved you."  
John 15:12, NLT

### March



#### THEME

Watch This!

#### SERIES DESCRIPTION

Jesus calmed a storm, healed a man born blind, AND walked on water, wow! Jesus can do anything! Jesus can do anything in our lives too! Jesus can do anything with our situation. Let's live like Jesus can perform miracles because He can! Jesus can do anything!

#### CORE INSIGHT

God's Son / Faith

#### BOTTOM LINE

Jesus can do anything.

**Week One:** Calming the Storm (Matthew 8:23-27)

**Week Two:** Healing a Man Born Blind (John 9:1-11)

**Week Three:** Catching Fish\* (Luke 5:1-7)

**Week Four:** Jesus Feeds the 5,000 (John 6:1-14)

**Week Five:** Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law (Matthew 8:14-15)


#### MEMORY VERSE

"And the power of the Lord was with Jesus." Luke 5:17, NIV



## 2024-2025 THEMES

### April

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#### THEME

Happy Day

#### SERIES DESCRIPTION

Before Jesus died, people were thankful that He loved everyone. They were thankful for His miracles. They were thankful for His teaching. And they celebrated Him! But after Jesus died and came back, everything changed. Everything changed. Now all people can celebrate that Jesus is alive, forever and ever.

#### CORE INSIGHT

God's Son / Faith

#### BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is alive!

**Week One:** Mary Pours Perfume on Jesus (John 12:1-8)

**Week Two:** Palm Sunday (Matthew 21:1-11)

**Week Three:** Easter\* (Matthew 26:36, 47-50; 27:1-28:8)

**Week Four:** Breakfast on the Beach (John 21:1-14)

#### MEMORY VERSE

"I am alive forever and ever!" Revelation 1:18, NIV

### May



#### THEME

So Big

#### SERIES DESCRIPTION

Can you imagine what Noah thought when God told him to build a giant ark? Or when Nehemiah started feeling the nudge to go back home and start repairing? Those were pretty big things! When our turn comes, let's remember that we have God to help us, and nothing is too big for God.

#### CORE INSIGHT

God's Spirit / Transformation

#### BOTTOM LINE

God helps me do big things.

**Week One:** Noah's Ark\* (Genesis 6:8-9:17)

**Week Two:** Aaron and Hur Help Moses (Exodus 17:8-13)

**Week Three:** Deborah (Judges 4:1-10, 14; 5:1-31)

**Week Four:** Nehemiah Asks for Help (Nehemiah 1-4, 6:1, 15)


#### MEMORY VERSE

"I know that God helps me." Psalm 54:4, NIV



## 2024-2025 THEMES

### June

 This month includes Preschool Family Experience



#### THEME

Live It Out

#### SERIES DESCRIPTION

Jesus is the greatest example of what it looks like to love others. Through the way He lived His life, Jesus taught us how to love one another. And when we follow Jesus, God's Spirit helps us to live like Jesus—transforming not only us but the world around us.

#### CORE INSIGHT

God's Spirit / Transformation

#### BOTTOM LINE

Jesus shows me how to love others.

**Week One:** Jesus Shows His Disciples How to Love (Mark 5:21-34; Philippians 2:5)

**Week Two:** Barnabas Makes Peace (Acts 9:26-28, 31)

**Week Three:** Jesus Feeds 5,000 (John 6:1-14; Philippians 2:4)

**Week Four:** Paul Encourages the Church (Galatians 5:13b)

**Week Five:** Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10; Romans 15:7)

#### MEMORY VERSE

"Think and act as Jesus did." Philippians 2:5, NIV

### July



#### THEME

Live It Out

#### SERIES DESCRIPTION

Jesus is the greatest example of what it looks like to love others. Through the way He lived His life, Jesus taught us how to love one another. And when we follow Jesus, God's Spirit helps us to live like Jesus—transforming not only us but the world around us.

#### CORE INSIGHT

God's Spirit / Transformation

#### BOTTOM LINE

I can do what Jesus says.

**Week One:** Jesus Forgives Peter (John 21:15-17)

**Week Two:** Jesus Prays (John 17:1-26; 1 Timothy 2:1-3)

**Week Three:** Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37; Galatians 6:2)

**Week Four:** Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)

#### MEMORY VERSE

"Be kind and loving to each other." Ephesians 4:22, NCV

## BIBLE STORIES

### Old Testament

Creation Story (Genesis 1 – 2:3)

Made in God's Image (Genesis 1:26,  
Acts 17:24, Psalm 46:1, Proverbs 2:6)

Noah, God's Plan (Genesis 6:8-33,  
7:1-24)

Noah, God's Promise (Genesis 8:1 – 9:17)

Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 12)

Abraham (Genesis 12:1-7)

Hagar (Genesis 21:14-20)

Joseph's Special Coat  
(Genesis 37:1-4, Genesis 1:26-27)

Joseph Goes to Egypt  
(Genesis 37, Jeremiah 1:5)

Joseph in Jail  
(Genesis 39-40, Proverbs 4:11-12)

Joseph Saves the Grain  
(Genesis 41, Ephesians 2:10)

Joseph Forgives  
(Genesis 42-45, Psalm 16:11)

Moses in the Basket  
(Exodus 1:21 – 2:10, 12:31-42)

Miriam (Exodus 1:22 – 2:10)

Moses and the Burning Bush  
(Exodus 3, Psalm 118:7)

Moses and the Sea  
(Exodus 13:17 – 14:31)

Pillars of Clouds and Fire  
(Exodus 13:21-22)

Moses and the Water (Exodus 17:1-7)

Aaron Helps Moses (Exodus 17:8-13)

Ten Commandments (Exodus 20)

Joshua Leads People (Joshua 1:1-9)

Rahab and the Spies  
(Joshua 2:1-22, 6:1-25)

Battle of Jericho (6:1-20)

Gideon's Army (Judges 7:1-8)

Gideon at Battle (Judges 7:9-22)

Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz (Ruth 1-2)

Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19)

David Anointed King (1 Samuel 16:1-13)

David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17:1-50)

David Protects the Sheep  
(1 Samuel 17:34-37)

David and Jonathan  
(1 Samuel 18:1-4, 20:3-42)

David is Strong in Battle  
(1 Samuel 18:7, 12-14)

David and Jonathan Say Goodbye  
(1 Samuel 20:3-42)

David Helps Mephibosheth  
(1 Samuel 20:14-17, 2 Samuel 9:1-13)

David Praises God  
(2 Samuel 6:5, 2 Samuel 14,  
Psalm 149:1-5)

Solomon at the Temple (1 Kings 6)

Elijah and the Widow (1 Kings 17:7-16)

Elijah and the Fire (1 Kings 18:1-39)

Elisha's Room (2 Kings 4:8-17)

Naaman (2 Kings 5:1-14)

Hezekiah (2 Chronicles 32)

Josiah (2 Chronicles 34)

Nehemiah Builds a Wall (Nehemiah 1-6)

Esther (2:2 – 8:17)

God's Word is With Me (Psalm 119:11)

The Bible Shows the Way  
(Psalm 119:105)

The Lord is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

You are Wonderfully Made  
(Psalm 139:14)

I Can Pray to God (Jeremiah 29:12)

God Loves Me All the Time  
(Jeremiah 31:3)

Daniel (Daniel 1)

Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego  
(Daniel 3:10-28)

Daniel and the Lions (Daniel 6:1-23)

Jonah (Jonah 1:1-3:10)

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## BIBLE STORIES

### New Testament

Wise Men (Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11)

John the Baptist  
(Matthew 3:3-4, 11, 13-15)

Andrew and Peter; John and James  
(Matthew 4:18-22)

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

Don't Worry: Birds and Flowers  
(Matthew 6:25-34)

Respect Others (Matthew 7:12)

The Centurion (Matthew 8:5-13)

Jesus Calms the Storm  
(Matthew 8:23-27)

Matthew, Tax Collector  
(Matthew 9:9-10)

Jesus Walks on Water  
(Matthew 14:22-33)

Peter, the Rock (Matthew 16:17-18)

Palm Sunday (Matthew 21:1-11, 15-16)

Love God, Love People  
(Matthew 22:34-40)

Easter (Matthew 26:20-30, 27:1-2, 28:1-7)

Peter's Denial and Restoration  
(Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75, John 21:15-17)

Disciples Tell Others  
(Matthew 28:16-20)

The Great Commission  
(Matthew 28:19-20)

The Four Friends (Mark 2:1-12)

Jesus Feeds 5,000 (Mark 6:31-44)

Jesus Heals the Deaf Man  
(Mark 7:32-37)

Widow's Mite (Mark 12:41-44)

The Angel and Mary (Luke 1:26-33, 38, 46)

Jesus Born in a Stable (Luke 2:1-7)

Shepherds Hear the Good News  
(Luke 2:6-18)

Simeon at the Temple (Luke 2:25-38)

Jesus Teaches at the Temple  
(Luke 2:41-50)

Jesus Teaches (Luke 2:41-50, Matthew 5, Matthew 22:34-39)

Catching Fish (Luke 5:1-7)

The Thankful Woman (Luke 7:36-50)

Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42)

You are Important to God (Luke 12:7)

Bigger Barns (Luke 12:16-21)

The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:3-7)

The Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10)

Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-24)

The Lepers (Luke 17:11-19)

Jesus and the Children (Luke 18:15-16)

Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

Jesus Turns Water to Wine (John 2:1-11)

God Loved Us So Much He Gave Us  
Jesus (John 3:16)

Woman at the Well (John 4:1-30)

Boy and His Lunch (John 6:1-13)

The Unloved Woman (John 8:2-11)

Jesus Heals the Blind Man (John 9:1-7)

Jesus Washes His Friends' Feet  
(John 13:3-7)

Love One Another (John 13:34-35)

Breakfast With Jesus (John 21:1-14)

Early Church (Acts 2:42-47)

I Can Share My Stuff (Acts 2:45)

Peter and John (Acts 3:1-11, 16)

Saul to Paul (Acts 9:1-20, 13:9)

Tabitha (Acts 9:36-39)

Peter Put In Jail (Acts 12:1-17)

Paul and Silas (Acts 16:16-34)

Respect Myself  
(1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 16:13-14)

Timothy (1 Timothy 4:12)

I Can Be a Part of God's Family  
(Hebrews 10:24-25)

Every Good and Perfect Gift  
(James 1:17)

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