

The year at a glance...

Easy reference guide to this year.

Unit 1: Experiencing God's World

MEGA THEME God's Way

OVERVIEW This is an introduction to God's Creation, focusing on the first human's relationship with God and the expression of God's love for all.

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 Made the World (Genesis 1-2:4)
 - 2 People Are Special to God (Genesis 1:26-27; Psalm 139; Luke 1:15-17)
 - 3 A Story of God's Love (Luke 15:11-24)
 - * Unit 1 Revision Lesson on Power Tools
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Unit 2: Jesus' Love For People

MEGA THEME Jesus' Life and Lessons

OVERVIEW Jesus came to live among humanity to reveal God's true nature to humankind and give an accurate picture of God. His image of being a 'good shepherd', especially being prepared to lay down his life, is a loving indicator of the God who knows, protects, cares for and guides his people.

AIM To explore the idea of 'shepherd' as an image of a loving God who gives guidance, care and protection, with Jesus as the Good Shepherd who gave his life for us, and rose again to bring us back to God.

LESSONS

- 4 One Who Cares (John 10:1-5; Psalm 23)
 - 5 Jesus, the Good Shepherd (John 10:1-18; Luke 15:1-7)
 - 6 Jesus Shows His Love For All (Luke 23:1-56)
 - 7 Jesus Is Alive! (Matthew 28:1-10)
 - * Easter Celebrations
 - * Unit 2 Revision Lesson On Power Tools
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Unit 3: Trusting God in Challenging Times

MEGA THEME God's People

OVERVIEW Looking at four Old Testament characters we will see how they each drew on God's strength and faced challenging circumstances, which became significant parts of the history of God's people.

AIM Consider examples of ordinary people who drew strength from God to do extraordinary things and to encourage the children to trust in God.

LESSONS

- 8 Abraham - Lived by Faith (Genesis 12, 17, 21:1-3; Acts 7:2-7)
 - 9 Joshua - Chosen to Lead (Joshua 1:1-3, 5-9, 3:5-9, 4:1-7)
 - 10 Gideon - Strong When Weak (Judges 6-7; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10)
 - 11 Esther - Destined to Serve (Esther 1-8)
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Unit 4: Peter, A Follower of Jesus

MEGA THEME Followers of Jesus

OVERVIEW One of Jesus' closest friends was Simon, Peter. This unit focuses on Peter's life after Jesus had ascended into heaven. A new community of faith, the Christian Church, was to emerge and Peter took on a lead role. Peter's story is a model of transformation; it is proof of what Jesus wants to do in each of our lives.

AIM To show how important Jesus was to Peter and to impress upon the children that with God's help we can all do amazing things for God.

LESSONS

- 12 Simon Peter, a Follower of Jesus (Various Passages)
 - 13 Trusting Jesus' Power (Acts 3:1-12)
 - 14 God's Plan Includes Everyone (Acts 10)
 - 15 Peter's Amazing Escape (Acts 12:3-18)
 - * Unit 4 Revision Lesson on Power Tools
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