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.’” 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

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.
2022/2023 SERIES OVERVIEW

AUGUST | WHAT JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

NOVEMBER | WHAT GOD REMINDED JOSHUA, DAVID, DANIEL, AND ESTHER

FEBRUARY | WHAT JESUS TAUGHT US ABOUT HOW TO TREAT OTHERS

MAY | WHAT JESUS PROMISED THE DISCIPLES

SEPTEMBER | LEARNING ABOUT THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB

DECEMBER | WHAT THE BIRTH OF JESUS MEANS TO THE WORLD

MARCH | WHAT JESUS TAUGHT US ABOUT FORGIVENESS

OCTOBER | WHAT JOSEPH AND MOSES LEARNED ABOUT GOD

JANUARY | LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF JESUS ABOUT SCRIPTURE

APRIL | WHAT JESUS DID FOR YOU, CHANGES EVERYTHING

JUNE & JULY | FOLLOW THE STORY OF PETER AND PAUL

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WEEK ONE: Greatest Commandment—Matthew 22:34-40
BOTTOM LINE: Love God by loving others.

WEEK TWO: Creation—Genesis 1–2
BOTTOM LINE: God made us to take care of each other.

WEEK THREE: The Fall—Genesis 3
(supporting: Genesis 2:15-17; The Gospels)
BOTTOM LINE: God loves us no matter what.

WEEK FOUR: God Chooses Abram—Genesis 12:1-9, 15:1-6
BOTTOM LINE: God has a plan to show love to the world.

“Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins.” 1 John 4:10, NIrV

BOTTOM LINE: Trust God even when you have to wait.

WEEK TWO: Isaac’s Wells—Genesis 26:1-22; 26:31
BOTTOM LINE: Trust God no matter what.

WEEK THREE: Jacob’s Dream—Genesis 28:10-22
(supporting: Genesis 25:19-34; 27)
BOTTOM LINE: You can trust that God has a plan.

WEEK FOUR: Jacob and Esau’s Reconciliation—Genesis 31:3; 32:3-32; 33:1-17
BOTTOM LINE: You can trust God even when you’re worried.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding.” Proverbs 3:5, NIrV

WEEK ONE: Joseph Sold By Brothers and Joseph in Jail—Genesis 37, 39–40
BOTTOM LINE: Hold on because God is with you.

WEEK TWO: Joseph Forgives His Brothers—Genesis 41–45
BOTTOM LINE: Hold on because there’s a bigger story.

WEEK THREE: Moses Is Born—Exodus 2:1-10
(supporting: Exodus 1)
BOTTOM LINE: Hold on even when you don’t know what to do.

WEEK FOUR: Burning Bush & the 10 Plagues—Exodus 3:6-12, 7-12:42
BOTTOM LINE: Hold on because God knows what you’re going through.

WEEK FIVE: Israel Goes Through the Red Sea—Exodus 13:17-14:31
BOTTOM LINE: We can use our gifts together to make a greater difference.

“Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don’t give up.” Galatians 6:9, NIrV

CORE INSIGHTS:
COMPASSION • DESIGN

SERIES DESCRIPTION:
Throughout history, God has been faithful to us. God kept the promise to send Jesus to save us. When we remember that God will continue to be dependable, we can choose to trust God no matter what we might face in life.

CORE INSIGHTS:
TRUTH • CONNECTION

SERIES DESCRIPTION:
Jesus endured through the pain of the cross so that we would be able to have a forever relationship with God. God gives us the Holy Spirit to empower us to keep going, even when life gets difficult.

CORE INSIGHTS:
FAITH • TRUTH

SERIES DESCRIPTION:
God is love. Even though we’ve all sinned, God loves us enough to make a way to fix our broken relationship. Jesus showed us how much God loves us by dying on the cross for our sins. We can love others the way God loves us.

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BOTTOM LINE: You can do what you should even when others are afraid.

WEEK TWO: David Anointed / Goliath—1 Samuel 16:1-13, 17:1-51
BOTTOM LINE: You can do what you should even when things seem impossible.

WEEK THREE: Daniel Is Thrown Into a Den of Lions—Daniel 6
BOTTOM LINE: You can do what you should because God is with you.

WEEK FOUR: Esther—The Book of Esther
BOTTOM LINE: You can do what you should even when you don’t know what will happen.

“Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the LORD your God. I will be with you everywhere you go.” Joshua 1:9b, Niv

WEEK ONE: Jesus Is Promised—Isaiah 9:6-7
BOTTOM LINE: God always has a plan.

WEEK TWO: Zechariah/Elizabeth and Gabriel/Mary—Luke 1:5-66
BOTTOM LINE: Anything is possible with God.

WEEK THREE: Jesus Is Born—Luke 2:1-7
BOTTOM LINE: Jesus is the greatest gift.

WEEK FOUR: Shepherds and Angels—Luke 2:8-20
BOTTOM LINE: The good news is for everyone.

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord.” Luke 2:11, Niv

WEEK ONE: The Wise Men Visit Jesus—Matthew 2:1-12
BOTTOM LINE: Never stop searching for what’s true.

BOTTOM LINE: Knowing God is the most important thing.

WEEK THREE: Jesus’ Baptism—John 1:19-42, John 3:22-36
(bottom supporting: Matthew 3)
BOTTOM LINE: When you discover something new, it can change you.

(bottom supporting: Matthew 4:1-11)
BOTTOM LINE: Remembering what’s true can help you make the wise choice.

WEEK FIVE: John the Baptist in Prison—Matthew 11:1-6
(bottom supporting: James 1:5)
BOTTOM LINE: If you don’t understand something, ask.

““The Lord gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding come from his mouth.” Proverbs 2:6, Niv

SERIES DESCRIPTION:
God may ask us to take a risk or do something we might not feel prepared to do. But God will also give us the courage we need to face that challenge. Jesus faced the biggest challenge of all: death on the cross. He chose to be brave and follow God’s plan.

CORE INSIGHTS:
FAITH • TRANSFORMATION

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 INSIGHTS:
COMPASSION • TRUTH

SERIES DESCRIPTION:
We may never know all there is to know about God, but there are lots of ways we can get to know God. We can know God best through Jesus, who showed us how much God loves us. When we know more about God, we can live for God.

CORE INSIGHTS:
TRUTH • TRANSFORMATION
“Do to others as you want them to do to you.”
Luke 6:31, NIrV

“Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you.” Colossians 3:13, NIrV

“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
SERIES DESCRIPTION:
Jesus promised that He would always be with us. Because we believe this is true, we can be confident in Him every day. You can have confidence that God's Spirit is working to transform you into exactly who God created you to be.

CORE INSIGHTS:
FAITH • TRANSFORMATION

BOTTOM LINE: Share God’s love with others.

BOTTOM LINE: God sent the Holy Spirit to help you.

WEEK THREE: Peter and John Are Taken to the Sanhedrin—Acts 3:1-4:21
BOTTOM LINE: God is with you no matter what.

WEEK FOUR: Philip—Acts 8:26-40
BOTTOM LINE: God is with you even when you have questions.

“So we say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.’”
Hebrews 13:6a, NIV

WEEK FIVE: Heaven—Revelation 21:3-5a
BOTTOM LINE: God will make everything right in the end.

“God’s grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn’t come from anything you do. It is God’s gift.” Ephesians 2:8, Nlrv

MONTHS WITH A FAMILY EXPERIENCE INCLUDED

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Showing others how much they matter to you

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Putting your confidence in someone you can depend on

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Refusing to give up when life gets hard

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