# The Year at a Glance



## GodSpace Green: Discovering God



## Unit I: Discovering Who God Is

**Discovery Theme:** Getting Started - Discovering God



**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 discover how God has revealed himself and invite students to go on a journey of discovering God throughout the year.

#### Lessons:

- \*Introduction (Lesson Downloads)
- 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: People Who Discovered Jesus

**Discovery Theme:** Finding Clues - God's Character



**Overview:** In Unit 2, students continue to discover what Jesus reveals about God through his interactions with various people. Students will reflect on their own view of Jesus in the light of these encounters.

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

#### Lessons:

- **5** Children Discovered Jesus is Welcoming (Mark 10:13-16)
- **6** Two Men Discovered Jesus is Compassionate (Matthew 20:29-34)
- **7** Two Different People Discovered Jesus Gives Life (Luke 8:40-56)
- **8** Thomas Discovers Jesus is Alive (John 20:24-29)
- \*Easter Lesson (Page 229)



# Unit 3: Discovering God in Jesus' Parables

**Discovery Theme:** Finding Clues - God's Character



**Overview:** Unit 3 introduces students to Jesus' parables – stories with a deeper meaning. As students encounter these stories they will discover more about God and his work in the world.

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

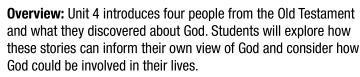
#### Lessons:

- 9 Treasure! (Matthew 13:44)
- **10** The Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24)
- **11** The Lost Son (Luke 15:11-24)
- **12** The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-7)
- \*ANZAC Lesson (Lesson Downloads)



# Unit 4: People Who Discovered God

Discovery Theme: Finding Clues - God's Character





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

#### Lessons:

- **13** Abraham Discovered God Can Be Trusted (Genesis 12, 15, 18, 21)
- **14** Joshua Discovered God Was Always With Him (Joshua 1-4)
- 15 Ruth Discovered God is Kind (Ruth 1-4)
- **16** Samuel Discovered God Really Knows Us (1 Samuel 16:1-13)
- \*Revision Lesson (Lesson Downloads)

## Unit 5: Discovering Jesus Through His Friend Peter

**Discovery Theme:** Signposts - Examples to Follow

**Overview:** Unit 5 follows the life of Peter, one of Jesus' closest friends. Students discover the difference Jesus made to Peter's life and faith, and reflect on their own response to Jesus.

**Aim:** To discover how Peter's faith in Jesus developed and how it may encourage people's faith today.

#### 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 Downloads)



## Unit 6: Discovering God's Spirit - Alive and Active

**Discovery Theme:** Signposts - Examples to Follow

**Overview:** In Unit 6 students will discover God's Holy Spirit - who is active in the world, working to make everything right and good. Students encounter Biblical and contemporary examples of people living empowered by God's Spirit.

**Aim:** To discover what life empowered by God's Spirit could be like.

#### Lessons:

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



### Unit 7: Discovering Life with God in Jesus' Teaching

**Discovery Theme:** Signposts - Examples to Follow

**Overview:** In Unit 7, students discover a glimpse of a better world through Jesus' teaching on life with God. Empowered by God's Spirit, followers of Jesus can partner with God and his plans to make the world good and right again.

**Aim:** To discover how followers of Jesus can partner with God to make the world good and right.

#### Lessons:

25 Shine Your Light (Matthew 5:13-16)

26 Trust God (Matthew 6:25-34)

**27** Ask God (Matthew 7:7-11)

**28** Show You Care (Luke 10:30-37; Matt 7:12)

\*Revision Lesson (Lesson Downloads)





## Unit 8: Discovering Jesus from the First Christmas

**Discovery Theme:** A Very Special Discovery

**Overview:** In Unit 8 students encounter the stories of those who were part of the very first Christmas. Through their stories we can discover who Jesus is and why he came into the world.

**Aim:** To discover how Jesus coming to us 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, Anzac Day lesson, Book Week lesson, NAIDOC Week Lesson and Revision lessons for Units 4, 5, 6 and 7. The Green Easter Lesson is a stand-alone lesson available on page 229 and in the Lesson Downloads.