



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.

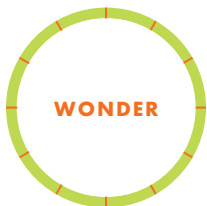
THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS

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.

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AUGUST
Cooking Show



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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

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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

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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

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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

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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)

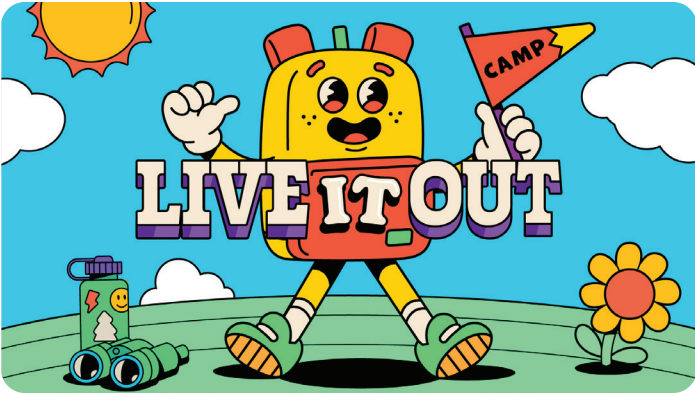
MEMORY VERSE

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

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June

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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



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Live It Out

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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)

TWO-YEAR OVERVIEW

Note: Stories and principles will be taught within the two-year cycle; not listed here in particular order. Content subject to change.

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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