

Year 1 Bible Outline for Primary–Junior Youth (as of 2/13/14)

Quarter 1, Fall 2014: Becoming God's People

	Date	Title	Scripture text	Bible story	Purpose statements
First Families	1. Aug. 31	God creates the world	Genesis 1:1–2:3	In the first creation story God created light, water, land, plants, sun, moon, animals, and people, calling each good and resting on the seventh day.	To discover the goodness of God's creation
	2. Sept. 7	Trouble in the garden	Genesis 3	Both Eve and Adam ate forbidden fruit. God visited them and called them to account. Adam blamed Eve and Eve blamed the serpent. God sent them out of the garden.	To understand that we can choose to follow God
	3. Sept. 14	Noah and God's promise	Genesis 6:5–9:17	Noah built an ark which saved his family and pairs of animals. After the great flood, God gave the rainbow as an everlasting promise.	To be comforted by God's promise to all creation
	4. Sept. 21	Abram, Sarai, and Lot	Genesis 12–13	At God's command, Abram traveled to Canaan with his wife Sarai and nephew Lot. After strife between their herders, Abram and Lot separated peacefully.	To attend to God's call.
	5. Sept. 28	God's promises to Abraham and Sarah	Genesis 16:1–17:22; 18:1–15; 21:1–7	God promised Abram and Sarai children and land. Abram fathered Ishmael with Hagar. God eventually renamed Abraham and Sarah, who eventually gave birth to Isaac.	To celebrate God's surprises and blessing
	6. Oct. 5	Jacob and Esau	Genesis 25:27–34; 27:1–28:5; Genesis 32:1–33:17	Jacob tricked his twin Esau into selling his birthright, then tricked their father Isaac and stole Esau's blessing. Later Jacob returned and Esau welcomed him.	To encourage us to make peace after a fight
	7. Oct. 12 <i>(Thanksgiving Day in Canada—13th)</i>	Joseph and his brothers	Genesis 37	Jacob gave his son Joseph a special robe. The brothers were jealous because of favoritism. They threw Joseph into a pit and sold him into slavery	To know that jealousy and anger divide
	8. Oct. 19	Joseph forgives	Genesis 39–45	Joseph was a ruler in Egypt. His brothers came to Egypt to buy food during a famine. Joseph finally revealed his identity and was reconciled with his family.	To celebrate the power of forgiveness
The Exodus	9. Oct. 26	Moses and the burning bush	Exodus 2:23–3:22	An angel appeared to Moses in a bush that burned but was not consumed. God called Moses to lead Israel out of Egypt and told him that the Israelites would listen to him.	To see that God called Moses to bring the people out of suffering
	10. Nov. 2	Let my people go	Exodus 7:1–13:16	Moses and Aaron continued to speak to Pharaoh who refused to let the Israelites leave Egypt. God sent ten plagues before the Pharaoh agreed.	To appreciate God's resolve to free the people
	11. Nov. 9	Crossing the Red Sea	Exodus 13:17–15:21	God led the people as Pharaoh pursued them. Moses parted the Red Sea with his staff and the Israelites passed through. Everyone celebrated and the women danced with joy.	To journey with the slaves as God frees them
	12. Nov. 16	Ten Commandments	Exodus 19:1–20:21	The Israelites reached Mount Sinai and received the Ten Commandments. God gave laws and covenanted to be with the people as they entered the Promised Land.	To affirm that God's laws guide our relationships
	13. Nov. 23 <i>(Thanksgiving Day in U.S.—27th)</i>	Promised Land dreams	Deuteronomy 30, 34	As an old man, Moses reminded the people of their life-giving covenant with God. Moses looked out over the Promised Land then died.	To choose the life God gives.

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Quarter 2, Winter 2014–15: Journeys with Jesus

	Date	Title	Scripture text	Bible story	Purpose statements
Advent and Christmas	1. Nov. 30 <i>(First week of Advent)</i>	Comfort for God's people	Isaiah 40	Isaiah used voices from a "council of heaven." They spoke words of comfort and preparation. God would come with might, yet tender as a shepherd.	To hear words of hope pointing to the Messiah.
	2. Dec. 7	John the Baptist shows the way	Mark 1:1–8	John the Baptist proclaimed the good news in the wilderness. He urged people to repent and prepare for one who would come and baptize with the Holy Spirit.	To prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ.
	3. Dec. 14	Mary says yes	Luke 1:26–56	The angel Gabriel visited Mary and said she would give birth to a son and name him Jesus. This baby would be the Son of God. Mary visited Elizabeth and praised God.	To hear Mary's song of response to God's call.
	4. Dec. 21	Jesus is born	Luke 2:1–7	Jesus was born in a Bethlehem stable while Joseph and Mary were there registering in a census. Mary wrapped him and laid him in a manger.	To celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ.
	5. Dec. 28	Shepherds show the way	Luke 2:8–20	An angel told nearby shepherds of the birth and they came to see Jesus. Then they praised God telling everyone around them what they had seen.	To praise God along with the shepherds.
Stories of Jesus	6. Jan 4	Jesus calls disciples	Mark 1:16–45	Jesus walked by Lake Galilee and called two pairs of brothers who were fishing: Simon and Andrew, and James and John. They all left their nets to follow Jesus.	To respond to Jesus call.
	7. Jan. 11	The man through the roof	Mark 2:1–12	Four friends lowered a paralyzed man through the roof of a house where Jesus was teaching. Jesus forgave the man his sins and healed him. People were amazed.	To see that Jesus healed and forgave.
	8. Jan. 18	Jesus heals two daughters	Mark 5:21–43	On the way to Jairus' house, a woman touched Jesus' cloak. Jesus said, "Daughter your faith has made you well." Jesus also restored Jairus' daughter to life.	To be amazed at the power of Jesus' touch.
	9. Jan. 25	Enough food by the sea	Mark 6:30–44	A large crowd followed Jesus to a wilderness area. Jesus taught the people, then fed them using five loaves and two fish. Thousands ate and were satisfied.	To wonder at the miracle of enough food for a crowd.
	10. Feb 1	Jesus walks on water	Mark 6:45–52	Jesus stayed to pray. The disciples rowed across the lake, against the wind. Jesus frightened them walking by, but stopped, calming them and the storm.	To witness Jesus' power to calm the storm.
	11. Feb. 8	Jesus heals a little girl	Mark 7:24–30	A Syrophenician woman came to Jesus begging help for her child. She convinced Jesus to help foreigners as well as his own people. Jesus healed the daughter.	To recognize that Jesus listened to the Syrophenician woman.
	12. Feb. 15	Jesus blesses the children	Mark 10:13–16	People brought children to Jesus. The disciples tried to turn them away but Jesus welcomed them and said that the kingdom belongs to children.	To respond to Jesus' blessing for the children.
	13. Feb. 22 <i>(First week of Lent)</i>	The rich man	Mark 10:17–31	A man found it difficult to give up wealth in exchange for heavenly treasure. God rewards those who give up property and leave family to follow God.	To question our wealth and earthly treasures.

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Quarter 3, Spring 2015: God's Good News

	Date	Title	Scripture text	Bible story	Purpose statements
Lent and Easter	1. Mar. 1	Jesus heals blindness	John 9:1–41	Jesus healed a blind man. The Pharisees challenged the man and threw him out of the temple. Jesus criticized people who think they see but are really blind.	To think about many ways of seeing.
	2. Mar. 8	Jesus rides into Jerusalem	Mark 11:1–11	Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Many people gathered along the way to spread cloaks, wave leafy branches, and shout, “Hosanna in the highest heaven.”	To enjoy Jesus' welcome to Jerusalem.
	3. Mar. 15	The widow's offering	Mark 12:41–44	Wealthy people gave much money in temple offerings. A widow gave two coins. Jesus said she had given more because she gave all she had.	To be inspired by the woman who gave generously.
	4. Mar. 22	Jesus washes the disciples' feet	John 13:1–20	Jesus washed his disciples' feet. He told the disciples that they should do the same for each other. Jesus said that those who receive him receive the one who sent him.	To understand Jesus' servant leadership.
	5. Mar. 29	Jesus' arrest and death	Mark 14:32–15:47 (Matthew 26:36–27:61; Luke 22:40–23:56; John 18:1–19:42)	Jesus prayed at Gethsemane. There Judas betrayed him to the soldiers. After hours of trials and mistreatment, Jesus was crucified, died, and was buried.	To lament Jesus' death.
	6. Apr. 5 Easter	Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene	John 20:1–18	Mary Magdalene and two disciples searched the tomb, unable to find Jesus. Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene who told the disciples what Jesus had said.	To celebrate the resurrection.
	7. Apr. 12	Jesus appears to disciples	John 21:1–14	The disciples fished all night and caught nothing. Jesus appeared and told them to cast their nets on the other side. Jesus fed them and they recognized him.	To experience the disciples' wonder at seeing Jesus again.
Enough for All	8. Apr. 19	Jesus and the wedding at Cana	John 2:1–11	At a wedding, Jesus told servants to fill six stone jars with water. After they did, the water became wine. This was Jesus' first miracle.	To hear the story of Jesus turning water to wine.
	9. Apr. 26	Elijah and the miracle of enough	1 Kings 17:1–16	God told Elijah to stay with a widow who only had a little flour and oil left. After she shared, the oil and flour kept replenishing.	To wonder at the miracle of enough daily food.
	10. May 3	Prayer of Agur	Proverbs 30:7–9	Agur prayed for honesty and just enough to meet true needs. Poverty could lead to stealing and riches could lead to forgetting God.	To pray for enough to meet our true needs.
	11. May 10	Don't worry	Matthew 6:25–34	God cares for the birds and flowers. How much more then does God care for us? Strive for God's righteousness and other things will be taken care of.	To trust God to provide.
	12. May 17	Enough food in the wilderness	Exodus 15:22–16:36	The Israelites entered the wilderness and complained about the lack of food and water. God heard their cries and gave them quails and enough manna and water for each day.	To notice that God provided for Israelites in the wilderness.
	13. May 24	Enough for all	Acts 2:42–47; 4:32–37	The first converts devoted themselves to study, prayer, and community. They lived together, sharing their possessions and goods. God kept adding to their numbers.	To see an example of sharing God's good gifts.

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Quarter 4, Summer 2015: God's Creation

	Date	Title	Scripture text	Bible story	Purpose statements
God's Wonderful World	1. May 31	Let there be light!	Genesis 1:1–5; Psalm 119:105, 130; Isaiah 9:2; Matthew 5:14–16; John 1:1–9	God created light. God's people's good deeds are light for the world. The one who was the Word gives light that nothing can put out.	To notice the theme of light throughout the Bible
	2. June 7	God tends a garden in Eden	Genesis 2:4–19	God formed a man and animals from the dust. God planted a garden home for them. God put the man in the garden to care for it and brought animals to him for naming.	To appreciate and care for God's creation
	3. June 14	God answers Job	Job 38:1–42:6	In difficult times Job turned to God with questions. God answered Job in a whirlwind. After hearing many examples from nature, Job affirmed that God can do all things.	To learn about the majestic mystery of God, shown in creation
	4. June 21	God cares for the earth	Psalm 104	The earth is full of God's creatures. God provides sustenance and protection for all, from singing birds and human beings to the young lions and sea creatures.	To reflect on creation through the poetry of a psalm
	5. June 28	Trust in God's care	Psalm 121	Pilgrims to Jerusalem sang this song on their journey. Help comes from God, creator of heaven and earth. We can trust in God's care both day and night.	To imagine singing a psalm while traveling outdoors
Examples from Nature	6. July 5	The sower and the seed	Mark 4:1–20	Some of a sower's seed fell on the path, rocky ground, thorns, and good soil. Jesus interpreted the seed as the word of the kingdom.	To compare God's message to a growing seed
	7. July 12	The vine and the branches	John 15:1–17	Jesus called himself the true vine of God. He called on followers to abide in him, as he abided in God. God is glorified by branches that bear good fruit.	To learn about life in God from the image of grapevines
	8. July 19	Growing the fruit of the Spirit	Galatians 5:13–26	The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Paul warned against conceit, competition, and envy.	To imagine spiritual qualities as life-giving fruit
	9. July 26	The Good Shepherd	John 10:1–18; Psalm 23	The psalmist speaks of people as sheep and God as a caring shepherd. Jesus contrasted a shepherd and a thief. He said that he was the Good Shepherd.	To be comforted by the images of God care
Sharing God's World	10. Aug. 2	Sharing the harvest	Ruth 2, (Leviticus 23:22)	God told the people to leave part of their harvest for those who had no land. Boaz shared the bounty of his land with Ruth. He honored Ruth for her devotion to Naomi.	To hear God's call to share the goodness of the earth
	11. Aug. 9	Jubilee	Leviticus 25:8–55	God's laws included provision for a fiftieth year of rest and equality. Freedom and land would be restored. Jesus declared this Jubilee vision as his mission.	To join God in bringing freedom and fairness
	12. Aug. 16	Celebrating the harvest	Leviticus 23:33–43; Deuteronomy 16:13–15	The Festival of Booths came at the end of harvest time. Families lived outdoors for seven days, remembering God's provision and the Israelite exodus from Egypt.	To celebrate the harvest with thanksgiving to God
	13. Aug. 23	Love your neighbor	Mark 12:28–34	A scribe asked what the most important commandment is. Jesus told him that the first commandment is to love God; the second is to love your neighbor as yourself.	To love our neighbors as Jesus instructed

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Quarter 1, Fall 2015: Hearing God's Call

	Date	Title	Scripture text	Bible story	Purpose statements
Entering the Land	1. Aug. 30	Love the Lord	Deuteronomy 6:1–13	Moses explained how the Israelites were to live when they got to the Promised Land. They were to remember God's commandments and tell their children.	To practice loving God wholeheartedly
	2. Sept. 6	Moving toward Canaan	Numbers 13–14	Moses sent twelve spies into Canaan. All but Caleb and Joshua reported that the inhabitants were so big and strong they could not be overtaken.	To be encouraged to trust God
	3. Sept. 13	God calls Joshua	Joshua 1:1–17	After Moses' death, God commanded Joshua to cross the Jordan with the Israelites. God told Joshua to be courageous and gave instructions for taking the land.	To hear God's call to a new leader, Joshua
	4. Sept. 20	Crossing the Jordan	Joshua 3–4	God told Joshua to lead the people across the Jordan and held back the water while they crossed. Joshua had them set up twelve stones to mark their safe passage.	To remember God's faithfulness
	5. Sept. 27	Rahab and Jericho's walls	Joshua 2, 6	Rahab saved two Israelite spies in Jericho, helping them escape. Joshua's warriors blew trumpets, shouted, and brought down the walls, saving only Rahab's family.	To learn the story of Rahab's courage
Judges, Prophets, Kings	6. Oct. 4	Gideon	Judges 6:1–7:23	God called Gideon to deliver Israel from oppressors. God granted Gideon's request for signs of God's commitment. With 300 men, Gideon routed the Midianite army.	To hear how God delivered Israel
	7. Oct. 11 <i>(Thanksgiving Day in Canada—12th)</i>	Ruth and Naomi	Ruth 1–4	After the death of her husband, Ruth went to Judah with her mother-in-law, Naomi. Boaz saw Ruth gleaning in his fields and helped her. Ruth and Boaz married.	To appreciate a story of friendship and kindness
	8. Oct. 18	The call of Samuel	1 Samuel 1–3	Samuel was raised in the temple by the priest, Eli. One night God called young Samuel by name. This was the beginning of Samuel's prophetic role in Israel.	To see young Samuel's response to God's call
	9. Oct. 25	Saul becomes king	1 Samuel 8:1–10:25	While Saul was looking for the family donkeys he met Samuel. Samuel anointed Saul to be the first king over Israel and later presented him to the people.	To enjoy God's surprising call to Saul
	10. Nov. 1	Samuel anoints David	1 Samuel 16:1–13	Saul disobeyed God and God sent Samuel to anoint another king for Israel. The sons of Jesse passed before Samuel. David, the youngest, was chosen by God to be king.	To know that God sees what we can do
	11. Nov. 8	David trusts God	1 Samuel 17	The Israelites were fighting the Philistines. The Philistine Goliath challenged any Israelite to duel him. David volunteered saying that God would give him victory.	To turn away from fear and trust God
	12. Nov. 15	David begins his rule	2 Samuel 7, 9	God told David not to build a temple. But God promised to give David a child to build God's house and whose kingdom would last forever.	To hear about God's promises to David
	13. Nov. 22 <i>(Thanksgiving Day in U.S.—26th)</i>	Nathan confronts King David	2 Samuel 11:1–12:15	David secretly took Uriah's wife as his own. Then he arranged for Uriah to be killed in battle. The prophet Nathan confronted David by telling a story.	To proclaim God's call for justice

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Quarter 2, Winter 2015–16: Journeys with Jesus

	Date	Title	Scripture text	Bible story	Purpose statements
Advent and Christmas	1. Nov. 29 <i>(First week of Advent)</i>	The path to God's promise	Jeremiah 33:14–16; Psalm 25	Jeremiah shared God's promise of a righteous leader for Israel. The psalmist speaks of God leading the people in the paths of steadfast love and faithfulness.	To hear the people's hopes for a righteous leader
	2. Dec. 6 <i>(Second week of Advent)</i>	Zechariah and Elizabeth	Luke 1:5–25; 57–80	The angel Gabriel said Zechariah and Elizabeth would have a son named John. Zechariah became mute until John was born. Then he used his voice to praise God.	To be amazed at God's plans
	3. Dec. 13 <i>(Third week of Advent)</i>	Mary says yes	Luke 1:26–56	The angel Gabriel visited Mary. Mary would give birth to God's son, naming him Jesus. Mary was willing and went to tell Elizabeth, praising God.	To hear Mary's answer to God's call
	4. Dec. 20 <i>(Fourth week of Advent)</i>	Jesus' birth	Luke 2:1–20	Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem to register in the census. Jesus was born there. An angel told nearby shepherds of the birth and they came to see Jesus.	To celebrate Jesus' birth
	5. Dec. 27	Simeon and Anna	Luke 2:21–40	Jesus received his name at eight days old. Later, Mary and Joseph presented baby Jesus at the temple. Simeon and the prophet Anna acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah.	To hear a story of child blessing and dedication
	6. Jan. 3	Studying at the temple	Luke 2:41–52	Jesus went to the temple with his parents for Passover. The family started to return home, but Jesus stayed behind to study with the teachers, upsetting his parents.	To journey with Jesus as he learns at the temple
	7. Jan. 10	Jesus in the desert	Luke 4:1–13	Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness tempted by the devil. He was tempted with power, kingdoms, and protection. Jesus rejected the temptations	To ponder the choices that Jesus made
	8. Jan. 17	Jesus brings good news	Luke 4:14–30	Jesus read from Isaiah in his hometown synagogue and then preached. His words amazed people, but then they rejected his message and drove him away.	To hear Jesus' message of good news
	9. Jan. 24	Transfiguration	Luke 9:28–36	Jesus took Peter, James, and John to a mountain to pray. Moses and Elijah appeared, God spoke from a cloud. Jesus was transfigured and affirmed as God's son.	To discover Jesus' glory on the mountaintop
	10. Jan. 31	Mustard seed and yeast	Luke 13:18–21	Jesus told two stories: the parable of the mustard seed and the parable of the yeast. He spoke of the seed growing over time and of a little leaven bringing new life.	To explore parables of God's kingdom
	11. Feb. 7	Come to the banquet	Luke 14:1–24	Three accounts describe the welcome at God's table. Jesus said that God's table is set for everyone, but each person must choose to come.	To extend a welcome to all who come to God's table
	12. Feb. 14	Searching for the lost	Luke 15:1–10	In Jesus' stories, a shepherd searched for a lost sheep and a woman looked for a lost coin. They called their friends to rejoice when the lost was found.	To know that God is concerned for each person
	13. Feb. 21	The loving father	Luke 15:11–32	Jesus told a parable about a man with two sons. One son squandered his inheritance. The father welcomed him back with open arms, celebrating that the lost was found.	To understand God as a loving parent
	14. Feb. 28	Jesus in the temple	Luke 19:45–48	Jesus chased people out of the temple who were selling items pilgrims needed for sacrifices and offerings. Jesus spent his days teaching in the temple.	To understand Jesus' passion for justice and prayer

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Quarter 3, Spring 2016: God's Good News

	Date	Title	Scripture text	Bible story	Purpose statements
Lent and Easter	1. Mar. 6	Jesus rides into Jerusalem	Luke 19:28–40	Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Many people gathered along the way, spread cloaks, and praised God for Jesus' coming.	To celebrate with the crowd that welcomed Jesus
	2. Mar. 13	The Last Supper	Luke 22:1–28	Judas sought to betray Jesus. Jesus shared Passover with his disciples, offering them bread and cup. He said the betrayer was among them; they argued about greatness.	To experience Jesus' last meal with his friends
	3. Mar. 20	Jesus' arrest and death	Luke 22:40–23:56	Judas helped the soldiers arrest Jesus, who didn't want defense by the sword. Eventually they led Jesus to be crucified between two criminals and he died.	To mourn Jesus' death
	4. Mar. 27 (Easter)	Jesus is risen!	Luke 24:1–12	Women came to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. Two men in dazzling clothes said Jesus had risen. The women told the disciples. Only Peter believed them.	To celebrate the resurrection
	5. Apr. 3	Walking on the Emmaus Road	Luke 24:13–35	Two followers met Jesus on the road to Emmaus. They talked about Jesus' death, but did not recognize Jesus until later that day when he broke bread with them.	To find hope as we journey with Jesus
The Road to Peace	6. Apr. 10	Jealousy between brothers	Genesis 4:1–16	Cain tilled fields and Abel kept sheep. They competed for God's acceptance. God warned Cain about his jealousy. In the end, Cain killed Abel.	To see the pain brought by jealousy
	7. Apr. 17	Isaac and the wells	Genesis 26:12–33	The Philistines envied Isaac and stopped up his wells. Isaac moved on, instead of fighting. The king saw God was with Isaac and made peace with Isaac.	To witness making peace by walking away from conflict
	8. Apr. 24	Sisters solve a problem	Numbers 27:1–11	Five sisters wanted to inherit their father's property. They challenged the way land passed only to male heirs. Moses and God approved the sisters' request.	To value speaking up for what is right.
	9. May 1	Abigail prevents war	1 Samuel 25:1–35	Nabal insulted David. In response, David and his men prepared for war. Nabal's wife, Abigail, averted war by offering gifts and apologizing for Nabal's actions.	To appreciate Abigail's quick actions to prevent violence
	10. May 8	Elisha turns back the soldiers	2 Kings 6:8–23	The prophet Elisha warned Israel of Aram's attack plans. God blinded the Arameans and Elisha led them to the Israelites. Elisha told Israel's king to feed, not kill, the soldiers..	To glimpse the results of feeding an enemy army
	11. May 15	The good Samaritan	Luke 10:25–37	A lawyer asked Jesus how to inherit eternal life. Jesus responded with a parable about a good Samaritan. Mercy and care can come from unlikely places	To show care to strangers in need
	12. May 22	Respecting others	James 2:1–13	James said that Christians must not favor the wealthy over the poor. They are to love their neighbors as themselves and show mercy to others.	To show respect and love for others, rich and poor alike
	13. May 29	Visions of peace	Isaiah 65:17–25; Zechariah 8:1–8; Revelation 21	Prophets told of a new Jerusalem, a new heaven and earth, with wellbeing for all—no more destruction, tears, or death. God would dwell with God's people.	To imagine a new world of peace

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Quarter 4, Summer 2016: Catch the Spirit

	Date	Title	Scripture text	Bible story	Purpose statements
First Churches	1. June 5	Jesus' ascension	Luke 24:50–53; Acts 1:1–11	After his resurrection, Jesus appeared and spoke about the kingdom of God. He blessed the disciples before ascending to heaven and promised to return again in the same way.	To hear an account of Jesus' ascension
	2. June 12	Pentecost	Acts 2:1–41	At Pentecost, Jesus' followers were filled with the Holy Spirit. Peter quoted the prophet Joel and preached about Jesus. Some 3,000 people joined the community.	To wonder at the coming of God's spirit
	3. June 19	Peter, John, and a lame man	Acts 3:1–10	As Peter and John went the temple, Peter healed a man lame since birth. An astonished crowd gathered to watch the man walking, leaping, and praising God.	To celebrate with the man who was healed
	4. June 26	Tabitha	Acts 9:32–43	Peter visited the saints in Lydda. Tabitha, a disciple who did many kind acts, became ill and died. God answered Peter's prayer and she returned to life and health.	To learn about God at work in the life of Tabitha
	5. July 3	Stephen's story	Acts 6–7	Stephen was chosen to fairly distribute food. His eloquence made others jealous who made false accusations to the high priest. He was stoned after he spoke about Jesus' death.	To be inspired by Stephen's witness to faith in Jesus
	6. July 10	Cornelius and Peter	Acts 10	An angel appeared to the centurion Cornelius telling him to send for Peter. Peter shared Jesus' message with Cornelius and other Gentiles, baptizing many.	To proclaim God's message of love for everyone
	7. July 17	A rescue from prison	Acts 12:1–17	Peter was imprisoned by King Herod. An angel freed him, leading him away. He went to a house where followers of Jesus were praying. They were amazed to see him.	To enjoy a story of prayer and God's rescue
Paul's Journeys	8. July 24	Saul sees the light	Acts 9:1–31	Saul persecuted Christians. On the road to Damascus, God blinded him. After Ananias healed and baptized him, he began to proclaim Jesus as the Messiah.	To be amazed at God's transforming power
	9. July 31	Paul's first missionary journey	Acts 13–14	Paul and Barnabas made their first missionary journey. They preached in Cyprus, sailed to Antioch, then preached in Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe.	To share the good news of Jesus wherever we go
	10. Aug. 7	Mission in Philippi	Acts 16:11–40	Timothy joined Paul and Silas. Lydia and her household converted. Paul and Silas exorcised a demon and were imprisoned; they converted the jailer and his family.	To show that kindness changes people
	11. Aug. 14	The church in Corinth	Acts 18:1–17; 1 Corinthians 13	Paul preached to Jews and Gentiles in Corinth for 18 months. Later he wrote to the Corinthian church, telling them that love matters more than every other good quality.	To affirm the importance of love in action
	12. Aug. 21	Aquila and Priscilla	Acts 18:1–3, 18–28	Aquila and Priscilla were Jews whom Paul visited in Corinth. They travelled with Paul and explained the way of God to a believer named Apollos.	To understand that Jesus' followers learned from each other
	13. Aug. 28	Setting sail	Acts 27–28	Paul and other prisoners were put on a boat for Rome. A storm ran them aground in Malta but everyone was saved. Paul healed people there before sailing to Rome.	To see that God was with Paul through difficult times

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Quarter 1, Fall 2016: God Restores the People

	Date	Title	Scripture text	Bible story	Purpose statements
Jerusalem's Rise and Fall	1. Sept. 4	Building the temple	1 Kings 6, 8	Solomon built a grand temple in Jerusalem and brought the ark of the covenant to rest there. Solomon's prayer of dedication included both Israelites and foreigners.	To imagine joyful worship at the beautiful temple
	2. Sept. 11	Solomon's wisdom and folly	1 Kings 3–11	Solomon loved God. God asked what he wanted. Solomon wanted understanding, which God granted. When old, however, Solomon's heart turned from God.	To understand the importance of choosing God's wisdom
	3. Sept. 18	Elijah and Naboth's vineyard	1 Kings 21	King Ahab of Samaria wanted his neighbor Naboth's vineyard. Ahab's wife Jezebel convinced Ahab to frame Naboth, kill him, and take it. Elijah confronted Ahab.	To learn to recognize results of envy
	4. Sept. 25	The prophets call for justice	Amos 5:14–24; Micah 6:1–8	In the midst of unfair practices, Amos and Micah called for justice, right living, and humility as the worship and offering that pleases God.	To hear the importance of walking in God's ways
	5. Oct. 2	King Josiah follows God	2 Kings 22:1–23:30	In Judah a book of the law was discovered. King Josiah realized that he and the people had not been faithful to God. He led the people in following God's ways.	To encourage faithfulness to God
	6. Oct. 9	Fall of Jerusalem	2 Kings 24:18–25:21	King Zedekiah rebelled against Babylonian rule. Soldiers captured the king, tore down Jerusalem's walls, ransacked the temple, and took the people of Judah into exile.	To know that God is with us even in hard times
Exile and Return	7. Oct. 16	Job suffers	Book of Job	The story of Job reflects the suffering of the Israelites. Job suffered great loss and asked God questions. Job remained faithful to God. God restored Job's hope.	To know God hears us
	8. Oct. 23	Ezekiel and the dry bones	Ezekiel 37:1–14	God gave Ezekiel a vision of a valley full of dry bones coming to life. This symbolized the restoration and new life God planned for Israel, even in Israel's darkest times.	To hear God's promise in times of hopelessness
	9. Oct. 30	Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego	Daniel 3	King Nebuchadnezzar ordered people to worship an idol. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused and were thrown into a furnace. With God's help, they survived.	To be inspired by three people who were faithful to God
	10. Nov. 6	Daniel stands up to the king	Daniel 6	Daniel was a respected ruler, making other rulers jealous. They created a law to trap Daniel. Daniel entered the lion's den, prayed to God, and was saved.	To hear that God kept Daniel safe from the lions
	11. Nov. 13	Returning to Jerusalem	Ezra 1	King Cyrus of Persia sent the Israelites back to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. Neighbors gave them gifts and Cyrus restored to them treasures from Jerusalem.	To find hope in God's faithfulness to the people
	12. Nov. 20	Rebuilding the temple	Ezra 4–6	The rebuilding of the temple was halted, but King Darius gave permission for the work to continue. The temple was completed and dedicated to God with joy.	To worship God joyfully
	13. Nov. 27 <i>First week of Advent</i>	Reading God's word together	Nehemiah 8	The priest Ezra read to the people from the book of law. The people worshiped God, weeping and rejoicing. The community kept the Festival of Booths.	To see the importance of reading scripture together

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Quarter 2, Winter 2016–17: Journeys with Jesus

	Date	Title	Scripture text	Bible story	Purpose statements
Advent and Christmas Stories of Jesus	1. Dec. 4	Walk in the light of the Lord	Isaiah 2:1–5	Isaiah foretold a time when people would seek to know the ways of God. When nations turn to God and follow God's instruction, peace will follow.	To prepare for the coming of Jesus
	2. Dec. 11	An angel visits Joseph	Matthew 1:1–25	Joseph learned that his intended wife Mary was pregnant. An angel told him that the child was from the Holy Spirit and should be named Jesus.	To wonder at the angel's message to Joseph
	3. Dec. 18	Jesus is born!	Luke 2:1–7	Jesus was born in a Bethlehem stable. Mary wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger.	To rejoice in Jesus' birth
	4. Dec. 25	Shepherds show the way	Luke 2:8–20	An angel told nearby shepherds of the birth and they came to see Jesus. Then they praised God, telling everyone around them what they had seen.	To praise God with the shepherds
	5. Jan. 1	A visit from the magi	Matthew 2:1–12	The magi came from the east to honor Jesus and offer gifts. They were warned in a dream to not tell Herod where they had found the baby.	To join the magi in offering gifts and worshiping Jesus
	6. Jan. 8	Escape to Egypt	Matthew 2:13–23	An angel warned Joseph to escape to Egypt because Herod planned to destroy baby Jesus. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus returned to Nazareth after Herod's death.	To hear that Jesus was kept safe as a refugee in Egypt
	7. Jan. 15	Jesus is baptized	Matthew 3:13–17	John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. The Spirit of God descended on Jesus. He was identified as the Son of God.	To marvel at God's words to Jesus at his baptism
	8. Jan. 22	Jesus in the desert	Matthew 4:1–11	Jesus fasted and then was tempted. Satan urged Jesus to create food, show off God's power, and rule the world. Jesus rejected temptation with scriptures.	To understand the choices Jesus made in the wilderness
	9. Jan. 29	Beatitudes	Matthew 5:1–12	Jesus taught the disciples on a mountain. He offered blessings to those who follow God's ways of mercy, righteousness, and peace, rather than striving for worldly rewards.	To hear and follow in the way of Jesus
	10. Feb. 5	Love your enemies	Matthew 5:38–48	Jesus taught the disciples to love everyone and to pray for those who persecuted them. Loving one's enemies is a reflection of God's love.	To love both friends and enemies
	11. Feb. 12	Give, pray, fast	Matthew 6:1–18	Jesus taught the disciples to give to charity anonymously, to pray humbly, and to fast privately. God rewards faithful acts done in secret.	To learn the Lord's prayer and other spiritual practices
	12. Feb. 19	Building on the rock	Matthew 7:24–27	Jesus told this story: A wise builder chose solid rock for a foundation while a foolish builder chose sand. Only the wise builder's house remained when the floods came.	To learn to build faith on a solid foundation
	13. Feb. 26	Hidden treasure	Matthew 13:44–50	Jesus told three stories about the kingdom of heaven. The first two told of people seeking treasure. In the third, a net gathered fish; the good were separated from the bad.	To compare God's kingdom to finding treasure

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Quarter 3, Spring 2017: God's Good News

	Date	Title	Scripture text	Bible story	Purpose statements
Lent and Easter	1. Mar. 5	Jesus and the Samaritan woman	John 4:1–42	Jesus asked a Samaritan woman for a drink of water, and they talked about the water of eternal life. She told other Samaritans about Jesus. Many believed.	To know that Jesus offers living water
	2. Mar. 12	Jesus refuses to cast stones	John 7:53–8:11	The religious authorities brought a sinner to Jesus to see if he would enforce the law by calling for her death. Jesus told those without sin to cast the first stone.	To see that Jesus forgives
	3. Mar. 19	Jesus raises Lazarus	John 11:1–44	Lazarus of Bethany died and was entombed. After four days, Jesus arrived. He wept with Mary and Martha. Jesus commanded Lazarus to come out and Lazarus did so.	To believe in Jesus as the resurrection and the life
	4. Mar. 26	Mary anoints Jesus	John 12:1–19	Mary honored Jesus as she anointed his feet with costly perfume and wiped them with her hair. Later, a great crowd shouted praises to Jesus as he entered Jerusalem.	To show our love to Jesus
	5. Apr. 2	The Last Supper	Matthew 26:1–5, 14–30	Judas sought to betray Jesus. Jesus shared Passover with his disciples, offering them bread and cup. He said the betrayer was among them.	To hear how Jesus shared Passover with his disciples
	6. Apr. 9	Jesus' arrest and death	Matthew 26:36–27:66	Judas helped the soldiers arrest Jesus, who didn't want defense by the sword. Eventually they led Jesus to be crucified between two criminals and he died.	To remember Jesus suffered and died
	7. Apr. 16 Easter	Jesus is risen!	Matthew 28:1–10	Women went to the tomb. A dazzling angel rolled the stone away. They met Jesus himself, who sent them to Galilee with the news.	To wonder at Jesus' resurrection
God Cares for the Weak	8. Apr. 23	God hears Hagar and Ishmael	Genesis 16:1–15; 21:8–21	When Sarai and Abraham had no children, Abraham fathered Ishmael with his slave Hagar. Later God saved Ishmael and Hagar and promised him many descendants.	To know that God hears our cries
	9. Apr. 30	Moses is born	Exodus 1:1–2:10	The Israelites were fruitful and multiplied, despite being oppressed. Shiphrah and Puah saved the Hebrew boys. Moses' sister and Pharaoh's daughter helped rescue Moses.	To see the courage of women who rescued babies
	10. May 7	A young girl and Naaman	2 Kings 5:1–19	An Israelite servant girl told Naaman, a commander in Aram, that a prophet in Israel might cure his leprosy. Naaman went and Elisha healed him.	To notice God at work through the small and powerless
	11. May 14	Caring for those in need	Matthew 25:31–46	Jesus will return in glory. All will come before him and he will separate people based on how they have treated those who are sick, hungry, imprisoned, or strangers.	To heed Jesus' call to tend to those in need
	12. May 21	True greatness	Mark 9:33–37	Jesus' disciples argued about who was the greatest. Jesus told them that anyone who wants to be first must be the servant of all.	To learn how Jesus defined greatness
	13. May 28	Healing on the Sabbath	Luke 6:1–11; 13:10–17	Jesus insisted that the Sabbath was a day to embrace life and bring healing. In spite of Sabbath rules, Jesus healed a man's withered hand and woman's crippled back.	To value compassion as Jesus did

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Quarter 4, Summer 2017: Following God

	Date	Title	Scripture text	Bible story	Purpose statements
Old Testament Stories	1. June 4	God leads Rebekah	Genesis 24	Abraham sent to Haran for a wife for Isaac. At a well, Rebekah offered water as the servant had prayed. Rebekah agreed to marry Isaac.	To know that God leads us
	2. June 11	Moses accepts God's call	Exodus 4	God gave Moses three signs so that the people would believe. God also gave Aaron as Moses' spokesperson. The Israelites were moved that God had seen their misery.	To hear how Moses responded to God's call
	3. June 18	Balaam, the donkey, and the angel	Numbers 22–24	The king of Moab's son Balak wanted Balaam to curse the Israelites. But no matter what Balak tried, Balaam only spoke God's words of blessing.	To learn with Balaam to speak God's blessing
	4. June 25	David and Jonathan	1 Samuel 18–20	David and Saul's son Jonathan were close friends. Saul grew jealous of David's prowess. Several times Jonathan supported David in the face of Saul's anger.	To explore loyal friendship
	5. July 2	Elisha and the Shunammite woman	2 Kings 4:8–37	A Shunammite woman made a room for Elisha to stay in. In return, Elisha prophesied she'd have a son. When the boy died later, Elisha raised him.	To hear a story of hospitality and healing
	6. July 9	Queen Esther	Esther 2–7; 9:24–32	The king chose Esther, a Jew, to be his queen. When Haman convinced the king to kill all Jews, Esther spoke up for them and saved them.	To enjoy Esther's cunning and courage
	7. July 16	Jeremiah and a new covenant	Jeremiah 1:1–10; 31:31–40	God called Jeremiah, as a boy, to prophecy to nations and kingdoms. He prophesied God's law would be on people's hearts—a new covenant.	To love God wholeheartedly
	8. July 23	The story of Jonah	Jonah	Jonah tried to escape God's call. After being swallowed by a whale he preached in Nineveh. When people repented, Jonah was angry at God's mercy.	To understand God's great mercy
New Testament Stories	9. July 30	Mary and Martha	Luke 10:38–42	Martha wanted Mary to help with the housework, preparing for Jesus. Jesus said it was better to sit and listen to him like Mary did.	To compare Mary and Martha's ways of honoring Jesus
	10. Aug. 6	Zacchaeus responds	Luke 19:1–10	Zacchaeus, a tax collector, climbed a tree to see Jesus and welcomed Jesus to his house for dinner. He said he would give generously to the poor and to any he had defrauded.	To discover that God's love can change us
	11. Aug. 13	Nicodemus visits Jesus	John 3:1–21	Nicodemus visited Jesus at night. Jesus explained to him about God's spirit bringing new life and God's son bringing light to the world.	To hear that the Spirit gives new life
	12. Aug. 20	Philip and the Ethiopian official	Acts 8:4–8, 26–40	Philip travelled, preaching and healing. He met an Ethiopian official on the road. Philip explained the good news to the man who asked to be baptized.	To know that all people are welcomed to worship God
	13. Aug. 27	Cloud of witnesses	Hebrews 11:1–12:2	Hebrews' author recounts how ancestors with faith: Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, and Rahab are a cloud of witnesses surrounding his readers.	To be encouraged by the lives of faithful people