



Overview

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

First Look preschool ministry curriculum provides you with the strategy and tools you need to create an engaging, inspiring, and excellent environment to give preschoolers an **everyday** faith that will last a lifetime.

FIRST LOOK BASIC TRUTHS—

1. God made me.
2. God loves me.
3. Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

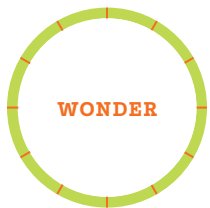
THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS

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.’”

MATTHEW 22:37-39, NIV

Three Relational Motives



Move kids to love God by inciting wonder.



Move kids to love life by inciting 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.

2023-2024 THEMES

Months with a Preschool Family Experience included

SEASON 1



AUGUST



SEPTEMBER



OCTOBER

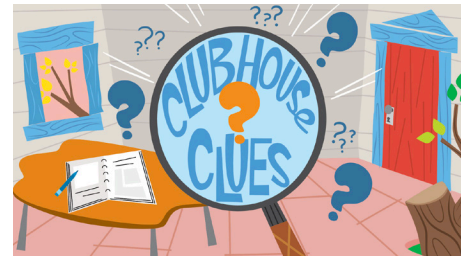
SEASON 2



NOVEMBER



DECEMBER



JANUARY

SEASON 3



FEBRUARY



MARCH



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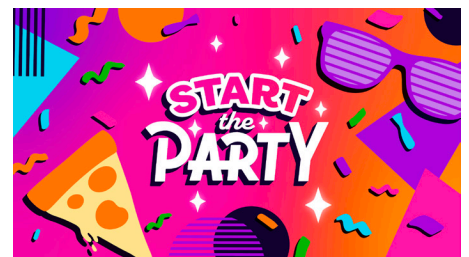
SEASON 4



MAY



JUNE



JULY

2023-2024 THEMES

* Monthly Story for Toddler Curriculum

AUGUST



BOTTOM LINE: God made everything.

MEMORY VERSE: "God saw everything he had made. And it was very good." Genesis 1:31, NIV

WEEK ONE: Light and Dark;*
Sky Above Water
(Genesis 1:3-8)

WEEK TWO: Land, Plants, and Seas;
Sun, Moon, and Stars*
(Genesis 1:9-19)

WEEK THREE: Sea Animals and Birds*
(Genesis 1:20-23)

WEEK FOUR: Land Animals and People*
(Genesis 1:24-2:3)

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

There was a time when there was nothing. Then God said, "Let there be . . ." And it was—the whole world and everything in it. God took a look at everything He had made and saw that it was good. Let's follow God's lead and start seeing everything God made the way He does . . . good.

CORE INSIGHT: Design

SEPTEMBER



BOTTOM LINE: God knows what's best for me.

MEMORY VERSE: "God...knows everything." 1 John 3:20, NIV

WEEK ONE: In the Garden
(Genesis 1:31, 2:8-3:24)

WEEK TWO: Moses and the Sea
(Exodus 13:17-18, 14)

WEEK THREE: Jonah*
(Jonah 1:1-3:10)

WEEK FOUR: Naaman
(2 Kings 5:1-14)

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

God knows everything. God knows how things work. God knows how we feel. God knows how it's going to turn out. God knows what will happen if we go this way . . . or that way. Add to it that God loves us and we truly can trust that God knows what's best for us.

CORE INSIGHT: Connection

This month includes Preschool Family Experience

OCTOBER



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: Rahab and the Spies
(Joshua 2:1-24, 6:24-25)

WEEK TWO: David and Goliath*
(1 Samuel 17:1-50)

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

WEEK FOUR: Esther
(Esther 2:21-8:17)

WEEK FIVE: Miriam
(Exodus 2:4-10, 15:20-21; Micah 6:4)

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

There's a form of bravery that people can muster to get through dentist appointments or go skydiving. But then there's God-brave—a bravery that can only come from knowing the one, true God. God-brave helps us go beyond what we can do and experience God working through us to do what only God can do.

CORE INSIGHT: Faith

2023-2024 THEMES

NOVEMBER



BOTTOM LINE: I can thank God for everything.

MEMORY VERSE: "Always give thanks to God." Ephesians 5:20, NIV

WEEK ONE: Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz (Ruth 1-2)

WEEK TWO: David and Jonathan (1 Samuel 18:1-4)

WEEK THREE: Manna and Quail (Exodus 16)

WEEK FOUR: David Praises God* (2 Samuel 6:12-15, Psalm 149:1-5)

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

When we remember that God made everything—and all that God made is good—it should move us to thank God for everything. Thank God for who He is and what He's done. For family, friends, and food—we have a lot to be thankful for!

CORE INSIGHT: Design

DECEMBER



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, 46-49)

WEEK TWO: Jesus Is Born* (Luke 2:1-7)

WEEK THREE: The Shepherds (Luke 2:8-23)

WEEK FOUR: Happy Birthday, Jesus! (Luke 1:26-2:23)

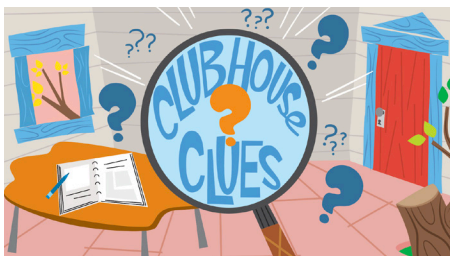
WEEK FIVE: The Wise Men (Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11)

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Have you ever loved someone so much that you gave all you had to give them the best gift? And when the time came to give your gift, your heart felt like it would explode with love, joy, and excitement? That is a tiny glimpse of the heart of God the night Jesus was born.

CORE INSIGHT: Connection

JANUARY



BOTTOM LINE: Jesus teaches me important things.

MEMORY VERSE: "The people were amazed at his teaching." Matthew 7:28, NCV

WEEK ONE: Jesus Teaches a Crowd (Mark 6:30-34)

WEEK TWO: Birds and Flowers* (Matthew 6:25-34)

WEEK THREE: Bigger Barns (Acts 2:45; Luke 12:16-23)

WEEK FOUR: Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-24)

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

While Jesus was on earth, huge crowds flocked to hear Him teach. Why? Yes, there was the chance of seeing a miracle, but it was also because they believed Jesus taught important things. And they were right! Jesus taught important things then, and He still teaches us important things now.

CORE INSIGHT: Truth

 This month includes Preschool Family Experience

2023-2024 THEMES

FEBRUARY



BOTTOM LINE: Jesus loves everyone.

MEMORY VERSE: "Be kind and loving to each other."
Ephesians 4:32, NCV

WEEK ONE: Jesus and the Leper
(Mark 1:40-50)

WEEK TWO: The Unloved Woman
(John 8:2-11)

WEEK THREE: Zacchaeus*
(Luke 19:1-10)

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

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

The love Jesus gives the world is hard for us to comprehend because it's bigger and more gracious than the love the world offers. The love of Jesus is for everyone—everyone. Nothing can make Jesus stop loving us—nothing. It's a God-sized love that has to be received before it's understood. It's that good.

CORE INSIGHT: Compassion

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MARCH



BOTTOM LINE: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

MEMORY VERSE: "I have called you friends." John 15:15, NIV

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

WEEK TWO: Follow Me
(Matthew 9:9-12; Luke 5:1-11)

WEEK THREE: Washing Feet
(John 13:3-17)

WEEK FOUR: Palm Sunday
(Matthew 23:1-11,15-16)

WEEK FIVE: Easter*
(Matthew 26:23-30, 27:1-2, 28:1;
John 23:1-14)

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

The immoral woman who had been kicked out of the friend group. The greedy man who stole from his family. The uneducated. The poor. The sick. The outcast. Jesus called them all friends while He was on Earth. And Jesus still calls everyone who follows Him "friends," today and forever.

CORE INSIGHT: Connection

 This month includes
Preschool Family Experience

APRIL



BOTTOM LINE: I can do what Jesus says.

MEMORY VERSE: "Let your light shine."
Matthew 5:16, NIV

WEEK ONE: Light of the World*
(Matthew 5:1-2, 14-16)

WEEK TWO: Great Commission
(Matthew 28:19-20)

WEEK THREE: Early Church
(Acts 2:42-47; John 15:12;
Hebrews 10:24)

WEEK FOUR: Shine Like the Stars
(Philippians 2:14-16)

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Something special happens in a person when they choose to follow Jesus and do what He says. A light begins to shine. The closer they follow Jesus, the brighter the light becomes. They can't hide it, nor would they want to. It's the light of Jesus shining through them for the world to see.

CORE INSIGHT: Restoration

2023-2024 THEMES

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MAY



BOTTOM LINE: God loves me.

MEMORY VERSE: "I will always love you."
Jeremiah 31:3, CEV

WEEK ONE: King Josiah
(2 Chronicles 34)

WEEK TWO: Hannah*
(1 Samuel 1-2)

WEEK THREE: Jeremiah
(Jeremiah 31:3, 29:11)

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

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

God shows us daily how much He loves us in how He speaks to us through the Bible and listens to us when we pray. God's never-ending love for us is so amazing that we should be moved to talk about God to others and live for God in all we say and do.

CORE INSIGHT: Transformation

JUNE



BOTTOM LINE: I can have joy all the time.

MEMORY VERSE: "A joyful heart is good medicine."
Proverbs 17:22, ESV

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

WEEK TWO: Feast of Booths
(Deuteronomy 16:13-17)

WEEK THREE: Ezra Rebuilds the Temple
(Ezra 3:10-13)

WEEK FOUR: Joy in the Psalms*
(Psalms 8, 16, and 19)

WEEK FIVE: God Will Give Us Joy
(Habakkuk 3:17-18)

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

God is the source of our joy. Our circumstances might not always make us feel happy, but we can have joy knowing that God continues to work in our lives. When we have a relationship with God through Jesus, God's Spirit can help us find joy no matter what is happening around us.

CORE INSIGHT: Faith

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Preschool Family Experience

JULY



BOTTOM LINE: Jesus gives me joy.

MEMORY VERSE: "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."
Luke 2:10, NIV

WEEK ONE: Shepherds and Angels*
(Luke 2:8-20)

WEEK TWO: Wedding at Cana
(John 2:1-11)

WEEK THREE: Be Joyful with Others
(Romans 12:15)

WEEK FOUR: Heaven
(Revelation 21, 22:1-5)

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

God is the source of our joy. Our circumstances might not always make us feel happy, but we can have joy knowing that God continues to work in our lives. When we have a relationship with God through Jesus, God's Spirit can help us find joy no matter what is happening around us.

CORE INSIGHT: Faith

BIBLE STORIES

TWO-YEAR OVERVIEW

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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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)

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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