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 | THE CREATION STORY SHOWS US WE ARE WONDERFULLY MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

NOVEMBER | GOD SHOWS GOODNESS TO ELIJAH, MOSES, AND NEHEMIAH

FEBRUARY | EVERYTHING JESUS DID SHOWS US HOW MUCH HE LOVES US

MAY | PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE SHOW US DIFFERENT WAYS GOD MADE US TO HELP

SEPTEMBER | WHEN WE READ ABOUT PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE IT REMINDS US THAT GOD LOVES US

DECEMBER | JESUS, GOD’S ONLY SON, CAME TO SHOW US HOW MUCH GOD LOVES US

MARCH | JESUS TAUGHT US HOW TO LOVE OTHERS

OCTOBER | NOAH AND JOSEPH SHOW US WE CAN TRUST GOD’S PLANS, EVEN WHEN IT’S HARD

JANUARY | WE LEARN THAT JESUS SAID AND DID AMAZING THINGS

APRIL | WHAT JESUS DID, MEANS HE CAN BE YOUR FRIEND FOREVER

JUNE & JULY | PETER AND PAUL SHOW US HOW JESUS WANTS TO BE OUR FRIEND

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SERIES DESCRIPTION:
When was the last time you considered the wonder of this world—birds calling, crashing waves, snow-capped mountains, the person you see in the mirror? As amazing as this world is, the person you see in the mirror is God’s most wonderful creation because people are the only creation made in God’s very own image.

CORE INSIGHT: IDENTITY

WEEK ONE: God Made You*—Genesis 1
WEEK TWO: Wonderfully Made*—Psalm 139:14; Genesis 1:26
WEEK THREE: In God’s Image—Acts 17:24; Psalm 46:1, Proverbs 2:6
WEEK FOUR: You Are Important to God—Luke 12:7

BOTTOM LINE: GOD MADE ME WONDERFUL.
“I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” Psalm 139:14, NIV

SERIES DESCRIPTION:
Compassion, love, regret, sadness, anger... these are emotions God felt in the Bible. We are made in God’s image so these emotions can be felt by us, too. And even though we don’t always respond to our emotions the way God wants, God will always love us no matter what.

CORE INSIGHT: FAITH

WEEK ONE: Hannah Is Sad—1 Samuel 1:2-20
WEEK TWO: Gideon Is Scared—Judges 6:2-4, 11-12
WEEK THREE: Moses Is Frustrated—Numbers 11:4-17
WEEK FOUR: Abraham and Sarah Are Happy*—Genesis 21:1-8

BOTTOM LINE: GOD LOVES ME NO MATTER WHAT.
“Trust in the Lord with all your heart.” Proverbs 3:5, NIV

SERIES DESCRIPTION:
God is not random. There is purpose behind everything that God does. God has a unique plan for every person ever. The question is, do we believe and trust in God’s plans?

CORE INSIGHT: CONNECTION

WEEK ONE: Noah’s Ark*—Genesis 6–7
WEEK TWO: God’s Promise—Genesis 8–9:17
WEEK THREE: Joseph’s Journey—Genesis 37; Genesis 39–40
WEEK FOUR: Joseph and the Grain—Genesis 41–45
WEEK FIVE: God’s Plan For Me—Jeremiah 29:11

BOTTOM LINE: GOD HAS PLANS FOR ME.
“For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord.” Jeremiah 29:11, NLT

* Monthly story for Toddler Curriculum  Months with a Preschool Family Experience included
SERIES DESCRIPTION:
God is good. And if you look for it, you’ll see it. You’ll see God’s goodness in creation, the food you eat, your family, your friends, and the people who help you. The key is in looking for it, and when you see it, give thanks to God for it!

CORE INSIGHT:
DESIGN

WEEK ONE: Every Good and Perfect Gift—James 1:17; Genesis 1
WEEK TWO: Elijah and the Widow*—1 Kings 17:7-16
WEEK THREE: Aaron Helps Moses—Exodus 17:8-13
WEEK FOUR: Nehemiah Builds a Wall—Nehemiah 1-6

BOTTOM LINE: GOD IS GOOD.
“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.” Psalm 107:1, NIV

SERIES DESCRIPTION:
Loving everyone is special. Turning water into wine is special. Teaching people about God is special. Healing people is special. Feeding people is special. But when we think of Jesus, there is one thing that is most special about Him. Jesus is God’s Son. That is what makes Jesus so very special.

CORE INSIGHT:
CONNECTION

WEEK ONE: The Angel and Mary—Luke 1:26-33, 38, 46-49
WEEK TWO: Jesus Is Born*—Luke 2:1-7
WEEK FOUR: Wise Men—Matthew 2:1-2; 2:9-11

BOTTOM LINE: JESUS IS GOD’S SON.
“He loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.” John 3:16, GNT

SERIES DESCRIPTION:
We throw the word “amazing” around a lot. But imagine what it would have been like to watch Jesus calm a storm or give a man sight. It would have been like nothing you have ever seen before. That is the kind of amazing Jesus is — the “no one else can do this” amazing.

CORE INSIGHT:
FAITH

WEEK ONE: Jesus Teaches at the Temple—Luke 2:41-50
WEEK TWO: Water to Wine—John 2:1-11
WEEK THREE: Calming the Storm—Matthew 8:23-27
WEEK FOUR: Catching Fish*—Luke 5:1-10
WEEK FIVE: Healing the Blind Man—John 9:1-12

BOTTOM LINE: JESUS IS AMAZING.
“Everyone who heard him was amazed.” Luke 2:47, NIV
SERIES DESCRIPTION:
During Jesus’ time on earth, He showed us how He loves. Jesus loved children and wanted to be with them. Jesus loved His friends and spent time with them. Jesus loved people by helping them. Jesus loved people no matter what they had done and forgave them. And His love for us is the same.

CORE INSIGHT:
TRUTH

“How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.” Ephesians 3:18, NIV

WEEK ONE: Jesus and the Children—Luke 18:15-16
WEEK TWO: Mary and Martha*—Luke 10:38-42
WEEK THREE: The Centurion—Matthew 8:5-13
WEEK FOUR: The Thankful Woman—Luke 7:36-50

WEEK TWO: Jesus Is Gentle—Mark 5: 25-34
WEEK THREE: Jesus Helps*—John 6:1-13
WEEK FOUR: Jesus Loves Everyone—The Gospels

SERIES DESCRIPTION:
Jesus showed us how to love each other while He was on earth. We can love others by praying for them. We can love others by being kind to them. We can love others by sharing with them. And Jesus was very clear about who “them” is – “them” is everyone.

CORE INSIGHT:
TRANSFORMATION

“A friend loves at all times.” Proverbs 17:17, NIV

WEEK TWO: Jesus Is Gentle—Mark 5: 25-34
WEEK THREE: Jesus Helps*—John 6:1-13
WEEK FOUR: Jesus Loves Everyone—The Gospels

WEEK ONE: Palm Sunday—Matthew 21:1-11, 15-16
WEEK THREE: Breakfast on the Beach—John 21:1-14
WEEK FOUR: Great Commission—Matthew 28:19-20
WEEK FIVE: Early Church—Acts 2:42-47

BOTTOM LINE: JESUS IS ALIVE.
“I am alive for ever and ever!” Revelation 1:18, NIV

SERIES DESCRIPTION:
The greatest love is to give one’s life for someone else. And that’s what Jesus did for all people. He died for us. But that’s not the best part of the story. What happened after Jesus died is what changed everything. Jesus came back! Jesus is ALIVE, today, and He wants us to follow Him!

CORE INSIGHT:
TRUTH

“An old friend loves at all times.” Proverbs 17:17, NIV

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SERIES DESCRIPTION:
We are made in God’s image to help others. God has given us unique abilities to use to help others. God sent Jesus to show us how to help others. Helping others is a pretty big deal! And that’s why God is with us, helping us help others, every step of the way.

CORE INSIGHT:
COMPASSION

WEEK TWO: The Four Friends*—Mark 2:1-12

BOTTOM LINE: GOD MADE ME TO HELP OTHERS.
“We have the Lord our God to help us.” 2 Chronicles 32:8, NLT

WEEK THREE: Timothy and Tabitha—1 Timothy 4:12; Acts 9:36-39
WEEK FOUR: Rebekah Helps—Genesis 24:15-20

JUNE

SERIES DESCRIPTION:
We see God’s love on display through Jesus, who came to rescue us. We respond to God in faith, trusting in Jesus who wants to be our friend forever.

CORE INSIGHT:
FAITH

WEEK TWO: Ananias Helps Paul—Acts 9:10-31

BOTTOM LINE: JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.
“‘Come and follow me,’ Jesus said.” Matthew 4:19, NIrV

WEEK THREE: Peter Goes to the House of Cornelius—Acts 10
WEEK FOUR: An Angel Helps Peter Escape from Prison—Acts 12:1-19

JULY

SERIES DESCRIPTION:
We continue discovering more about what it means to grow in our faith. When we have a relationship with Jesus, He helps us love others in the same way He loves us. We have faith that Jesus will be our friend forever because He is preparing a place for us.

CORE INSIGHT:
FAITH

WEEK ONE: Salvation Is God’s Gift—Ephesians 2:8-9
WEEK TWO: Paul and Silas Are Thrown Into Prison—Acts 16:16-40

WEEK FOUR: The Church*—Hebrews 10:23-25

WEEK FIVE: Heaven—John 14:3; Revelation 21:3-5

BOTTOM LINE: JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.
“Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us.” Ephesians 5:2, NIV
2022/2023 THEMES

FALL 2022

AUGUST
AWESOME ARTIST

SEPTEMBER
Always

OCTOBER
Hole In One

WINTER 2022

NOVEMBER
Donut Time

DECEMBER
Pajama Party

JANUARY
Wonderful Workshop

SPRING 2023

FEBRUARY
Candy Hearts

MARCH
Confetti Toss

APRIL
123

SUMMER 2023

MAY
TO THE RESCUE

JUNE & JULY
READY, SET, MOVE!

🚀 Months with a Preschool Family Experience included

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# Bible Stories: Two-Year Overview

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BIBLE STORIES

TWO-YEAR OVERVIEW

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)
Peter’s Denial and Restoration (Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75, John 21:15-17)
Disciples Tell Others (Matthew 28:16-20)
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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)
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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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