

Understanding the Whole Story (Scope and Sequence)

DWELL is intentionally crafted as an ongoing journey in God’s story. Each year builds on the previous one—from preschool all the way through grade 8. In age-appropriate ways, children are introduced to beautiful simplicity, growing complexity, and deeper mystery.

The chart below shows the overall flow of the curriculum and how all the pieces fit together. An interactive version of this Scope and Sequence, including an overview of each lesson, is available at DwellCurriculum.org.

Play (Preschool)
Based on 36 stories from Genesis through Acts, Play leads you and the four- and five-year-olds in your Sunday school, home school, preschool, or daycare on a joyful discovery of God’s love.

YEAR 1 Units	Imagine (Grades K-1)	Wonder (Grades 2-3)	Marvel (Grades 4-5)	Dive (Grades 6-8)
Unit 1	Imagine Being Part of God’s Family	Wonder About God’s Amazing Plan	Marvel at God’s Love	What Do I Do When Things Fall Apart?
Unit 2	Imagine Following God’s Directions	Wonder About God’s Daring Mission	Marvel at God’s Mercy	What’s the Covenant All About?
Unit 3	Imagine Meeting Jesus	Wonder About Jesus’ Amazing Power	Marvel at the Holy Spirit’s Power	Who Is God?
Unit 4	Imagine Walking With Jesus	Wonder About Jesus’ Loving Care	Marvel at the Holy Spirit’s Work	Who Is Jesus?
Unit 5	Imagine God’s Incredible Rescue Plan	Wonder About Jesus’ Incredible Love	Marvel at God’s New Beginnings	Who Is the Holy Spirit?
Unit 6	Imagine Seeing God’s Power	Wonder About the Holy Spirit’s Life-Changing Power	Marvel at God’s Protection	Who Is the Church?

YEAR 2 Units	Imagine (Grades K-1)	Wonder (Grades 2-3)	Marvel (Grades 4-5)	Dive (Grades 6-8)
Unit 1	Imagine Trusting God	Wonder About God’s Never-Ending Love for Creation	Marvel at God’s Faithfulness	What Is Being a Christian All About?
Unit 2	Imagine Working for God	Wonder About God’s Growing Family	Marvel at God’s Wisdom and Strength	What’s with All the Rules?
Unit 3	Imagine Seeing Jesus Do Great Things	Wonder About God’s Extraordinary Plan for Ordinary People	Marvel at God’s Message	Can’t We All Just Get Along?
Unit 4	Imagine Seeing Jesus’ Power	Wonder About God’s Powerful Plans	Marvel at God’s Staying Power	Who’s Number 1?
Unit 5	Imagine God Creating Everything	Wonder About God’s Surprising Protection	Marvel at God’s Persistence	Does What I Do Make a Difference?
Unit 6	Imagine Jesus Caring for Us	Wonder About God’s Growing Kingdom	Marvel at God’s Plan	What Do I Say When I Pray?

YEAR 3 Units Dive (Grades 6-8)		
Unit 1 Worship	Unit 3 Prayer	Unit 5 Bible Reading
Unit 2 Justice	Unit 4 Stewardship	Unit 6 Missional Living

Play

Session	Bible Passage	Summary
1. God Made the World	Genesis 1:1-25	God made the world beautiful and good and filled it with wonderful animals, fish, and birds.
2. God Made People	Genesis 1:26-31; 2:18-25	People are the most special part of God's creation.
3. Adam and Eve Disobey	Genesis 3	Adam and Eve disobeyed God.
4. Noah Obeys God	Genesis 6-9	God saved Noah and his family.
5. Abraham and Sarah Obey God	Genesis 12:1-9	Abraham listened to God and obeyed.
6. God Takes Care of Joseph	Genesis 37-41	God took good care of Joseph.
7. Joseph Helps His Brothers	Genesis 42-46	God took care of Joseph and his brothers.
8. Moses: From Basket to Palace	Exodus 2:1-10	God watched over baby Moses and kept him safe.
9. Moses: Exodus	Exodus 14:15-21	God is powerful!
10. Moses: Manna in the Desert	Exodus 16; Numbers 11:7-9	God gave the Israelites food.
11. Joshua and the Tall Wall	Joshua 6:1-21	God can do amazing things.
12. Hannah's Prayer	1 Samuel 1	God hears our prayers.
13. Samuel Listens	1 Samuel 3:1-18	God talked to Samuel; Samuel listened.
14. David and Goliath	1 Samuel 17	David trusted in God's power.
15. Elisha and the Widow's Oil	2 Kings 4:1-7	God helped the widow and her sons.
16. Elisha and Naaman	2 Kings 5:1-16	God made Naaman well.
17. Jonah and the Giant Fish	Jonah 1-3	God is with us—always and everywhere.
18. Daniel and the Lions	Daniel 6	God is with us—always and everywhere.
19. Jesus Is Born	Luke 2:1-20	We celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas.
20. A Visit from the Magi	Matthew 2:1-12	We want to worship Jesus.
21. Anna Waits	Luke 2:36-38	We want to worship Jesus.
22. Jesus Calls His Disciples	Mark 1:16-18; 2:13-14	Jesus wants us to be his friends and helpers.

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23. Jesus Heals a Little Boy	John 4:43-53	Jesus made the little boy well again.
24. Jesus Heals a Man Who Couldn't Walk	Mark 2:1-13	Jesus made the man walk again.
25. Jesus Calms the Storm	Matthew 8:23-27	Jesus is more powerful than storms.
26. Jesus Feeds a Big Crowd	John 6:1-14	Jesus loves and cares for hungry people.
27. Jesus Heals Ten Sick Men	Luke 17:11-19	Jesus wants us to thank him for everything he's given us.
28. Jesus Heals a Man Who Couldn't See	Mark 8:22-26	Jesus loves and cares for people who can't see.
29. Jesus and the Children	Mark 10:13-16	Jesus loves children.
30. Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1-10	Jesus loves us—always.
31. Palm Sunday	Mark 11:1-11	We praise Jesus.
32. Easter	John 20:11-18	Jesus died for our sins, but God brought him back to life.
33. Jesus Changes Paul	Acts 9:1-20	Jesus changed Paul from an enemy into a friend.
34. Paul and the Wall	Acts 9:20-25	Jesus took care of Paul when he was in trouble.
35. Escape!	Acts 23:12-35	God gives us people to love us and help us.
36. Shipwreck!	Acts 27	Jesus takes care of us, even in frightening times.

Imagine | Year 1

Session	Bible Passage	Summary
Unit 1: Imagine . . . Being Part of God's Family		
1. Abraham and Sarah	Genesis 12-13	Abraham and Sarah belonged to God; we belong to God too.
2. The Birth of Isaac	Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7	God can do anything. God promised to give Abraham and Sarah a son, and God did. We can trust God's promises to us too.
3. Rebekah and Isaac	Genesis 24	God cared for Abraham's family. God cares for us too.
4. Jacob and Esau	Genesis 27	Jacob did and said something wrong. But he still belonged to God. Even when we make God unhappy, God forgives us and loves us.
5. Baby Moses	Exodus 2:1-10	God protected baby Moses; God protects us when we are afraid.
6. Moses and the Burning Bush	Exodus 2:11- Exodus 4	God called a reluctant Moses and promised to help him rescue the Israelites.
Unit 2: Imagine . . . Following God's Directions		
1. Exodus	Exodus 12-15	God saved the people from Pharaoh and set them free.
2. Manna	Exodus 16; Numbers 11:7-8	God's people trust God for their daily food.
3. Ten Commandments	Exodus 19; 20; 31:18	God's people love God and love each other.
4. Golden Calf	Exodus 32	Sometimes God's people disobey the rule to love God.
5. Ruth (The Choice)	Ruth 1:1-18	We are to love God and show kindness to others, as Ruth did.
6. Ruth (Blessings)	Ruth 1:19 - Ruth 4	God was good to Ruth; God is good to us.
Unit 3: Imagine . . . Meeting Jesus		
1. Mary Learns about Jesus	Luke 1:26-38	Mary learned she would be Jesus' mother.
2. Shepherds Learn about Jesus	Luke 2:1-20	The shepherds learned that Jesus the Savior was born in Bethlehem.
3. Simeon and Anna Learn about Jesus	Luke 2:21-38	Simeon and Anna learned that God kept the wonderful promise to send a Savior.
4. Magi Learn about Jesus	Matthew 2:1-12	The Magi learned about Jesus' birth and traveled far to worship him.
5. People in the Temple Learn about Jesus	Luke 2:41-52	People in the temple learned that Jesus was God's Son.
6. Peter Learns about Jesus	Matthew 14:22-23	Peter learned to trust Jesus; Jesus wants us to trust him too.

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Unit 4: Imagine . . . Walking With Jesus		
1. People at a Party Learn about Jesus	John 2:1-11	The people at the wedding learn that Jesus is able to do wonderful things called miracles.
2. A Man Who Can't Walk Learns about Jesus	Luke 5:17-26	A man who can't walk learns that Jesus is able to make us well.
3. A Little Girl Learns about Jesus	Mark 5:21-24, 35-43	A little girl learns that Jesus has power to bring dead people back to life.
4. Children Learn about Jesus	Mark 10:13-16	Children learn that Jesus loves them.
5. Mary and Martha Learn about Jesus	Luke 10:38-42	Mary and Martha learn how important it is to listen to Jesus.
6. Zacchaeus Learns about Jesus	Luke 19:1-10	Zacchaeus learns that Jesus loves us even though we sometimes do bad things.
Unit 5: Imagine . . . God's Incredible Rescue Plan		
Easter: Jesus Is Alive!	Matthew 28	Like Jesus' friends at the tomb, we are happy that Jesus is alive.
1. Noah Obeys God	Genesis 6-7	Noah obeyed God's command to build an ark.
2. God Saves Noah	Genesis 8:1-9:17	God saved Noah and his family from the flood.
3. Rahab Believes in God	Joshua 2	Rahab believed in God and helped God's people.
4. God Saves Rahab	Joshua 6	God saved Rahab and her family, and they became part of God's people.
5. Gideon Obeys God	Selections from Judges 6-7	God asked Gideon to lead God's people, and Gideon obeyed.
Unit 6: Imagine . . . Seeing God's Power		
1. Elijah Prays to God	1 Kings 18:16-39	God heard Elijah and answered his prayers.
2. God Heals Naaman	2 Kings 5:1-16	Naaman obeyed God, and God healed his leprosy.
3. Jonah Disobeys God	Jonah 1-2	God is unhappy when people do not obey.
4. God Forgives Nineveh	Jonah 3-4	God wanted Jonah and the people of Nineveh to be sorry for disobeying and to obey.
5. God Saves Three Obedient Friends	Daniel 3	Three friends faced great danger to obey God, and God saved them.
6. God Saves Daniel	Daniel 6	Although Daniel faced great danger, he obeyed God and God saved him.

Imagine | Year 2

Session	Bible Passage	Summary
Unit 1: Imagine . . . Trusting God		
1. God Cares for Joseph	Genesis 37	God took care of Joseph.
2. Joseph Trusts God	Genesis 41:41 - Genesis 45	Joseph trusted God to care for him and his family.
3. Hannah Prays to God	1 Samuel 1:9-2:11	Hannah trusted God and God answered her prayer.
4. Samuel Listens to God	1 Samuel 3	Samuel listened to God, and God was with him.
5. David, a Good Shepherd	1 Samuel 17:34-37; Psalm 23	God loves us and protects us—like a shepherd cares for sheep.
6. David Trusts God	1 Samuel 17	David trusted God to save him from Goliath.
Unit 2: Imagine . . . Working for God		
1. Jesus Changes Paul	Acts 9:1-19	Jesus changed Paul from an enemy to a friend.
2. Jesus Keeps Paul Safe	Acts 9:20-31	Jesus kept Paul safe so he could tell others about Jesus.
3. Jesus Sends Paul Out	Acts 16:11-40	Paul helped the jailer believe in Jesus.
4. Jesus Helps Paul Escape	Acts 23	Jesus used Paul's nephew to help Paul escape.
5. Jesus Keeps Everyone Safe	Acts 27	Paul trusted Jesus to care for him and everyone on the ship through the storm.
6. Jesus Helps Paul in Malta	Acts 28:1-16	Jesus protected Paul and used him to heal many people.
Unit 3: Imagine . . . Seeing Jesus Do Great Things		
Christmas: Angels and Shepherds Welcome Jesus	Luke 2:1-20	The angels and shepherds praised God for sending Jesus.
1. Matthew Follows Jesus	Luke 5:27-32	Jesus called Matthew, and Matthew followed him.
2. A Crowd Praises God	Luke 7:11-17	Jesus made a widow's son alive again and people praised God.
3. Jesus and a Thankful Man	Luke 17:11-19	Jesus healed ten men who were sick, but only one said thank you.
4. Jesus Heals a Man Who Couldn't See	Luke 18:35-43	Jesus healed a man who couldn't see, and the man praised God.
5. Mary Honors Jesus	John 12:1-11	Mary honored Jesus by giving him a beautiful gift.

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Unit 4: Imagine . . . Seeing Jesus' Power		
1. A Crowd Honors Jesus	Matthew 21:1-17	Grown-ups and children honor King Jesus with a parade of praise.
2. Jesus Dies	John 18-19	Jesus died for us.
3. Jesus Is Alive!	John 20:1-18; Acts 1:1-9	Jesus is alive again and will always be with us.
4. A Man Jumps for Joy	Acts 3:1-16	Jesus heals a man who couldn't walk, and the happy man praises God.
5. Peter and Tabitha	Acts 9:36-43	When Jesus made Tabitha alive again, many people believed in him.
6. Peter Is Rescued	Acts 12:1-19	Peter's friends pray, and Jesus helps Peter escape from prison.
Unit 5: Imagine . . . God Creating Everything		
1. Night and Day	Genesis 1:1-5, 14-19	God gives us day and night.
2. Land and Water	Genesis 1:6-13	God gives us land, water, and plants.
3. Fish, Birds, and Animals	Genesis 1:20-25	God gives us fish, birds, and animals.
4. People	Genesis 1:26-31; 2:1-2, 8-9, 15-25	God created Adam and Eve.
5. Taking Care of God's World	Genesis 1:28; 2:15	We must take good care of God's world.
6. Adam and Eve Disobey	Genesis 3	God forgives us when we are sorry for disobeying.
Unit 6: Imagine . . . Jesus Caring for Us		
1. Feeding a Great Crowd	John 6:1-15	Jesus cares for hungry people.
2. Calming a Storm	Matthew 8:23-26	Jesus cares for frightened people.
3. Healing a Sick Boy	John 4:46-54	Jesus cares for sick people.
4. Comforting a Friend	John 11:1-45	Jesus cares about people who are sad.
5. Blessing the Children	Mark 10:13-16	Jesus cares for children.
6. Caring for His Lambs	Luke 15:1-7; John 10:14-15	Jesus is the good shepherd who loves us and cares for us.

Wonder | Year 1

Session	Bible Passage	Summary
Unit 1: Wonder . . . About God’s Amazing Plan		
1. The Birth of John the Baptist	Luke 1:5-25, 57-66, 80	God surprised Zechariah and Elizabeth with the promise of a special baby.
2. The Angel’s Message	Luke 1:26-38, 46-56	God surprised Mary with the promise of a baby—Jesus, the Messiah.
3. Jesus Is Born!	Luke 2:1-20	God surprised the world with the birth of the Savior.
4. Simeon and Anna	Luke 2:21-38	Simeon and Anna gladly welcomed the Savior.
5. Jesus in the Temple	Luke 2:41-52	We worship Jesus because he is God’s own Son.
6. Jesus Is Baptized	Luke 3:1-22	We worship Jesus, whose baptism shows he is God’s own Son.
Unit 2: Wonder . . . About God’s Daring Mission		
1. Jesus Is Tempted	Luke 4:1-13	We worship Jesus, our Savior, who obeyed God and said no to Satan’s temptations.
2. Jesus Calls Peter	Luke 5:1-11	Jesus called Peter to follow him; he calls us to be his followers too.
3. Jesus Calls Matthew	Luke 5:27-32	Jesus calls even sinners like Matthew to follow him.
4. Jesus Heals a Man Who Couldn’t Walk	Luke 5:17-26	Jesus wants us to have faith in him—to trust him for everything.
5. Jesus Heals the Centurion’s Servant	Luke 7:1-10	Jesus wants us to trust him to heal our sicknesses.
6. Jesus Heals a Sick Woman	Luke 8:43-48	Jesus is pleased when we show our faith in him.
Unit 3: Wonder . . . About Jesus’ Amazing Power		
Christmas: Wise Men Worship Jesus	Matthew 2:1-12	When Jesus was born, the wise men came and worshipped him.
1. Jesus Calms the Storm	Mark 4:35-41	Jesus’ power over the storm shows he is God’s Son.
2. Jesus Heals a Little Girl	Mark 5:21-24, 35-43	Jesus’ power over death shows he is God’s Son.
3. Jesus Turns Water into Wine	John 2:1-11	Jesus’ power to do miracles shows that he is God’s Son.
4. Jesus Feeds Four Thousand People	Matthew 15:29-39	Jesus has compassion for hungry people.
5. Jesus Heals a Man Who Can’t See	Mark 8:22-26	Jesus has compassion for all people.

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Unit 4: Wonder . . . About Jesus' Loving Care		
1. Jesus Blesses the Children	Mark 10:13-16	Jesus cares about children; they're an important part of the church and God's kingdom.
2. The Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-37	Jesus teaches us to care about each other.
3. Jesus and Two Sisters	Luke 10:38-42	Listening to Jesus is the most important and exciting part of belonging to him.
4. Jesus and Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1-10	Listening to Jesus means living for him.
5. Jesus and a Thankful Man	Luke 17:11-19	We want to thank Jesus for every good thing he has given us.
6. Jesus and a Thankful Woman	Luke 7:36-50	We want to thank Jesus for forgiving our sins.
Unit 5: Wonder . . . About Jesus' Incredible Love		
1. The Great Parade	Matthew 21:1-17	With the crowd on Palm Sunday, we welcome Jesus our King.
2. The Footwashing	John 13:1-17	Jesus chose to humbly serve his people; he tells us to serve too.
3. A Sad Night	Matthew 26:31-50, 69-75	Although his friends left him, Jesus chose to face arrest and trial.
4. Jesus Died/Jesus Lives!	Matthew 27:27-66; 28:1-10	Jesus' resurrection changes fear and sadness to great joy and wonder.
5. On the Road to Emmaus	Luke 24:13-49	After his resurrection, Jesus surprised two followers on the road to Emmaus.
6. Thomas, the Doubter	John 20:24-31	Even though we can't see Jesus, we believe he is alive today.
Unit 6: Wonder . . . About the Holy Spirit's Life-Changing Power		
1. Feed My Sheep	John 21:1-17	Even when we disappoint Jesus, he still loves us, forgives us, and gives us important things to do.
2. Jesus Goes Back to Heaven	Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:1-11	Our risen Lord Jesus ascended to heaven and he is still with us today.
3. Pentecost	Acts 2	At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit filled Jesus' disciples with power.
4. A Man Jumps for Joy	Acts 3:1-16	The Holy Spirit gave the apostles power to heal in Jesus' name.
5. Philip and the Man from Ethiopia	Acts 8:26-39	The Holy Spirit helped Jesus' followers bring the good news to all people.
6. Go Tell!	Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:6-11	Jesus commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all people.

Wonder | Year 2

Session	Bible Passage	Summary
Unit 1: Wonder . . . About God's Never-Ending Love for Creation		
1. Creation: Skies and Seas, Plants and Trees	Genesis 1:1-19	In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (days 1-4).
2. Creation: Owls and Octopuses, Panthers and People	Genesis 1:20-2:4	In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (days 5-7).
3. Creation: Taking Care of God's World	Genesis 2:4-25	God created people special and gave them the world to care for.
4. Sin Spoils God's World	Genesis 3	God's perfect creation was spoiled when Adam and Eve disobeyed.
5. Cain and Abel	Genesis 4:1-16	Sin spoiled our love for God and for each other.
6. Rain and Rainbows	Genesis 6:5-9:17	God destroyed the sinful world, but saved Noah and his family.
Unit 2: Wonder . . . About God's Growing Family		
1. The Tallest Tower	Genesis 11:1-9	When people got together to show off, God scattered them over the whole earth.
2. Abraham and Sarah Believe God's Promises	Genesis 11:31-12:9	Abraham and Sarah believed God's promises and moved to a new land, as God had told them to do.
3. God's Promise Comes True	Genesis 15:1-6, 18:1-15, 21:1-7	God's promise to Abraham and Sarah came true when Isaac was born.
4. Isaac and Rebekah	Genesis 24	God continued to keep the promises made to Abraham by providing a wife for Isaac.
5. Jacob Steals the Blessing	Genesis 27; 28:15	God was faithful to Jacob even though Jacob lied to his father and stole the blessing.
6. God Blesses Jacob	Genesis 29:1-30; 30:25-30	God was faithful to Jacob and blessed him with a family and flocks.
Unit 3: Wonder . . . About God's Extraordinary Plan for Ordinary People		
Christmas: Shepherds and Angels	Luke 2:8-20	Angels and shepherds praised God for sending Jesus, the promised Savior.
1. Joseph the Dreamer	Genesis 37; 39:1-2	When Joseph was frightened and alone, God was with him.
2. Joseph the Slave	Genesis 39:2-41:45	God was with Joseph in prison.
3. Joseph the Ruler	Genesis 41:46-46:34	God used Joseph to save Jacob's family and to feed a troubled part of the world.
4. The Birth of Moses	Exodus 1:8-12, 22; 2:1-10	God saved baby Moses from wicked Pharaoh.
5. The Burning Bush	Exodus 2:11-4:31	God called Moses to lead the Hebrew people out of slavery in Egypt.

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Unit 4: Wonder . . . About God's Powerful Plans		
1. The Ten Plagues	Exodus 7-11	Our powerful God changed Pharaoh's mind by sending ten plagues.
2. The Exodus	Exodus 12-14	God set the people of Israel free.
3. Manna and Quail	Exodus 16	God provided for the Israelites' daily needs.
4. God's Law	Exodus 19-20	God gave the people of Israel rules for living.
5. The Golden Calf	Exodus 32	God's people forgot God's most important rule.
6. Exploring the Promised Land	Numbers 13-14	The people of Israel forgot to trust God's promise to bring them safely to Canaan.
Unit 5: Wonder . . . About God's Surprising Protection		
Easter: He Is Risen	John 20	God raised Jesus from the dead.
1. Rahab and the Spies	Joshua 2	God used Rahab to help keep the spies safe.
2. Crossing the Jordan	Joshua 3-4	God brought the people of Israel across the river and into the promised land.
3. The Fall of Jericho	Joshua 5:13 - Joshua 6	God fought for Israel and gave the people victory over Jericho.
4. Deborah and Jael	Judges 4-5	God used Deborah and Jael to save the people of Israel from their enemies.
5. Gideon	Judges 6-7	God used Gideon, despite Gideon's weakness, to save the people of Israel from their enemies.
Unit 6: Wonder . . . About God's Growing Kingdom		
1. Samson	Judges 13-16	God used Samson, despite his sinfulness, to save the people of Israel from their enemies.
2. Ruth	The Book of Ruth	God blessed Ruth when she chose to become one of God's people.
3. Hannah	1 Samuel 1 - 2:10	God heard and answered Hannah's prayer.
4. Samuel	1 Samuel 3	God spoke to Samuel, who listened and obeyed.
5. Saul	1 Samuel 8-10	God told Samuel to anoint Saul as king over God's people.
6. David	1 Samuel 16	God chose David, the shepherd boy, to be Israel's next king.

Marvel | Year 1

Session	Bible Passage	Summary
Unit 1: Marvel . . . at God's Love		
1. The Lost Sheep	Luke 15:1-7; John 10:2-5, 11-15	Jesus is the good shepherd who searches for and finds the lost sheep.
2. The Lost Son	Luke 15:11-32	God is the loving Father who welcomes his lost children home.
3. The Great Banquet	Luke 14:15-24	God brings all sorts of people into the kingdom. We don't earn our way into God's kingdom; entry is a gift from God.
4. The Rich Fool	Luke 12:13-21	Jesus reminds us not to be greedy and to live for God rather than for things.
5. The Ten Bridesmaids	Matthew 25:1-13	Jesus reminds us to be ready for the day when he will return to judge the world.
6. The Wicked Tenants	Luke 20:9-16	Jesus reminds us that he is God's own Son, sent to save sinful people and worthy of our love and respect.
Unit 2: Marvel . . . at God's Mercy		
1. The Unmerciful Servant	Matthew 18:21-35	Jesus explains that we must forgive each other as God has forgiven us.
2. Sheep and Goats	Matthew 25:31-46	Jesus teaches us that he views our helping others as helping him.
3. The Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-37	Jesus teaches us who our neighbors are and that we should help those in need.
4. The Pharisee and the Tax Collector	Luke 18:9-14	Jesus teaches us to humbly ask God to forgive us and not to think we are better than others.
5. The Talents	Matthew 25:14-30	Jesus teaches us to use everything he's given us to serve him.
6. Wise and Foolish Builders	Matthew 7:24-27	Jesus warns us that we should hear and obey his words.
Unit 3: Marvel . . . at the Holy Spirit's Power		
Christmas: A Promise Kept	Matthew 1:18-25	The Old Testament promise of a Savior was fulfilled at Christmas.
1. A Mountaintop Goodbye	Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:4-12	When Jesus ascended into heaven, he gave the church work to do and promised to always be with his people.
2. Peter at Pentecost	Acts 2:1-41	On Pentecost Jesus kept his promise and sent his Spirit to be with his people always.
3. In the Name of Jesus	Acts 3	By faith in the name of Jesus we are healed and renewed.
4. Before the Sanhedrin	Acts 4:1-31	The power of the Spirit enables us to witness about Jesus with our words and with our lives.
5. The Fellowship of Believers	Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37	Jesus' Spirit filled his followers with love and concern for each other.

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Unit 4: Marvel . . . at the Holy Spirit's Work		
1. Ananias and Sapphira	Acts 4:36-5:16	Members of the Christian community should be honest, sincere, and truthful and should not be concerned with being number one in the community.
2. Stephen's Story	Acts 6; 7:51-8:4	The Holy Spirit gave Stephen the power to witness even when facing persecution and death.
3. Simon the Sorcerer	Acts 8:4-25	The Holy Spirit awakens the hearts of the Samaritans to believe in Jesus.
4. Tabitha	Acts 9:36-43	The Holy Spirit equips us to be true disciples and to minister in Jesus' name.
5. Peter's Vision	Acts 10:1-11:21	The Holy Spirit taught Peter that the church is for people of all nations.
6. Peter's Rescue	Acts 12:1-19	God listens to the prayers of believers.
Unit 5: Marvel . . . at God's New Beginnings		
Easter: Jesus Is Alive!	1 Corinthians 15:3-8	Jesus arose from the dead and appeared to many believers.
1. Saul's Conversion	Acts 9:1-31	Jesus chose Saul to become a missionary to all people.
2. The Send-off	Acts 13:1-12	The Holy Spirit chose Saul and Barnabas as the church's missionaries to bring the gospel to all people.
3. Lystra	Acts 14:8-20	Paul and Barnabas learn that the task of the church can be difficult and dangerous.
4. The Council at Jerusalem	Acts 15:1-35	The Holy Spirit taught the church that the gospel is for all people, not just the Jews.
5. A Stop at Philippi	Acts 16:11-40	Paul and Silas preached the good news about Jesus and brought salvation to two families.
Unit 6: Marvel . . . at God's Protection		
1. Riot in Ephesus!	Acts 19:8-41	Against strong opposition Paul established the church in Ephesus.
2. Paul's Farewell	Acts 20:7-38	After three years of loving ministry, Paul said a painful farewell to the Christians in Ephesus.
3. The Brave Nephew	Acts 23	God used Paul's young nephew to rescue him from his enemies.
4. Paul on Trial	Acts 24-26	The Holy Spirit helped Paul use his trials to tell the good news about Jesus Christ.
5. Shipwreck and Malta	Acts 27:1-28:1-10	God saved Paul and all the people with him from being destroyed in a terrible storm.
6. Rome	Acts 28:11-31	The Holy Spirit helped Paul to reach Rome and tell the good news about Jesus there.

Marvel | Year 2

Session	Bible Passage	Summary
Unit 1: Marvel . . . at God's Faithfulness		
1. David and Goliath	1 Samuel 17	By faith in the living God, David defeated the enemy of God's people.
2. David and Jonathan	1 Samuel 18-20	Through Jonathan's friendship, God blessed David, the chosen king.
3. David and Saul	1 Samuel 23:7-29; 24	David respected Saul as God's anointed king and spared his life.
4. David and Mephibosheth	2 Samuel 4:4; 9	Because David had faith in God, David could show kindness to Mephibosheth.
5. David and Bathsheba	2 Samuel 11-12:15	David sinned, but he repented and God forgave him.
6. David and Absalom	2 Samuel 15-18	God remained faithful to David and punished Absalom for rebelling against God's chosen king.
Unit 2: Marvel . . . at God's Wisdom and Strength		
1. Solomon the Wise	1 Kings 3; 4:29-34	Solomon prayed for wisdom, and God answered his request.
2. Solomon, Too Many Temples	1 Kings 6; 11-13; 1 Kings 11	Solomon built God a beautiful temple, but eventually Solomon strayed from God's commands.
3. The Divided Kingdom	1 Kings 12	God divided David's kingdom into two parts, Israel and Judah. Both nations forgot about God.
4. Elijah and the Widow	1 Kings 16	God cares for people who trust in his Word.
5. Elijah at Mount Carmel	1 Kings 18	The people are reminded in a powerful way that God is the one true God.
6. God Strengthens Elijah	1 Kings 19	God strengthened Elijah when he felt discouraged and alone.
Unit 3: Marvel . . . at God's Message		
Christmas: Celebrate Jesus' Birth	Luke 2:1-20	Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the city of David.
1. The Stolen Vineyard	1 Kings 21	God judges wicked people, even kings.
2. Micaiah Tells the Truth	1 Kings 22:1-40	The prophet Micaiah dared to speak God's truth to wicked Ahab.
3. Elijah Taken Up to Heaven	2 Kings 2:1-18	God gave Elisha power to continue the work Elijah had done for God.
4. The Widow Who Needed Help	2 Kings 4:1-7	A poor widow trusted God to provide.
5. The Amazing Healing of Naaman	2 Kings 5	Naaman learned that healing is a gift from God.

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Unit 4: Marvel . . . at God's Staying Power		
1. Elisha and the Blind Soldiers	2 Kings 6:8-23	God protected the people of Israel and saved them from their enemies.
2. Joash Repairs the Temple	2 Kings 11-12	God preserved David's family line and used young King Joash to restore the temple.
3. The Fall of Samaria	2 Kings 17:1-23	After years of disobedience, God allowed the kingdom of Israel to be carried away by its enemies.
4. A Bully and a Threat	2 Kings 18-19	God blessed Hezekiah, a good and faithful king.
5. Lost and Found	2 Kings 22-23:30	King Josiah led his people back to worshipping God and obeying God's law.
6. Judah Taken Captive	2 Kings 25; 2 Chronicles 36:11-23; Jeremiah 27:16-22	God punished the people of Judah.
Unit 5: Marvel . . . at God's Persistence		
Easter: Mary's Story	John 20:1-18	God used Mary Magdalene to tell the good news of Jesus' resurrection.
1. A Lesson for Jonah	Jonah 1-2	Jonah learned that God's love is for all nations.
2. Jonah Goes to Nineveh	Jonah 3-4	Jonah learned that God forgives those who repent.
3. A Strange Dream	Daniel 2	God helped Daniel interpret Nebuchadnezzar's dream about the coming of God's powerful kingdom.
4. Three Friends and a Furnace	Daniel 3	Daniel's friends remained true to God and refused to worship the king's statue; they trusted God, who saved them.
5. A Proud King	Daniel 4	Proud Nebuchadnezzar learned that no king or ruler is greater or more powerful than God.
Unit 6: Marvel . . . at God's Plan		
1. Daniel and the Last Party	Daniel 5	Because Belshazzar did not honor and worship God, God took away his kingdom.
2. Daniel in the Lions' Den	Daniel 6	Daniel worshiped God alone; Daniel was close to God, and God saved him from the lions.
3. The Story of Esther (Part 1)	Esther 1-5:2	God prepared Esther and Mordecai to help save the Jewish people from destruction.
4. The Story of Esther (Part 2)	Esther 5-10	God used Esther and Mordecai to help save the Jewish people from destruction.
5. Home Again!	Ezra 1 and 3	God brought the Jewish people back home to Jerusalem, where they rebuilt the temple.
6. New Walls, New People	Nehemiah 1-10	God remained faithful to his people, protecting them as they rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem.

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Unit 1: What Do I Do When Things Fall Apart?		
1. Belonging to Jesus	Acts 16:16-25; Romans 14:8 (Paul and Silas in Jail); Q&A 1	I find comfort in belonging to Jesus Christ.
2. What We Need to Know	Acts 16:25-40 (Paul and Silas/ Earthquake); Q&A 2	My heart knows three things that assure me I belong to Jesus. First, how I sin everyday; second, how Jesus saves me from my sin; and third, how I can show my thanks by serving God.
3. In Need of Forgiveness	Genesis 4:1-16; Matthew 22:37-40 (Cain and Abel); Q&A 3	I know I am a sinner in need of forgiveness; I also know that God is a forgiving God.
4. The Way We Are	Genesis 3 (The Fall); Q&A 4-5	No part of my life is free from sin.
5. Our Just and Loving God	Genesis 6-9 (Noah); Q&A 6	God is both just and merciful.
6. Jesus, Our Savior	Matthew 3:1-17; John 3:16 (Jesus' Baptism); Q&A 7-8	God loves us and gave us Jesus Christ who saves us from our sins.
Unit 2: What's the Covenant All About?		
1. The Bible (Part 1)	Acts 8:26-40 (Philip and the Ethiopian Official); Q&A 9	The Bible tells the story of God's saving acts.
2. The Bible (Part 2)	Psalms 119:9-11, 97-105; 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (The Bible); Q&A 10-12	The Holy Spirit tells me the Bible is the true Word of God.
3. The Covenant Established	Genesis 8:15-19; 9:1-17; 12; 17 (God's Covenant Made); Q&A 13-14	We are included in God's covenant promises.
4. The Covenant Renewed	Exodus 19; 20:1-21; 24:1-8 (Ten Commandments); Q&A 13-14	We keep the covenant by loving and obeying God.
5. The Covenant Extended	Acts 2 (Pentecost); Q&A 15-16	The Holy Spirit works in our hearts and lives to bring people to faith in Christ and include them in God's covenant.
6. The Covenant for You	John 4:1-42 (Samaritan Woman); Q&A 17	God's covenant promises are for us and for all who believe in Jesus.
Unit 3: Who Is God?		
Christmas Victory!	Revelation 12 (The Dragon Slain)	We celebrate the birth of Jesus, who won the victory over Satan and saved his people.
1. What Is True Faith?	Mark 2:1-12 (Jesus Heals a Man Who Was Paralyzed); Q&A 18	True faith is a sure knowledge of God's promises and a firm trust that all my sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.
2. The Story of the Apostles' Creed	The Apostles' Creed; John 20:19-31; Q&A 19-20	We believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. God Is . . .	Acts 17:16-34 (Paul Preaches About an Unknown God); Q&A 20	God is a single, spiritual being; eternal, invisible, almighty, infinite, and completely wise, just, and good.
4. A Faithful Provider	Exodus 16; Psalm 8; John 6:35 (God Provides Manna in the Desert); Q&A 21-22	God, the almighty creator, is also my faithful Father, whom I can trust to provide whatever I need.
5. A Caring Creator	Selections from Genesis 37-50 (especially 45:1-8 and 50:19-21) (Joseph); Q&A 23	God, our heavenly Father, takes care of and rules everything in our world.

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Unit 4: Who Is Jesus?		
1. Who Is Jesus?	Matthew 16:13-24 (Peter's Declaration); Q&A 24	We confess that Jesus Christ is Lord because Jesus is God's eternal Son and our only Savior from sin.
2. Our Mediator	Genesis 28:10-22; John 1:43-51 (Jacob's Ladder); Q&A 25-26	Only Jesus, who is truly God and truly human could become the go-between who makes us right with God.
3. Our Substitute	Isaiah 53; John 19:1-16 (Jesus' Trial); Q&A 27	In his life and death, Jesus suffered God's anger against sin so that we might never suffer such a severe judgment.
4. Our Savior	John 19:17-42 (Crucifixion); Q&A 28	Jesus took on the curse of sin and actually died, suffering the pains of hell, to free us from eternal death.
5. The Empty Tomb	John 20 (Easter); Q&A 29	By rising from the dead Jesus conquered death, won for us a new life, and guaranteed our glorious resurrection.
6. The Risen Lord	Acts 1:3-11; John 10:29; 1 Corinthians 12:7; Colossians 1:18; 1 John 2:1-2; Revelation 1:9-20 (Jesus Ascends into Heaven); Q&A 30	Jesus is in heaven at God's right hand, where he pleads for us, leads his church, and sends his Spirit to empower us and protect us from our enemies.
Unit 5: Who Is the Holy Spirit?		
Easter Celebration!	John 11:25-26; Matthew 28:1-15	We worship our risen Lord, whose victory over death assures us of our own resurrection.
1. The Sheep and the Goats	Matthew 25:31-46 (Parable of the Sheep and the Goats); Q&A 31	One day Jesus will come to judge all people according to their works. Then he will welcome his people into the joy and glory of heaven.
2. The New Creation	Isaiah 35; Revelation 21:1-7 (New Creation); Q&A 32	Our great hope is that when Jesus returns as triumphant King we will live with him in the new creation.
3. The Holy Spirit	John 14:15-31; review of Acts 2 (Pentecost); Q&A 33	The Holy Spirit is eternal God, given to me personally.
4. The Caring Community	Acts 4:32-37; 5:1-11 (Unity in the Early Church/Ananias and Sapphira); Q&A 35	God calls me to use the gifts the Holy Spirit has given me to serve others.
5. The Holy Spirit at Work	Acts 10:1-48 (Peter and Cornelius); Q&A 34 and 36	The Holy Spirit leads us in the truth, breaks stubborn habits, makes us obedient, and helps us to carry out God's mission.
Unit 6: Who Is the Church?		
1. The Church Is One	Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3 (Church in Antioch); Q&A 37	The Holy Spirit builds one church that includes believers of every time, place, race, and language.
2. Spirit-Led Leaders	Acts 15:1-35 (Council in Jerusalem); Q&A 38	Jesus is the head of the church, guiding us through the Word and Spirit and through those he calls to lead us in his truth.
3. Forgiven	John 8:1-11 (Jesus Forgives a Woman Caught in Adultery); Q&A 39	Because of Jesus' sacrifice, God forgives us for sinning and for our natural tendency to sin.
4. Life Goes On	John 11:1-46, 14:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (Lazarus Raised from the Dead); Q&A 40	Jesus brings new life now and will one day raise our bodies to live forever with him.
5. Only by Faith	Acts 9:1-22; Galatians 2:20 (Saul's Conversion); Q&A 41	Only by true faith in Jesus do we become right with God and receive everlasting life.
6. Only by Grace	Luke 7:36-50 (Woman Anoints Jesus' Feet); Q&A 42	It isn't our obedience but Christ's goodness and obedience that make us right with God when we believe.

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Session	Bible Passage	Summary
Unit 1: What Is Being a Christian All About?		
1. How Faith Begins	Acts 16:6-15 (Lydia); Q&A 43	The Holy Spirit creates faith in my heart by the gospel.
2. Signs and Seals of Grace	Exodus 12 (The Passover); Q&A 44-45	Sacraments are signs and seals that assure us we are saved.
3. A Promise from God	Acts 2:36-43; 8:26-38; 9:1-20; 10:23-36, 44-48; 16:13-15, 22-24 (Baptisms in Acts); Q&A 46-47	My baptism tells me that Christ's sacrifice is for me personally.
4. Remembering the Cross	Luke 22:7-23 (The Last Supper); Q&A 48-49	The Lord's Supper brings the blessings of Christ's sacrifice on the cross to me personally.
5. Our New Life	John 13:1-17 (The Foot Washing); Q&A 50-51	I show my thanks to God for salvation by living a new life of service to Christ.
6. Making Our New Life Real	Luke 19:1-10 (Jesus Meets Zacchaeus); Q&A 51-52	My new life becomes real as I turn away from sin and think and act in ways that show love for God and for others.
Unit 2: What's with All the Rules?		
1. Look Up! Look Around!	Exodus 19:3-25; 20:1-17; Matthew 22:37-40; Romans 13:8-10 (Sinai, Summary of Law); Q&A 53-54	God's law teaches us what our relationship to God should be and how we should treat others.
2. Worship God Alone	Exodus 20:1-6; Exodus 32 (Golden Calf and Ten Commandments); Q&A 55-56	I'm called to trust, love, fear, and honor the one true God with all my heart, and to worship God alone.
3. Trust God Alone	Exodus 20:1-6; Numbers 13-14 (Spies Sent to Canaan); Q&A 55-56	I will not trust or worship any person, creature, or thing in place of God.
4. Honor the Name	Exodus 20:7; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:60-61; John 21:15-17 (Peter's Denial and Reinstatement); Q&A 57	I will praise God in everything I say and do, always speaking God's name reverently.
5. Remember the Day	Exodus 20:8; Mark 2:23-3:6; Luke 13:10-17 (Pharisees on the Sabbath); Q&A 58	I'm called to rest from daily work so I will enjoy the gifts of God's creation and gather regularly with the church to worship God.
6. Staying Close to God	Psalm 23 (Summary of the First Table of the Law); Q&A 54-58	I have a loving relationship with God, which leads me to obey God's commands.
Unit 3: Can't We All Just Get Along?		
Christmas: Christmas Joy	Luke 1:26-56 (Mary's Song of Joy)	Mary's song reflects our own joy and praise for the birth of Jesus.
1. Honoring Parents	Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:4-7; Ephesians 6:1-4 (Honoring Parents and Authorities); Q&A 59	I'm called to honor, love, and be loyal to my parents and all others who have authority over me.
2. Loving Others	Exodus 20:13; Luke 10:25-37 (The Good Samaritan, Love Your Neighbors); Q&A 60	I'm called to love others as I love myself and to do nothing that would cause them harm or insult.
3. Honoring God with Our Bodies	Genesis 2:18-24; Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27-28; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20; Philippians 4:8 (The Creation of People, Purity); Q&A 61	I'm called to keep myself pure and holy in body, mind, and soul and to treat others with dignity and respect.
4. Being Givers, Not Takers	Exodus 20:15; Psalm 24:1; 1 Corinthians 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8-9 (Stewardship and Generosity); Q&A 62	Rather than cheating or stealing from others, I'm called to do whatever I can for their good.
5. Telling the Truth	Exodus 20:16; John 14:6; James 3:2-12; 1 John 1:8-10 (Taming the Tongue/Telling the Truth); Q&A 63	Rather than hurting others by gossip and lying, I'm called to love the truth and speak it.

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Unit 4: Who's Number 1?		
1. Learning to Be Content	Exodus 20:17; Matthew 6:25-34; Luke 12:15; Philippians 4:11b-13 (God Clothes the Grass of the Field); Q&A 64	I'm called to be content by trusting God for everything I need and avoiding greedy thoughts or desires.
2. Growing in Faith	Mark 10:17-30 (The Rich Young Ruler); Q&A 65	God's commandments let me know how sinful I am, how much I need Christ's forgiveness, and how I can live in a way that pleases God.
3. Jesus is King of Kings	Mark 12:1-12 (The Parable of the Tenants); Q&A 66-67	God rules everyone in the world—both those who worship God and those who don't.
4. Following Jesus	Matthew 25:14-30 (Parable of the Talents); Q&A 68	I'm called to follow Jesus, trying to please him in every part of my life and to tell others the good news of salvation in Christ.
5. Love All People	James 2:1-4, 8-9 (Show No Favoritism/Love All People); Q&A 69	I am called to love and respect all people because God created us all.
6. Respect Human Life	Matthew 18:1-7 (Jesus Teaches Compassion for the Helpless); Q&A 70	Life is a gift from God, so I'm called to care about the well-being of others, especially those who cannot care for themselves.
Unit 5: Does What I Do Make a Difference?		
Easter: We Want to See Jesus	Luke 24:13-35 (Easter: The Road to Emmaus)	Like the travelers on the road to Emmaus, we need to see Jesus as our risen Savior and Lord, the fulfillment of God's promises.
1. Working for the Lord	Acts 18:1-4; 2 Corinthians 11:26-28; Colossians 3:23; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (The Importance of Work); Q&A 71	In all my work—even the dull tasks—I should do my very best so that I may honor my Lord.
2. Caring for God's World	Genesis 2:15, 19-20; Psalm 8 (Eden and the Naming of the Animals); Q&A 72	God expects me to respect all creatures and to help preserve the earth in good condition for future generations.
3. Why Pray?	Luke 11:9-13 (Ask, Seek, Knock); Q&A 73	Prayer is the most important way I can thank God and ask God for all I need.
4. How to Pray	Luke 18:1-8 (Parable of the Judge and the Widow); Q&A 74	I should pray from the heart, believing that God will listen.
5. The Lord's Prayer	Luke 11:1-4 (The Lord's Prayer); Q&A 75-76	We learn how to pray by following Jesus' example in the Lord's Prayer.
Unit 6: What Do I Say When I Pray?		
1. Hallowed Be Your Name	Daniel 6 (Daniel in the Lions' Den); Q&A 77	In prayer, we ask God to help us to live so that all we think, say, and do honors and praises God.
2. Your Kingdom Come	Daniel 2:1-6, 24-45 (Nebuchadnezzar's Dream); Q&A 78	In prayer, we ask God to rule us so that we may obey him and bring his kingdom to complete perfection.
3. Your Will Be Done	1 Kings 19:1-19 (God Appears to Elijah); Q&A 79	In prayer, we ask God to help us—and all people—to obey his will.
4. Give Us Today Our Daily Bread	1 Kings 17:1-16 (Elijah and the Ravens); Q&A 80	In prayer, we learn to trust God as the source of everything good for all our daily needs.
5. Forgive Us Our Debts	Matthew 18:21-35; Ephesians 4:32 (Unmerciful Servant); Q&A 81	In prayer, we ask God to forgive us our sins, just as we forgive the sins of others.
6. Lead Us Not into Temptation	Matthew 4:1-11; Hebrews 2:18 (Jesus Is Tempted); Q&A 82-83	In prayer, we ask for strength to fight against sin and the devil, and we praise our all-powerful God, trusting that God hears our words.

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Session	Bible Passage	Summary
Unit 1: Worship		
1. Come, Now is the Time to Worship	Psalm 95:1-7; Hebrews 10:24-25; Acts 2:42-47 (Being called by God to worship)	Through worship God calls us and forms us as his people.
2. Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon	Isaiah 6:1-6; Psalm 51; Psalm 32 (Isaiah on holiness, need for confession)	When we gather before the holy God we experience our own sinfulness, confess our sins, and receive God's forgiveness.
3. Hearing the Word and Responding	Nehemiah 8:1-12 (The reading of the law)	When we gather together to worship we hear God speak to us through his Word and the pastor's message.
4. The Sacraments in Worship	Joshua 3:1-4:8 (Crossing the Jordan)	Through the sacraments, God shows us and assures us that we are his redeemed people.
5. Blessed to be a Blessing	Genesis 12:2-3; Numbers 6:24-26 (Aaronic blessing)	In worship we receive God's blessing so that we might be a blessing to others.
6. Life as Worship	Romans 12:1-2; Colossians 3:17 (Paul on worship)	Corporate worship shapes us to worship God in all of our living.
Unit 2: Justice		
1. God Is Just	Micah 6:8; Psalm 72; Psalm 82; Isaiah 58:1-12 (OT visions of God as just)	God calls us to have a special care and regard for people who are poor, weak, and oppressed.
2. Overall Pictures of Justice	1 Kings 21 (Ahab, Jezebel, and Naboth)	God requires that every person be treated fairly and receive his or her share in God's world.
3. Prejudice/Treating Others as Neighbors	James 2:1-7 (James on favoritism)	The Bible teaches us to put aside our prejudice and treat others as our neighbors.
4. Violence	Matthew 26:46-56; John 18:36 (Jesus arrested, brought before Pilate)	Jesus teaches us to overcome violence by remaining peaceful—restraining people who are violent and bearing violence for the sake of God's kingdom.
5. Greed	Ecclesiastes 5:8-20 (Wisdom on giving to people who are poor)	The Bible teaches us that greed is harmful for our own lives and that it keeps us from sharing with others.
6. Stories about Justice and Living Justly	Amos 5:7, 10-15, 21-24 (Amos the prophet and Martin Luther King, Jr.)	God calls us to work for justice and against injustice.
Unit 3: Prayer		
Christmas: Waiting on God	Luke 2:22-38 (Simeon and Anna)	Simeon and Anna illustrate how in prayer we are waiting for God's help and salvation.
1. Who's Listening?	Matthew 26:36-41; Luke 11:11-13; Psalm 13; 2 Corinthians 12:6-10 (Jesus praying at Gethsemane)	Although we don't always understand the way God answers prayer, we can trust God's goodness and purpose.
2. Praying Our Emotions	1 Kings 19:1-18; portions of Psalm 63; portions of Psalm 56 (Elijah on Mt. Carmel, Psalms)	God knows us through and through, so we can tell him everything.
3. Praying Anywhere, Anytime	1 Thessalonians 5:17; Colossians 1:3-14; Philippians 1:3 (Paul on prayer)	God invites us to talk to him anywhere and anytime.
4. Praying for Others	Philippians 1:3, 9-11; Colossians 1:3, 9-12; 1 Timothy 2:1-3 (Paul on prayer)	God calls us to pray for others and for the world.
5. Stories of the Transforming Power of Prayer	Acts 12:1-19; Acts 4:23-31 (Peter and John before the Sanhedrin)	The Holy Spirit transforms our lives and the lives of others through prayer.

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Unit 4: Stewardship		
1. It All Belongs to God	Psalm 24:1-2 (The earth is the Lord's)	The whole world belongs to God.
2. All Things Bright and Beautiful (Creation)	Psalm 8 (The amazing creation we care for)	God created us to be stewards of the whole creation.
3. Time	Matthew 6:25-34 (Don't worry)	We should make good use of the time God gives us.
4. Talents	Matthew 25:14-30; Romans 12:1-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (Parable of the talents)	In gratitude for all the gifts God has given us, we want to use our talents and gifts for God's glory.
5. Treasure	Luke 12:13-33; 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Matthew 6:19-24 (Parable of the rich fool)	Our possessions are given to us to enjoy and to share.
6. Stories of Stewardship	Acts 4:32-37; Acts 9:23-30; Acts 11:21-26; Acts 15:1-3, 36-41 (Barnabas' life)	Stories from the life of Barnabas and Paul along with stories from your faith community.
Unit 5: Bible Reading		
Easter: The Center of Our Faith	1 Corinthians 15:1-28, 55-58 (Paul on resurrection)	Christ's resurrection is the most important event in history and is essential for our salvation.
1. Why the Bible?	2 Peter 1:19-21; 2 Timothy 3: 16-17 (Paul on Scripture)	Through the Bible the Holy Spirit reveals who God is and God's plan for redeeming his creation. God also offers us salvation and shows us a new way to live in Christ.
2. Finding Your Way	Luke 24:13-27 (The road to Emmaus)	Jesus Christ is the center of the Bible's message; everything in the Bible points to him.
3. How to Read the Bible	Matthew 4:1-11 (Jesus tested in the wilderness)	We hear God speak most clearly in Scripture when we understand the author's meaning.
4. Making It a Habit	Psalm 119: 9-11; 97-99; 105-106; 176 (Psalms on prayer)	To grow spiritually, we need to make a habit of reading God's Word.
5. Stories of the Transforming Power of Scripture	Hebrews 4:12 (The living, active word of God)	The Holy Spirit transforms our lives through the Scriptures.
Unit 6: Missional Living		
1. An Inside-Out, Upside-Down Community	Matthew 5:1-16 (The Beatitudes)	Living out our faith means joining God's mission to be part of an inside-out, upside-down community.
2. A Worshiping Community	Isaiah 1:10-20 (Meaningless sacrifices)	Our worship is worthless and offensive if it is not joined to a commitment to justice and God's mission in the world.
3. A Caring Community	Acts 9:32-43 (Peter, Aeneas, and Dorcas)	As God's people we are called to care for each other in practical ways.
4. A Serving Community	Luke 10:25-37 (Parable of the good Samaritan)	As God's people we are called to show love, mercy, and compassion to others.
5. A Sharing Community	Acts 11:19-26; 12:25-13:3 (Paul and Barnabas share the good news)	The church cannot help but tell others the good news about Jesus!
6. Stories of the Inside-Out, Upside-Down Community	Colossians 1:3-14 (Paul on prayer and thanksgiving)	God's people are a missional community.