

The year at a glance...

Easy reference guide to this year.

Unit 1: In The Beginning

MEGA THEME God's Way

OVERVIEW It's important to establish a good foundation on which to build future lessons. In this unit we will look at the biblical view that God created everything, including people. God proclaimed the world good, but from the beginning people haven't always worked with God to keep it that way.

AIM To give an overview of why God created everything and to raise the children's awareness that we all have choices about following God's plan.

LESSONS

- 1 God Creates the World (Genesis 1 - 2:4)
 - 2 Caring For God's World (Genesis 1:26-31, 2:15, 19-20; Psalm 8:3-9)
 - 3 God and People (Genesis 2:9, 15-17; 3)
- * Unit 1 Revision Lesson on Power Tools
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Unit 2: The Power of Jesus

MEGA THEME Jesus' Life and Lessons

OVERVIEW Jesus' words and works back up his claim to be truly God the son. This unit explores Jesus' identity in terms of his power over the created order. The children will encounter Christian beliefs about Jesus' help today. As we approach Easter we want the children to understand the power of Jesus' love for us all.

AIM To discover that Jesus' actions show that he is God and has power over everything including death and that we can have hope knowing Jesus is alive.

LESSONS

- 4 Jesus Calms a Storm (Luke 8:22-25)
 - 5 Jesus Heals (John 5:1-16)
 - 6 Jesus Gives Life (Luke 7:11-17)
 - 7 Jesus Loves (Luke 23:13-17, 20-25, 32-56; 24:1-6a)
- * Easter Celebration on Power Tools
* Unit 2 Revision Lesson on Power Tools
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Unit 3: Leaders to Learn From

MEGA THEME God's People

OVERVIEW Being a leader is challenging and carries a lot of responsibility. This unit looks at great leaders from the Bible who followed God and experienced success. The children explore characteristics of leadership and are encouraged to seek wisdom from God.

It is also a reminder of how important it is to pray for our leaders.

AIM To illustrate the value of being a leader who puts God first and follows his plan.

LESSONS

- 8 David - An Unlikely Leader (1 Samuel 16:1-13; 1 Chronicles 11:1-3)
 - 9 David Follows God's Way (1 Samuel 24:1-22)
 - 10 Solomon - True Wisdom From God (1 Chronicles 29:22b-25; 2 Chronicles 1:1, 7-17; 9:1-12)
 - 11 Solomon Living Wisely (Proverbs 9:10, 1 Kings 4:29-34, 2 Chronicles 2-4)
- * Unit 3 Revision Lesson on Power Tools
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Unit 4: Jesus Changes Lives

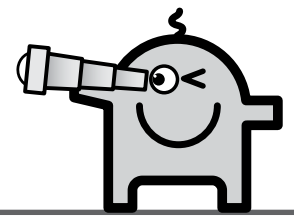
MEGA THEME Followers of Jesus

OVERVIEW The Bible records that wherever Jesus went lives were changed. People were challenged by the influence of his love and challenged about the way they lived their lives. In this unit we will meet Bible characters whose lives were changed in dramatic ways by meeting Jesus.

AIM To understand the impact that Jesus had on the lives of people who witnessed his power and love and for the children to know that he is interested in the real experiences and struggles that people have.

LESSONS

- 12 Jesus Accepts (John 4:3-30, 39-42)
 - 13 Jesus Includes (Luke 19:1-10)
 - 14 Jesus Lets Us Choose (Luke 10:38-42)
 - 15 Jesus Gives A Fresh Start (John 21:1-19)
- * Unit 4 Revision Lesson on Power Tools
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Unit 5 : People Using Their Skills

MEGA THEME Followers of Jesus

OVERVIEW As followers of Jesus people like Paul, Barnabas, Timothy, Apollos, Priscilla, Aquila and Paul's nephew were all members of the early church and good examples of people who used their skills to help develop and build up the church.

AIM Contemporary Jesus followers are included too to inspire children to use their skills to help others as believers have done through the ages.

LESSONS

- 16** Encouraging Others
(Acts 4:31-37, 11:20-30; Proverbs 16:24)
 - 17** Helping Others (Acts 16:1-3a, 4-5, 19:21-22;
Philippians 2:3-5, 19-23)
 - 18** Working as a Team
(Acts 18:1-3, 18-21, 24-28)
 - 19** Sharing Information
(Acts 21:27-34; 22:1-24,30; 23:10-24)
- * Unit 5 Revision Lesson on Power Tools

Unit 6 : Dare to Live Like Daniel

MEGA THEME God's People

OVERVIEW What does it mean to live daringly? In the Bible Daniel and friends were prepared to risk their lives to obey God. Without compromising what they believed, they experienced God's control of events and showed that victory belongs to those who follow God's way.

AIM To explore these stories of Daniel and friends as models for courage and faith.

LESSONS

- 20** Have Courage and Faith in God (Daniel 1:1-21)
 - 21** Trust God and Stand Firm (Daniel 3:1-30)
 - 22** Know God as the Ultimate Power (Daniel 5:1-31)
 - 23** Stick With God No Matter What (Daniel 6:1-28)
- * Unit 6 Revision Lesson on Power Tools

Unit 7 : Making a Difference

MEGA THEME God's Way

OVERVIEW Jesus was always concerned about those who suffered: the poor, the orphans, the widows, the sick, etc. Using biblical foundations and contemporary examples this unit looks at ways that we help others as Jesus instructs us to.

AIM To explore the belief that God works in practical ways and to encourage the children to consider responding to a need beyond their own experience.

LESSONS

- 24** The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)
 - 25** Caring for the Poor
(Matthew 25:34-40; Proverbs 29:7)
 - 26** Being Generous (2 Corinthians 8:1-5)
 - 27** Being a Quiet Giver
(Matthew 6:1-4; Luke 14:13-14)
- * Unit 7 Revision Lesson on Power Tools

Unit 8 : Come and See Jesus

MEGA THEME Jesus' Life and Lessons

OVERVIEW Christians believe that the baby Jesus was 'God with skin on'. Along with the shepherds, Simeon and Anna, and the wise men, we are all invited to celebrate the newborn king, and the Christian meaning of Christmas.

AIM To extend an invitation to the children to come and see what is so exciting about the Christmas story, and what it can mean for them today.

LESSONS

- 28** The Shepherds Come and See Jesus (Luke 2:8-20)
 - 29** Simeon and Anna See Jesus (Luke 2:22-40)
 - 30** The Wise Men Come and See Jesus
(Matthew 2:1-12)
- * Christmas Assembly (On Power Tools)
* Unit 8 Revision Lesson on Power Tools

Extra Lessons : Prayer and The Bible

AIM To introduce the children to two key aspects about the Christian faith. The invitation to talk with God (prayer) and to examine the sacred text of God's message to humanity (the Bible).

LESSONS

- 31** About Prayer (Philippians 4:6)
- 32** About The Bible (Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:14-17)