

The year at a glance...

Easy reference guide to this year.

Unit 1: God's Story of Everything

MEGA THEME God's Way

OVERVIEW This is an introduction for the children, about God, Jesus and the Bible. It gives an overview of God's good news from Creation, through the first people's disobedience to Jesus loving us and people being forgiven, finishing with a glimpse of heaven.

AIM • To give the children a God's-eye view of the earth, past, present and future and provide visual prompts to explain God's story for humanity. Emphasis is on the 'why'.

LESSONS

- 1 God, the World and People (Genesis 1 - 2:4)
 - 2 Choices to be Made (Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-13; 1 John 1:5-9)
 - 3 Heaven - Highlight of God's Plan (John 14:1-3; Matthew 13:44; Revelation 21 & 22)
- * Unit 1 Revision Lesson on Power Tools
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Unit 2: Jesus, Like No Other

MEGA THEME Jesus' Life and Lessons

OVERVIEW People saw and heard Jesus and many started to wonder if Jesus was the long promised messiah and for many, they discovered who Jesus was by what they saw of his life and the message he gave of God's love.

AIM • To give some insight into who Jesus is and to introduce him as the Living God and as one who loves us all

LESSONS

- 4 What Jesus Said About Himself (John 14:4-11)
 - 5 Amazing Things Jesus Did (Matthew 9: 1-7, 7-33, 35; 11:1-6)
 - 6 Jesus is Someone to Follow (Luke 5:1-11)
 - 7 Jesus - He is the Living God (John 20:11-31)
- * Easter Celebrations
* Unit 2 Revision Lesson on Power Tools
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Unit 3: Joseph - A Life of Resilience

MEGA THEME God's People

OVERVIEW The Bible account of Joseph's life is action-packed, dramatic and exciting. From Canaan to Egypt, from prisoner to governor, Joseph trusts God to look after him, learning that God can bring good out of difficult and unfair situations.

AIM To tell the story of Joseph, an example of one who trusted God through the tough times and worked with God to save his people.

LESSONS

- 8 Life Isn't Easy (Genesis 37)
 - 9 Trusting God in Tough Times (Genesis 39-40)
 - 10 Perseverance Pays (Genesis 41)
 - 11 God Brings Good Out of Tough Times (Genesis 42-47, 50)
- * Unit 3 Revision Lesson on Power Tools
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Unit 4: Jesus Asks People to Join His Team

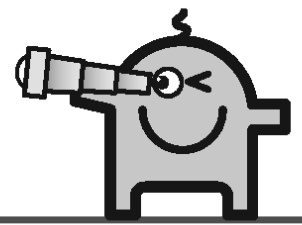
MEGA THEME Followers of Jesus

OVERVIEW Who were Jesus' followers? Were they the cream of society's 'A' list? No. Many of them were common, or lower class people, some were even social outcasts who despite their failings (or even because of this) Jesus chose them to be his friends.

AIM To introduce Jesus' close friends and teach Jesus' model of prayer using the 'Lord's Prayer.'

LESSONS

- 12 Everyone's Invited to Follow (Matthew 9:9-13)
 - 13 Jesus Teaches His Friends to Pray (Matthew 6:5-13)
 - 14 Jesus is Kind & Powerful (John 11:1-45)
 - 15 Jesus' Team? Your Choice (Matthew 19:16-30)
- * Unit 4 Revision Lesson on Power Tools
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Unit 5: Paul - God's Messenger

MEGA THEME Followers of Jesus

OVERVIEW After Paul met Jesus it changed his life and he went on with redirected energy and boldness to talk about Jesus. Being empowered by the Holy Spirit nothing could stop him from telling the good news, no matter what happened to him.

AIM To introduce the children to Paul as God's messenger to people who did not know about Jesus.

LESSONS

- 16 Saul (Paul) Tells How His Life Changed (Acts 8:2b-3, 26:2-20)
- 17 Saul (Paul) Changed His Goals (Acts 9:1-25)
- 18 Good News, Big Trouble (Acts 16:20-36)
- 19 Paul Explains About God (Acts 17:16, 21-34)
- * Unit 5 Revision Lesson on Power Tools

Unit 6: Moses - Part of God's Plan to Rescue God's People

MEGA THEME God's People

OVERVIEW Beginning with the birth and rescue of Moses, we follow his life in and beyond Egypt, encountering God in significant events, preparing to be God's person to lead the Israelites out of Egypt to a new life. We'll read how God led and provided for all.

AIM For the children to understand that Moses and God's people experienced that God is trustworthy.

LESSONS

- 20 Moses' Early Life (Exodus 1:114, 21b-22, 2:1-10)
- 21 God Hears Cries for Help (Exodus 2:11-4:20)
- 22 Signs That God is at Work (Exodus 4:27-5:13, 22-23, 6:1-13, 26-30, 7:1-13, 12:31-42)
- 23 God Provides for Those He Leads (Exodus 13:20-22, 14:5-29, 15:22-17:7; Deut 34:1-12)
- * Unit 6 Revision Lesson on Power Tools

Unit 7: God's Word

MEGA THEME God's Way

OVERVIEW Looking at the greatest book available – the Bible – how it came into being and why God has provided it for us. It is God's guidelines for living and therefore is an important point of reference in order to build a solid foundation for our lives.

AIM To introduce the children to the Bible as the story of God's people and God's plan for our lives.

LESSONS

- 24 The Bible Inspired by God (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- 25 The Bible, Written Down by People (Luke 1:1-4)
- 26 Sharing the Message of the Bible (Modern Stories)
- 27 Understanding the Message of the Bible (Luke 8:4-8, 11-15)
- * Unit 7 Revision Lesson on Power Tools

Unit 8: Jesus, the Promised One

MEGA THEME Jesus' Life and Lessons

OVERVIEW The Christmas story is an account of God's great promise of a coming Messiah, a king and deliverer, being fulfilled. We will learn that God keeps all his promises and that with the born of Jesus, his greatest promise has been fulfilled.

AIM To explain that the story of the birth of Jesus, as recounted in the gospels of Matthew and Luke, is a fulfilment of God's promise made to humanity many years earlier.

LESSONS

- 28 Jesus, the Promised Child (Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-7; Micah 5:2-5a)
- 29 Waiting for the Promised Child (Luke 2:22-38)
- 30 Finding the Promised Child (Matthew 2:1-15)
- * Christmas Assembly
- * Unit 8 Revision Lesson on Power Tools

Extra Lessons: Prayer & The Bible

OVERVIEW To introduce the children to two key aspects about the Christian faith. The invitation to talk with God (prayer) and to reflect on how we respond to what Jesus has done for us - to reach out to the poor, to care for those in need.

LESSONS

- 31 Examples of Prayer (Psalms)
- 32 Faith in Action (Micah 6:8; Matthew 25:34-40; James 2:1-4, 14-18)