

The Year at a Glance



GodSpace Green: Discovering God

Unit 1: Discovering Who God Is

Theme: Living God's Way

Overview: Unit 1 introduces students to the theme of discovering God. They will consider four ways God has revealed himself, in order that they might discover who he is and the life he has for them.

Aim: To show students how God has revealed himself, how valued they are to God and to encourage students to go on a journey of discovering God throughout the year.



Lessons:

***Introduction (Lesson Download)**

- 1 Discovering God in the Bible
- 2 Discovering God in Creation (Psalm 19:1-6)
- 3 Discovering God and People (Psalm 8)
- 4 Discovering God in Jesus (Mark 1:1-11)

Unit 2: Discovering God in Jesus' Parables

Theme: Jesus' Life and Lessons

Overview: In Unit 2, students discover more about God through the stories Jesus told. Jesus' parables help people discover more about who God is and what he is doing in the world.

Aim: To discover more about God by exploring the deeper meaning in four of the parables that Jesus told.



Lessons:

- 5 Treasure! (Matthew 13:44)
 - 6 The Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24)
 - 7 The Lost Son (Luke 15:11-24)
 - 8 The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-7)
- *Easter Lesson (Lesson Download)**

Unit 3: Discovering Life with God in Jesus' Teaching

Theme: Living God's Way

Overview: In Unit 3, students will encounter some of the things that Jesus taught, particularly his teaching on what life with God might look like. Students discover what it is like to live with God, and catch a glimpse of a better world of which they can be a part.

Aim: To catch a glimpse of a better world, where everything is good because God rules and know they can be part of it.



Lessons:

- 9 Shine Your Light (Matthew 5:13-16)
 - 10 Trust God (Matthew 6:25-34)
 - 11 Ask God (Matthew 7:7-11)
 - 12 Show You Care (Luke 10:30-37; Matt 7:12)
- *Revision Lesson (Lesson Download)**

Unit 4: God's Spirit - Alive and Active

Theme: Followers of Jesus

Overview: Unit 4 will encourage students to discover God's Holy Spirit. Through the Bible, God reveals himself as one who is active in the world, working to make everything right and good. God's Holy Spirit works in those who have God in their life and are involved in God's work in the world.

Aim: To explore what it might be like to live empowered by the Holy Spirit to do what's right and good.



Lessons:

- 13 God's Spirit Promised
(John 14:15-21; 16:5-16; Acts 1:1-11)
 - 14 God's Spirit Arrives (Acts 2)
 15. About God's Spirit (Galatians 5:22-25)
 - 16 God's Spirit Alive and Active Now
(Contemporary Story)
- *Revision Lesson (Lesson Download)**

Unit 5: Peter - A Friend of Jesus

Theme: Followers of Jesus

Overview: Unit 5 follows the life of Peter, one of Jesus' closest friends, and shows students the difference Jesus made to Peter's life. Students will explore the development of Peter's understanding and faith in Jesus and reflect on their own response to Jesus.

Aim: To show how Peter's faith in Jesus developed over time, including his struggles and successes.



Lessons:

17 Jesus Calls Peter (Luke 5:1-10)

18 Jesus Saves Peter (Matthew 14:22-33)

19 Jesus Restores Peter (Luke 22; John 21)

20 Jesus Works Through Peter (Acts 3:1-26)

***Revision Lesson (Lesson Download)**

Unit 6: People Who Discovered God

Theme: God's People in the Old Testament

Overview: In Unit 6, students discover more of who God is through his interactions with Abraham, Joshua, Ruth and Samuel recorded in the Old Testament. Students will explore these stories and discoveries about God and reflect upon their own view of who God is and how he could be involved in their lives.

Aim: To discover more about who God is and the difference he can make in our lives.



Lessons:

21 Abraham Discovered God Can Be Trusted (Genesis 12, 15, 18, 21)

22 Joshua Discovered God Was Always With Him (Joshua 1-4)

23 Ruth Discovered God is Kind (Ruth 1-4)

24 Samuel Discovered God Really Knows Us (1 Samuel 16:1-13)

***Revision Lesson (Lesson Download)**

Unit 7: People Who Discovered Jesus

Theme: Jesus' Life and Lessons

Overview: In Unit 7, students discover more of who Jesus is through his interactions with various people in the New Testament. These people learn something more about who Jesus is and what he means for their lives. Students will reflect on their own view of who Jesus is and what he might mean for their own lives.

Aim: To discover more of who Jesus is through his interactions with various people in the Gospels.



Lessons:

25 Children Discover Jesus is Welcoming (Mark 10:13-16)

26 Two Men Discover Jesus is Compassionate (Matthew 20:29-34)

27 Two Different People Discover Jesus Gives Life (Luke 8:40-56)

28 Thomas Discovers Jesus is Alive (John 20:24-29)

Unit 8: Discovering Jesus from the First Christmas

Theme: Followers of Jesus

Overview: In this unit, students will discover who Jesus is through the stories of those who were part of the very first Christmas. Mary, the shepherds and the wise men all discovered something special about the baby born in Bethlehem. Through their stories we can discover who Jesus is and why he came into the world.

Aim: To show that Jesus coming to us as God's Son, Messiah, Saviour and King demonstrates the depth of God's love for us and is a reason to celebrate.



Lessons:

29 What Mary Discovered (Luke 1)

30 What the Shepherds Discovered (Luke 2:8-20)

31 What the Wise Men Discovered (Matthew 2:1-12)

Extra lessons: These single lessons are available on the website only. We recommend incorporating them on or near celebrations organised by the school or local community. These include: Introductory lesson, Easter lesson, Anzac Day lesson, Book Week lesson and Revision lessons for Units 3, 4, 5 and 6.