



# Annual Theme Scope & Cycle

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We belong to each other.

We grow alongside one another.

We carry one another's burdens.

We cheer each other on.

**This is why we matters.** Because faith was always meant to be shared. Not just my story of what God is doing in me—but our story of what God is doing through us. The life of Jesus leads to the life of His people.

The story of *me* always finds its place inside the bigger story of *we*. **And that's where the real beauty begins.** 





#### THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS

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#### **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.

# → 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 themself 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.

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







**AUGUST** 

To the Moon and Back: God made everything



**SEPTEMBER** 

Construct and Create: God has plans for me



OCTOBER

Super Kids: God can help me be brave



NOVEMBED

Going on a Picnic: I can celebrate God



**DECEMBER** 

Christmas Shapes: God gave us Jesus



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Book Fair: The bible teaches me the best things



**FEBRUARY** 

Sweet Treats: Jesus loves me



**MARCH** 

All Star: Jesus is amazing



**APRIL** 

Hip Hip Hooray: Jesus wants to be my friend forever



MAY

Hats Off: Jesus cares about everyone



**JUNE & JULY** 

Coming soon!





# **August**



#### **SERIES OVERVIEW**

When you look at the world, what do you see? Vast oceans teaming with extraordinary sea life? Flowers you can name by their scent? Trees that blossom in spring, produce fruit in summer, and turn brilliant colors in fall? When God saw everything He had made, it was very good. And it still is!

#### **KEY QUESTION**

Who made everything?

#### **BOTTOM LINE**

God made everything.

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#### **MEMORY VERSE**

"God saw everything he had made. And it was very good." (Genesis 1:31 NIrV)

Week One: Light and Dark; Sky Above Water\* (Genesis 1:3-8)

Week Two: Land, Plants, and Seas\* (Genesis 1:9-13)

Week Three: Sun, Moon, and Stars\* (Genesis 1:14-19)

Week Four: Sea Animals and Birds\* (Gensis 1:20-23)

Week Five: Land Animals and People; God Rested\* (Genesis

1:24-2:3)

# **September**



#### **SERIES OVERVIEW**

God had plans when He made the sun, moon, and stars. God had plans when He made rain fall and plants grow. God had plans when He filled the ocean and land with animals. So why would we doubt that God has plans for the one thing He created in His very own image?

#### **KEY QUESTION**

Who has plans for you?

#### **BOTTOM LINE**

God has plans for me.

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

"'For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord." (Jeremiah 29:11 NLT)

Week One: Adam and Eve (Genesis 1:27-28; 2:15, 19-20)

Week Two: Baby Moses\* (Exodus 2:1-10) Week Three: King Josiah (2 Chronicles 34)

Week Four: Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 12:1-3; 15:5-6; 18:1-4;

21:1-7)





# **October**



#### **SERIES OVERVIEW**

Brave is not the first word most people think of when they think of themselves. But when we think of God, when we think of ourselves - the powerful God who is always with us and can help us be brave - even the most fearful of us can be strong and courageous with God!

#### **KEY QUESTION**

Who can help you be brave?

#### **BOTTOM LINE**

God can help me be brave.

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid . . . for the Lord your God goes with you." (Deuteronomy 31:6 NIV)

Week One: Esther (Esther 2:2–8:17)

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

Week Three: Gideon\* (Judges 6 and 7) Week Four: Abigail (1 Samuel 25:1-35)

# November



#### **SERIES OVERVIEW**

There is power in a thankful heart! Consider when a heart focuses on what it does not have, it is discontent and unhappy. But when a heart focuses on being thankful for everything, it is content and joyful. Let's choose a life of joy and give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart!

#### **KEY QUESTION**

Who can thank God for everything?

#### **BOTTOM LINE**

I can thank God for everything.

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart." (Psalm 111:1 ESV)

Week One: Ruth, Naomi, and Boazl (Ruth 1-2) Week Two: Daniel's Friends Pray (Daniel 2) Week Three: Manna and Quail (Exodus 16)

Week Four: Elisha's Room\* (2 Kings 4:8-17, Psalm 144:9-10)

Week Five: David Praises God (2 Samuel 6:12-15)



# **December**



#### **SERIES OVERVIEW**

What is the best gift you have ever given someone? What did it cost you? Time? Money? Maybe going without something you wanted or even needed? The best gifts are the ones that require sacrifice on the part of the giver. That's what makes Jesus the most incredible gift. God gave us His Son, Jesus.

#### **KEY QUESTION**

How do we know God loves us?

#### **BOTTOM LINE**

God gave us Jesus.

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

"God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son." (John 3:16 GNT)

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

# **January**

This month includes Preschool Family Experience



#### **SERIES OVERVIEW**

There are a lot of books that teach a lot of things. But there is only one book that teaches the best things - things like how to live for God, hear from God, pray to God, and talk about God to others. We can find all of those best things in the Bible!

#### **KEY QUESTION**

What does the Bible teach you?

#### **BOTTOM LINE**

The Bible teaches me the best things.

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

"Your word is truth." (John 17:17 NIrV)

Week One: Young Jesus (Luke 2:41-52)

Week Two: Philip\* (Acts 8:26-35)

Week Three: Paul and Silas (Acts 16:16-40)

Week Four: Tabitha and Timothy (Acts 9:36-39; 1 Timothy 4:12)

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# **February**



#### **SERIES OVERVIEW**

Love is a word used for many things. We love chocolate. We love puppies. We love naps. But the love Jesus gives us is in a category all by itself. It's a love that is greater than any other love. It's a love that Jesus has for everyone, and it will never end.

#### **KEY QUESTION**

Who loves you?

#### **BOTTOM LINE**

Jesus loves me.

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

"Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me." (Matthew 19:14 NLT)

Week One: Jesus and the Children (Mark 10:13-16)

Week Two: The Lost Sheep\* (Luke 15:3-7)

Week Three: Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42) Week Four: Jesus Forgives a Woman (John 8)

# **March**



#### **SERIES OVERVIEW**

When you see something that you have never seen before, and you cannot explain how it happened, that falls into the "amazing" category. That's what people experienced when Jesus began teaching and doing miracles. They had never seen or heard anyone like Him. Jesus was amazing then, and Jesus is amazing now!

#### **KEY QUESTION**

Who is amazing?

#### **BOTTOM LINE**

Jesus is amazing!

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

"We have seen amazing things today!" (Luke 5:26 NLT)

Week One: Water to Wine (John 2:1-11)

Week Two: Coin in the Fish's Mouth (Matthew 17:24-27)

Week Three: Centurion (Matthew 8:5-13)

Week Four: Jesus Walks on Water (Matthew 14:22-23; Mark

6:45-52; Luke 6:16-21)

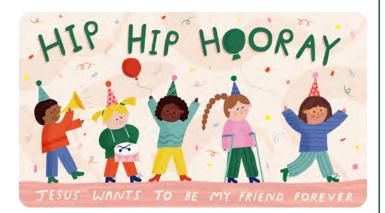
Week Five: Palm Sunday\* (Matthew 21:1-11; John 12:12-15)





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We can be forgiven because of what Jesus did on the cross. We can be with Jesus forever because the tomb is empty. We have so much to celebrate! Jesus is alive! And Jesus wants to be our friend forever! News that is this good is too good to keep to ourselves!

#### **KEY QUESTION**

Who wants to be your friend forever?

#### **BOTTOM LINE**

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

"I have called you friends." (John 15:15 NIV)

Week One: Easter\* (Matthew 26:31-32, 36, 47-50; 27:1-2,

11-66; 28:1-8)

Week Two: Breakfast on the Beach (John 21:1-14) Week Three: Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20) Week Four: Heaven (John 14:3; Revelation 21, 22:1-5)

# May



#### **SERIES OVERVIEW**

Think about all the people in this world. People like you. People who are nothing like you. People who have made great choices. People who have made horrible choices. People who live near you, and people who live on the other side of the world. There are many different people in this world, and Jesus cares about every one of them.

#### **KEY QUESTION**

Who does Jesus care about?

#### **BOTTOM LINE**

Jesus cares about everyone.

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

"How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." (Ephesians 3:18 NIV)

Week One: Villages, Towns, Countryside\* (Mark 6:53-57)

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Week Two: Jesus Heals a Woman on the Sabbath (Luke 13:10-17 CEV)

Week Three: Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

Week Four: Woman at the Well (John 4:1-26, 39-42)

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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?

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# → 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.

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**AUGUST** 

Origin Story: Where Our Story with God Begins



**SEPTEMBER** 

On the Move: Brave the Unknown with God



**OCTOBER** 

Wisdomland: God Can Help You Make The Wise Choice



#### NOVEMBED

Bedrock: Building Confidence in God, Block by Block



#### **DECEMBER**

Extra! Extra! Celebrate the Good News of Jesus' Birth!



#### ΙΔΝΙΙΔΕΥ

Game Plan: Growing Stronger in Faith Everyday



**FEBRUARY** 

Like and Subscribe: Share the Love of Jesus



#### MARCH

Upside Down: Treat Others the Way Jesus Treats You



#### **APRIL**

Block Party: Celebrating Jesus and Joy that Never Ends



#### MAY

Trek: Don't Stop, Don't Give Up—God's With You



#### **JUNE & JULY**

Coming soon!





# **August**



#### **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

We can trust God. Looking back at the beginning of God's Big Story and seeing how God kept His promises then gives us confidence to trust that He will be with us now.

#### **CORE QUESTION**

How do I know that God is trustworthy?

#### **CORE INSIGHT**

God's Son / Faith

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see. (Hebrews 11:1, NIrV)

**Week One:** Creation and the Fall (Genesis 1–2:3; 3) **Bottom Line:** You can trust God no matter what.

Week Two: Noah (Genesis 6-9)

Bottom Line: You can trust God even when you don't

understand.

Week Three: God Chooses Abram (Genesis 12:1-9, 15:1-6)

**Bottom Line:** You can trust that God has a plan. **Week Four:** Jacob's Dream (Genesis 28:10-22)

**Bottom Line:** You can trust that God is with you.

Week Five: Joseph (Genesis 37, 39-45)

Bottom Line: You can trust God when things get tough.

# September



#### **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

It's hard to be brave. But when we look at God's Big Story, we can reflect on how He can help us be brave even when things are scary or hard.

#### **CORE QUESTION**

How can I trust that God can help me?

#### **CORE INSIGHT**

God's Spirit / Transformation

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you. (Psalm 56:3, NIrV)

**Week One:** Moses (Exodus 3–6:12, 7–12:42, 13:17–14:31) **Bottom Line:** God can give you courage when you don't feel ready.

**Week Two:** Joshua and the Spies (Numbers 13–14:35) **Bottom Line:** God can give you courage when others are

Week Three: Rahab Helps the Spies (Joshua 2)

Bottom Line: God can give you courage to help someone

in need.

Week Four: Ruth (Ruth 1)

Bottom Line: God can give you courage when you don't know

what's next.





# **October**



#### **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

We may not know the answer to every question or problem, but God does. When we look at God's Big Story, we can see that we can turn to Him for wisdom whenever we need help.

#### **CORE QUESTION**

How did Jesus grow in wisdom?

#### **CORE INSIGHT**

God's Message / Truth

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

It is much better to get wisdom than gold. It is much better to choose understanding than silver. (Proverbs 16:16, NIrV)

**Week One:** Samuel Anoints David (1 Samuel 16:1-13) **Bottom Line:** God can help you make the wise choice.

**Week Two:** David and the Psalms (Psalm 1:1-4) **Bottom Line:** If you want to be wise, focus on God.

Week Three: Solomon Chooses Wisdom (1 Kings 3:4-15)

Bottom Line: You can ask God for wisdom.

Week Four: The Kings (1 & 2 Kings)

Bottom Line: Be wise because your choices matter.

# **November**



#### **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

Trying to do something on your own is difficult. When we look at God's Big Story, we can see that no matter the situation, when we follow God, we can have confidence that He is with us.

#### **CORE QUESTION**

How does believing in God change the way I live?

#### **CORE INSIGHT**

God's Image / Identity

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

Those who trust in the Lord will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak. (Isaiah 40:31 NIrV)

Week One: Elijah and the Prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:16-45)

**Bottom Line:** God can do the impossible.

Week Two: Jonah (Jonah 1–3)

Bottom Line: God knows what's best.

Week Three: Daniel and the Lions' Den (Daniel 6)

Bottom Line: God is always with you.

Week Four: Esther (Esther)

Bottom Line: God can help you stand up for others.

**Week Four:** Nehemiah (Nehemiah 1–4, 6:1-15) **Bottom Line:** God can help you do big things.



# **December**



#### **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

The most exciting thing about Christmas is that we celebrate the birth of Jesus! Jesus' birth is part of God's plan to restore what was broken.

#### **CORE QUESTION**

Why is Jesus so important in God's story?

#### **CORE INSIGHT**

God's Creation / Design

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord." (Luke 2:11, NIrV)

**Week One:** Jesus Is Promised (Isaiah 9:6-7, Micah 5:2) **Bottom Line:** Jesus is good news for everyone.

**Week Two:** Gabriel Visits Mary (Luke 1:5-66) **Bottom Line:** God always had a plan to send Jesus.

Week Three: Jesus Is Born (Luke 2:1-20) Bottom Line: Jesus is the greatest gift.

Week Four: The Wise Men Visit Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12)

Bottom Line: Celebrate Jesus all year long.

# **January**



#### **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

Practicing something every day helps you learn how to do it better. When we follow Jesus and actually live out the things we hear and learn, the Holy Spirit helps our faith grow.

#### **CORE QUESTION**

How can I grow daily in my relationship with God?

#### **CORE INSIGHT**

God's Love / Connection

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come. (1 Timothy 4:8, NIrV)

**Week One:** Jesus at the Temple (Luke 2:41-52) **Bottom Line:** Practice talking about God.

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

Bottom Line: Practice praying to God.

Week Three: The Wise and Foolish Builders (Matthew 7:24-27)

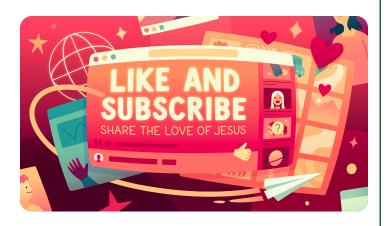
Bottom Line: Practice hearing from God.

Week Four: Jesus Chooses Matthew (Luke 5:27-32)

**Bottom Line:** Practice living for God.



# **February**



#### **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

God's Big Story shows how Jesus showed His love to everyone. When we follow Jesus, we can love others just like Jesus.

#### **CORE QUESTION**

What does it look like to love like Jesus?

#### **CORE INSIGHT**

God's Family / Community

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

"I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you." (John 13:34, NIrV)

Week One: Jesus Teaches Nicodemus (John 3:1-21)

Bottom Line: God loves the whole world.

Week Two: The Most Important Commandment

(Matthew 22:34-40)

**Bottom Line:** Love God. Love others. **Week Three:** Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

Bottom Line: The love of Jesus can change things for

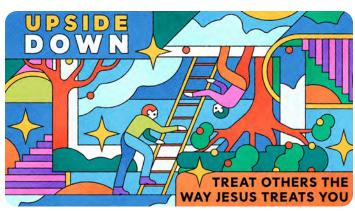
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Week Four: Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter and a Suffering

Woman (Mark 5:21-43)

Bottom Line: Show the love of Jesus to people in need.

# March



#### **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

In God's Big Story, Jesus showed compassion by becoming one of us. He gave up a lot to make that happen. Jesus showed us that sometimes you have to give things up to show others just how much you care.

#### **CORE QUESTION**

How does following Jesus influence the way I treat others?

#### **CORE INSIGHT**

God's Character / Compassion

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves. (Philippians 2:3, NIrV)

Week One: John the Baptist Is a Witness About Jesus (John

:22-36

Bottom Line: Jesus must increase. I must decrease.

Week Two: A Roman Commander Has Faith (Matthew 8:5-13)

Bottom Line: Remember God is most important.

Week Three: Be Humble / Love Your Enemies (Matthew 5:38-48)

Bottom Line: Love like Jesus even when it's hard.

**Week Four:** Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42) **Bottom Line:** Make time for Jesus first.

Week Five: Palm Sunday / Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

(John 12:9-16, 13:1-17)

Bottom Line: Jesus showed us how to be humble.



# **April**



#### **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

Jesus is alive! We can have joy because of what Jesus did for us. When we look at God's Big Story, we can see that Jesus' life, death, and resurrection were God's plan all along.

#### **CORE QUESTION**

What does it look like for God's Spirit to be with you?

#### **CORE INSIGHT**

God's Story / Restoration

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful! (Philippians 4:4, NIrV)

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# May



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#### **CORE QUESTION**

How can you remember that God is with you in tough times?

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God's Son / Faith

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#### 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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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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# Annual Theme Scope & Cycle

What if the story we were telling wasn't just about me—but about we?





# The Bible doesn't start with us. It doesn't begin with our dreams, our struggles, or even our faith. It starts with **Jesus**.

**It's His story first.** The story of what God has done through His Son—through His life, His death, His resurrection. The story of how love moved toward the world, even when the world pushed love away.

**But here's the beautiful thing:** the story doesn't end with Jesus alone. It keeps going—through His people. Through a family formed by grace, not by genetics. A people called the Church. A we.

**The Bible tells the story of Jesus**—and then the story of the people who follow Him. It's a story full of broken people and unexpected heroes. Of failure and forgiveness. Of God sticking with His people, even when they wander.

**It's not just a story we read.** It's a story we're *in*. Because following Jesus was never meant to be something we do by ourselves. It's not a solo climb or a private journey. It's a life we live together.

We belong to each other.

We grow alongside one another.

We carry one another's burdens.

We cheer each other on.

**This is why we matters.** Because faith was always meant to be shared. Not just my story of what God is doing in me—but our story of what God is doing through us. The life of Jesus leads to the life of His people.

The story of *me* always finds its place inside the bigger story of *we*.

And that's where the real beauty begins.





#### 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.'"

**MATTHEW 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

God values them.

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



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**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.

# → 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.

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





**AUGUST** 

Origin Story: Where Our Story with God Begins



**SEPTEMBER** 

On the Move: Brave the Unknown with God



**OCTOBER** 

Wisdomland: God Can Help You Make The Wise Choice



#### **NOVEMBER**

Bedrock: Building Confidence in God, Block by Block



#### **DECEMBER**

Extra! Extra! Celebrate the Good News of Jesus' Birth!



#### **JANUARY**

Game Plan: Growing Stronger in Faith Everyday



#### **FEBRUARY**

Like and Subscribe: Share the Love of Jesus



#### MARCH

Upside Down: Treat Others the Way Jesus Treats You



#### **APRIL**

Block Party: Celebrating Jesus and Joy that Never Ends



#### MAY

Trek: Don't Stop, Don't Give Up—God's With You



#### **JUNE & JULY**

Coming soon!





# **August**



#### SERIES DESCRIPTION

We can trust God. Looking back at the beginning of God's Big Story and seeing how God kept His promises then gives us confidence to trust that He will be with us now.

#### **CORE QUESTION**

How do I know that God is trustworthy?

#### **CORE INSIGHT**

God's Son / Faith

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see. (Hebrews 11:1, NIrV)

Week One: Creation and the Fall (Genesis 1-2:3; 3)

Conversation Starter: How do you know you can trust God?

Bottom Line: You can trust God no matter what.

Week Two: Noah (Genesis 6-9)

**Conversation Starter:** When is it hard to trust God? **Bottom Line:** You can trust God even when you don't

understand.

Week Three: God Chooses Abram (Genesis 12:1-9, 15:1-6) Conversation Starter: What does it look like to trust God?

Bottom Line: You can trust that God has a plan.

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

Conversation Starter: What helps you remember that God is

with you?

Bottom Line: You can trust that God is with you.

Week Five: Joseph (Genesis 37, 39-45)

Conversation Starter: When has something bad turned into

something good?

Bottom Line: You can trust God when things get tough.

# September



#### **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

It's hard to be brave. But when we look at God's Big Story, we can reflect on how He can help us be brave even when things are scary or hard.

#### **CORE QUESTION**

How can I trust that God can help me?

#### **CORE INSIGHT**

God's Spirit / Transformation

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you. (Psalm 56:3, NIrV)

**Week One:** Moses (Exodus 3–6:12, 7–12:42, 13:17–14:31) **Conversation Starter:** When have you tried something new? **Bottom Line:** God can give you courage when you don't feel ready

**Week Two:** Joshua and the Spies (Numbers 13–14:35) **Conversation Starter:** What are people afraid of? **Bottom Line:** God can give you courage when others are

afraid.

Week Three: Rahab Helps the Spies (Joshua 2)
Conversation Starter: When has someone helped you?
Bottom Line: God can give you courage to help someone in need

Week Four: Ruth (Ruth 1)

Conversation Starter: What is the bravest thing you've ever

done?

Bottom Line: God can give you courage when you don't know

what's next.





## **October**



#### **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

We may not know the answer to every question or problem, but God does. When we look at God's Big Story, we can see that we can turn to Him for wisdom whenever we need help.

#### **CORE QUESTION**

How did Jesus grow in wisdom?

#### **CORE INSIGHT**

God's Message / Truth

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

It is much better to get wisdom than gold. It is much better to choose understanding than silver. (Proverbs 16:16, NIrV)

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Week One: Samuel Anoints David (1 Samuel 16:1-13) Conversation Starter: What does it mean to be wise? Bottom Line: God can help you make the wise choice.

Week Two: David and the Psalms (Psalm 1:1-4)
Conversation Starter: How do you know what's wise?
Bottom Line: If you want to be wise, focus on God.

**Week Three:** Solomon Chooses Wisdom (1 Kings 3:4-15) **Conversation Starter:** When do you need wisdom?

Bottom Line: You can ask God for wisdom.

Week Four: The Kings (1 & 2 Kings)

**Conversation Starter:** Why do your choices matter? **Bottom Line:** Be wise because your choices matter.

# November



#### **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

Trying to do something on your own is difficult. When we look at God's Big Story, we can see that no matter the situation, when we follow God, we can have confidence that He is with us.

#### **CORE QUESTION**

How does believing in God change the way I live?

#### **CORE INSIGHT**

God's Image / Identity

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

Those who trust in the Lord will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak. (Isaiah 40:31 NIrV)

**Week One:** Elijah and the Prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:16-45) **Conversation Starter:** What seems impossible to you?

Bottom Line: God can do the impossible.

Week Two: Jonah (Jonah 1-3)

Conversation Starter: What keeps people from doing what's

best?

Bottom Line: God knows what's best.

Week Three: Daniel and the Lions' Den (Daniel 6) Conversation Starter: When have you felt alone?

Bottom Line: God is always with you.

Week Four: Esther (Esther)

Conversation Starter: When has someone stood up for you?

Bottom Line: God can help you stand up for others.

Week Five: Nehemiah (Nehemiah 1–4, 6:1-15)
Conversation Starter: What do you need help with?
Bottom Line: God can help you do big things.





# December



#### SERIES DESCRIPTION

The most exciting thing about Christmas is that we celebrate the birth of Jesus! Jesus' birth is part of God's plan to restore what was broken.

#### **CORE QUESTION**

Why is Jesus so important in God's story?

#### **CORE INSIGHT**

God's Creation / Design

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord." (Luke 2:11, NIrV)

Week One: Jesus Is Promised (Isaiah 9:6-7, Micah 5:2) **Conversation Starter:** What's the best news you've ever heard? **Bottom Line:** Jesus is good news for everyone.

Week Two: Gabriel Visits Mary (Luke 1:5-66)

**Conversation Starter:** What are your plans this Christmas?

Bottom Line: God always had a plan to send Jesus.

Week Three: Jesus Is Born (Luke 2:1-20)

Conversation Starter: What's the best gift you've been given?

Bottom Line: Jesus is the greatest gift.

Week Four: The Wise Men Visit Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12) Conversation Starter: How can you celebrate Jesus through

Bottom Line: Celebrate Jesus all year long.

# **January**



#### SERIES DESCRIPTION

Practicing something every day helps you learn how to do it better. When we follow Jesus and actually live out the things we hear and learn, the Holy Spirit helps our faith grow.

#### **CORE QUESTION**

How can I grow daily in my relationship with God?

#### **CORE INSIGHT**

God's Love / Connection

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come. (1 Timothy 4:8, NIrV)

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

**Conversation Starter:** Who can you talk to about God?

Bottom Line: Practice talking about God.

Week Two: The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) **Conversation Starter:** What do you pray about?

Bottom Line: Practice praying to God.

Week Three: The Wise and Foolish Builders (Matthew 7:24-27)

Conversation Starter: How can you hear from God?

Bottom Line: Practice hearing from God.

Week Four: Jesus Chooses Matthew (Luke 5:27-32)

Conversation Starter: What does it look like to live for God?

Bottom Line: Practice living for God.





# **February**



#### **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

God's Big Story shows how Jesus showed His love to everyone. When we follow Jesus, we can love others just like Jesus.

#### **CORE QUESTION**

What does it look like to love like Jesus?

#### **CORE INSIGHT**

God's Family / Community

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

"I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you." (John 13:34, NIrV)

Week One: Jesus Teaches Nicodemus (John 3:1-21)
Conversation Starter: Where have you seen God's love?

Bottom Line: God loves the whole world.

Week Two: The Most Important Commandment

(Matthew 22:34-40)

Conversation Starter: How have others shown love to you?

**Bottom Line:** Love God. Love others. **Week Three:** 7acchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

**Conversation Starter:** How can love change things? **Bottom Line:** The love of Jesus can change things for

the better.

Week Four: Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter and a Suffering

Woman (Mark 5:21-43)

**Conversation Starter:** How can you show love to others? **Bottom Line:** Show the love of Jesus to people in need.

## March



#### **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

In God's Big Story, Jesus showed compassion by becoming one of us. He taught us that sometimes you have to give things up to show others just how much you care.

#### **CORE QUESTION**

How does following Jesus influence the way I treat others?

#### **CORE INSIGHT**

God's Character / Compassion

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves. (Philippians 2:3, NIrV)

Week One: John the Baptist Is a Witness About Jesus (John

3:22-36)

Conversation Starter: How can I show others that Jesus is better?

Bottom Line: Jesus must increase. I must decrease.

**Week Two:** A Roman Commander Has Faith (Matthew 8:5-13) **Conversation Starter:** How do you show that God is important?

Bottom Line: Remember God is most important.

**Week Three:** Be Humble / Love Your Enemies (Matthew 5:38-48) **Conversation Starter:** How can you show kindness to someone

who makes you mad?

Bottom Line: Love like Jesus even when it's hard.

Week Four: Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42)

Conversation Starter: How can you make time for Jesus?

Bottom Line: Make time for Jesus first.

Week Five: Palm Sunday / Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

(John 12:9-16, 13:1-17)

**Conversation Starter:** When has someone put you first? **Bottom Line:** Jesus showed us how to be humble.





# **April**



#### **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

Jesus is alive! We can have joy because of what Jesus did for us. When we look at God's Big Story, we can see that Jesus' life, death, and resurrection were God's plan all along.

#### **CORE QUESTION**

What does it look like for God's Spirit to be with you?

#### **CORE INSIGHT**

God's Story / Restoration

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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)

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.

#### 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)

#### **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 (Psalm 31:24)

#### **February**

Uniqueness—Learning more about yourself so you can make a difference (Psalm 139:14)

#### March

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

#### Apri

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)

Live It Out—With Jesus we can help change the world (Philippians 2:5, Romans 15:5)

#### 2025-26

#### August

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

#### September

Courage—When God helps you to be brave enough to do hard things (Psalm 56:3, NIrV)

#### October

Wisdom—Finding out God's best and doing it (Proverbs 16:16, NIrV)

#### **November**

Confidence—Living like you believe God is with you (Isaiah 40:31 NIrV)

#### December

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

#### January

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

#### **February**

Love—Choosing to treat others the way Jesus treats us (John 13:34)

#### March

Humility

Putting others first by giving up what you want (Philippians 2:3)

#### April

Joy—Choosing to celebrate what God is doing (Philippians 4:4)

#### May

Perseverance—Refusing to give up when life gets hard because God is always with you (Galatians 6:9)

#### Summer (June/July)

TBD

