

Annual Theme Scope & Cycle

2026-2027

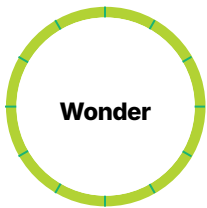


One Priority

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Matthew 22:37-39 NIV

Three Relational Motives



Wonder

Move kids to **love God** by inciting wonder*.



Discovery

Move kids to **love life** by provoking discovery.



Passion

Move kids to **love others** by fueling passion.

*In the Preschool Phase, the **Wonder** dial is turned all the way up.

Nine Core Insights

Design of God's Creation

What I see around me reveals a Creator who cares about me.

Identity based on God's Image

I am created in the image of God and have unique potential and worth.

Connection because of God's Love

I live in pursuit of an infinite God who desires an eternal relationship with me.

Faith in God's Son

I believe in Jesus and will continue to trust Him even when life doesn't make sense.

Transformation by the power of God's Spirit

God's Spirit is transforming my unique and imperfect life into the character of Jesus.

Truth according to God's Message

What Jesus said and did impacts how I should respond to God's Word in my everyday life.

Restoration through participating in God's Story

I am designed to participate in God's story to restore a broken and hurting world.

Compassion that reflects God's Character

My faith in Christ is revealed by my compassion and care for others.

Community in the context of God's Family

I choose to live in the complexities of family and community because God values them.

Basic Truths

In the elementary school years kids will grow in trust, the revelation of Jesus' salvation, and in the Holy Spirit.

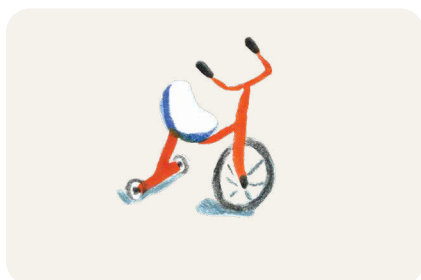
God made me.

God loves me.

**Jesus wants to be
my friend forever.**

The Preschool Phase

One-Year-Old—Four-Year-Old



What is a phase?

A phase is a timeframe in a kid's life when you can leverage distinctive opportunities to influence their future.

At each phase, your job is simple . . .

Know what can be expected of them and know how they think so they will hear what you say and know what to do.

**It's just a phase,
don't miss it.**

Thinks like . . .

A preschooler thinks like an artist.

Artists experience the world through activities that stimulate the five senses.

Like artists, preschoolers learn best when they can make it with their hands. They learn experientially, through their senses, from someone who responds to them.

How they relate to God . . .

God's story is my story.

Preschoolers who think like artists blend the stories they hear with the stories they live in a way that makes a loaf and two fish just as memorable as yesterday's pizza. They relate to an invisible God they can imagine.

Wants to know . . .

In the first five years of life, a child forms impressions about themselves and the world.

The way a child resolves the "Am I . . . ?" questions of the phase establishes a critical foundation for their future.

The best way to resolve a preschooler's relational questions is to consistently embrace their physical needs.

Am I safe?

In the first year of life, a baby needs to know they are safe. When adults consistently respond to a baby's needs, babies establish trust.

Am I able?

When a toddler is one and two years old, they discover new abilities. When adults patiently allow toddlers to try new things, toddlers develop confidence.

Am I okay?

When a preschooler is three or four, they learn a few rules and expectations. When adults set boundaries and discipline with love, preschoolers cultivate self-control.

Scope & Cycle

➔ Preschool

The Scope & Cycle document is your teaching road map, including monthly overviews for the whole year. This plan is based on theological foundations and phase research.

August



September



October



November



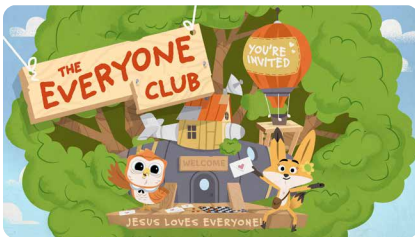
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February



March



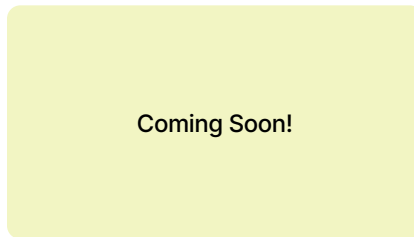
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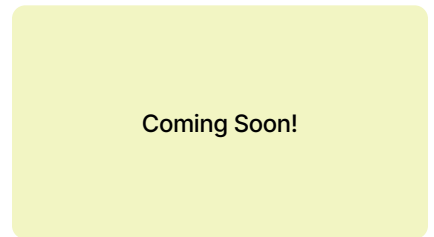
May



June



July



Made By God

God Made Me Wonderful



Basic Truth

God made me.

Key Question

Who made you wonderful?

Bottom Line

God made me wonderful.

Memory Verse

How you made me is amazing and wonderful.

Psalm 139:14 NIV



Week One: God made everything, and God made me.

Bible Story: God Made Everything. God Made Me.*

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-31; Psalm 104

Week Two: I am wonderfully made.

Bible Story: Wonderfully Me

Scripture: Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13-14

Week Three: I am created to show what God is like.

Bible Story: God Made Me in His Image

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-27; Exodus 34:6-7

Week Four: I am important to God.

Bible Story: God Knows Everything About Me

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-4; Matthew 6:26; 10:30, 42

Week Five: God loves us so much that God gave us Jesus.

Bible Story: God Loves Me

Scripture: John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10

* Indicates monthly story for Toddler Curriculum

Everywhere I Go

God is Always With Me

Basic Truth

God loves me.

Key Question

Who is always with you?

Bottom Line

God is always with me.

Memory Verse

**"God is with you
wherever you go."**

Joshua 1:9 NLT



Week One: God is always with me.
Bible Story: Daniel and the Lions
Scripture: Daniel 6:1-23

Week Two: God always hears me.
Bible Story: Hagar and Ishmael
Scripture: Genesis 21:14-20

Week Three: God is with me wherever I go.
Bible Story: Joseph
Scripture: Genesis 37, 39-47

Week Four: I can always talk to God.
Bible Story: Jonah*
Scripture: Jonah 1-3:3

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Game Time

God's Got It!



Basic Truth

God loves me.

Key Question

Who's got it?

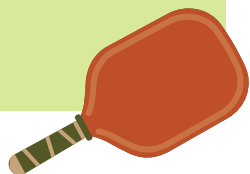
Bottom Line

God's got it.

Memory Verse

**Trust in the LORD with all
your heart.**

Proverbs 3:5 NIV



Week One: I can trust God.

Bible Story: Moses and the Burning Bush

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-4:17, 6:11; Psalm 118:7

Week Two: I can trust God will show me the way.

Bible Story: Moses and the Sea

Scripture: Exodus 13:17-18; 14

Week Three: I can trust God no matter what.

Bible Story: Elijah and the Widow*

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:1-16

Week Four: I can talk to God about anything.

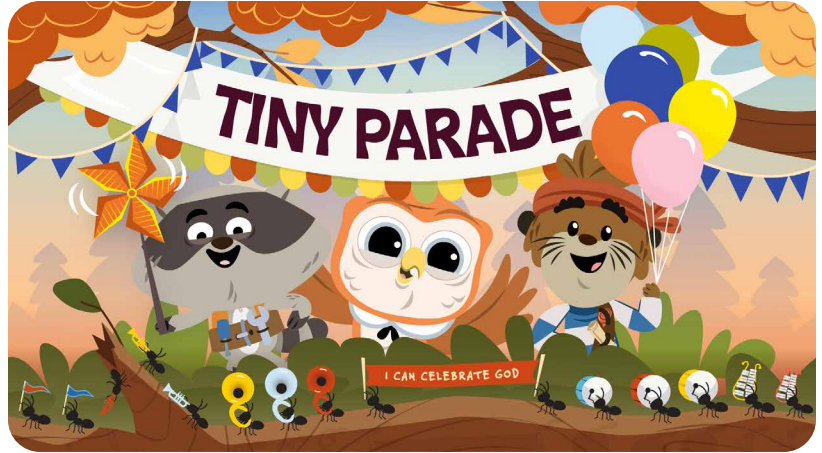
Bible Story: King Hezekiah Prays to God

Scripture: Isaiah 37:14-21, 33-35; 38:1-6, 20;
2 Kings 18:3, 5-7; 20:3, 5

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Tiny Parade

I Can Celebrate God



Basic Truth

God loves me.

Key Question

Who can celebrate God?

Bottom Line

I can celebrate God.

Memory Verse

**"Shout aloud and sing
for joy!"**

Isaiah 12:6 NIV



Week One: I can celebrate God for what He made.

Bible Story: Psalms

Scripture: Psalm 33, 100

Week Two: I can sing to celebrate God.

Bible Story: Deborah*

Scripture: Judges 4:1-10, 14; 5:1-31

Week Three: I can celebrate God with others.

Bible Story: Moses and Miriam

Scripture: Exodus 15

Week Four: I can celebrate God for everything.

Bible Story: Feast of Booths

Scripture: Deuteronomy 16:13-17, 29:5; Leviticus 23

Week Five: I can celebrate God all the time.

Bible Story: David Praises God

Scripture: 2 Samuel 6:12-15; 1 Chronicles 15-16

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Come And See

Jesus is God's Son



Basic Truth

God loves me.

Key Question

Why is Jesus special?

Bottom Line

Jesus is God's Son.

Memory Verse

God has given a son to us.

Isaiah 9:6 NCV



Week One: God sends an angel to tell Mary she is going to have His Son, Jesus.

Bible Story: The Angel and Mary

Scripture: Luke 1:26-33, 38

Week Two: Jesus is born to show the world that God loves us.

Bible Story: Jesus Is Born*

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Week Three: The shepherds run to see Jesus and then run to tell everyone about Jesus.

Bible Story: The Shepherds

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

Week Four: The wise men travel a long way to show Jesus they believe He is special.

Bible Story: The Wise Men

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11

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Wow!

Jesus Can Do Anything!



Basic Truth

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Key Question

Who can do anything?

Bottom Line

Jesus can do anything.

Memory Verse

And the power of the Lord was with Jesus.

Luke 5:17 NIV



Week One: Jesus can calm a storm.

Bible Story: Calming the Storm*

Scripture: Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25

Week Two: Jesus can help people.

Bible Story: Healing a Man Born Blind

Scripture: John 9:1-11

Week Three: Jesus' power is amazing.

Bible Story: Catching Fish

Scripture: Luke 5:1-7; Matthew 4:18

Week Four: Jesus can do amazing things.

Bible Story: Man at the Pool

Scripture: John 5:1-9

Week Five: Jesus can do anything.

Bible Story: The Four Friends

Scripture: Mark 2:1-12

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The Everyone Club

Jesus Loves Everyone!

Basic Truth

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Key Question

Who does Jesus love?

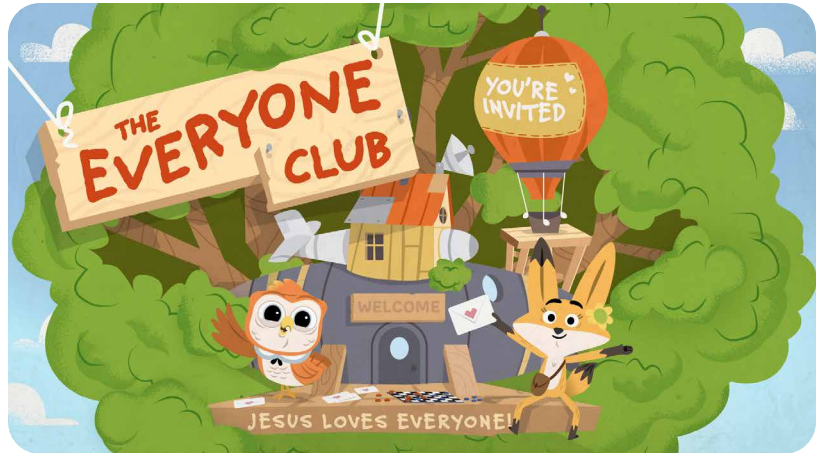
Bottom Line

Jesus loves everyone.

Memory Verse

“Love each other in the same way I have loved you.”

John 15:12 NLT



Week One: Jesus loves children.

Bible Story: Jesus and the Children*

Scripture: Mark 10:13-16; Ephesians 4:32

Week Two: Jesus loves everyone.

Bible Story: Jesus Feeds the 5,000

Scripture: John 6:1-14; Mark 6:30-44

Week Three: Jesus loves everyone no matter what.

Bible Story: The Good Samaritan

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Week Four: I can tell my friends about Jesus.

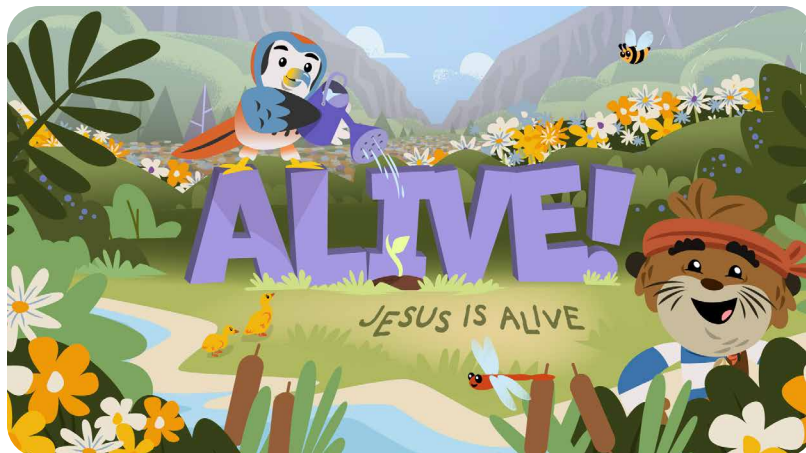
Bible Story: Philip and Nathanael

Scripture: John 1:43-49

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Alive!

Jesus Is Alive



Basic Truth

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Key Question

Who is alive?

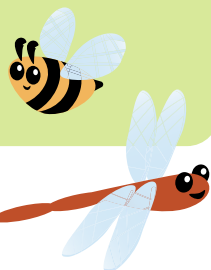
Bottom Line

Jesus is alive!

Memory Verse

"I am alive forever and ever!"

Revelation 1:18 NIV



Week One: Everyone can follow Jesus.

Bible Story: The Twelve Disciples

Scripture: Matthew 4:18-22, 9:9-10, 10:2-4;
John 1:43-49

Week Two: Everyone can be thankful for Jesus.

Bible Story: Mary Pours Perfume on Jesus

Scripture: John 12:1-8

Week Three: We can celebrate Jesus.

Bible Story: Palm Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11; John 12:12-15

Week Four: Jesus is alive.

Bible Story: Easter*

Scripture: Matthew 26:36, 47-50; 27:1-2, 11-66; 28:1-8

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Friends Forever

Jesus Is Always A Good Friend

Basic Truth

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Key Question

Who is always a good friend?

Bottom Line

Jesus is always a good friend.

Memory Verse

A friend loves you all the time.

Proverbs 17:17 NCV



Week One: Jesus is a good friend when I am afraid.

Bible Story: Peter Walks on Water

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

Week Two: Jesus is a good friend when I am excited.

Bible Story: Jesus Heals Ten Men

Scripture: Luke 17:11-16

Week Three: Jesus is a good friend when I am sad.

Bible Story: Mary, Martha and Lazarus*

Scripture: John 11:1-3, 20, 28-36

Week Four: Jesus is a good friend when I am happy.

Bible Story: Villages, Towns, Countryside

Scripture: Mark 3:7-8; 6:53-57

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Big Things

God Helps Me Do Big Things

Basic Truth

God loves me.

Key Question

Who helps you do big things?

Bottom Line

God helps me do big things.

Memory Verse

I know that God helps me.

Psalm 54:4 NIV



Week One: God gives us big things to do.

Bible Story: Noah's Ark Part 1*

Scripture: Genesis 6:8–7:16

Week Two: God is with us when we do big things.

Bible Story: Noah's Ark Part 2*

Scripture: Genesis 7:17–9:17

Week Three: God helps us be brave when we do big things.

Bible Story: Gideon

Scripture: Judges 6–7

Week Four: We can do big things when we work together.

Bible Story: Nehemiah Asks for Help

Scripture: Nehemiah 1–4; 6:1, 15

Week Five: God gives us people to help us do big things.

Bible Story: Aaron and Hur Help Moses

Scripture: Exodus 17:8–13

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Toddlers will combine Weeks 1 & 2 into one story*

Statement of Faith

About God

There is one, and only one, living and true God, existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is just, powerful, good, and holy. God is infinite in love. Through love, God creates, sustains, suffers, judges, rescues, liberates, redeems, reconciles, and reigns.

About Jesus

God became human in Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead, and on the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. The death and resurrection of Jesus offers redemption for humanity and the world.

About The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, the fully divine Spirit of God, whose present activity is to guide, to convict, to comfort, to transform, and to strengthen. The Spirit bestows gifts, and cultivates the character and mind of Christ in believers for use in and through the Church.

About The Bible

The Holy Scripture was written under the divine inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It is accurate, reliable, and authoritative. It is the primary authority for all Christian faith and practice. The Scripture reveals the character of God, the nature of humanity, and the primacy of Jesus.

About Salvation

Jesus, being fully God and fully human, was born, lived, died, and rose again. It is only through Christ Jesus that humanity can find complete forgiveness, reconciliation, and wholeness. Anyone who accepts the free gift of salvation made possible through Christ Jesus is welcome into the Kingdom of Heaven now and forever.

About People

All people are made in God's image, and like God, have the capacity to love, to care, to communicate, and to create. All people have sinned and fallen short of God's glory. The fall of humanity distorted creation and separated all people from God. Because of the fall, humans often feel isolated, angry, inadequate, ashamed, or overwhelmed by the constant awareness that all is not as it should be.

About The Church

The Church is the body of Christ, an extension of Christ's life and ministry in the world today. It includes the redeemed of all ages, races, genders, and nations. Because of Jesus, with the guidance of the Spirit, believers are invited to participate in the work of the Church. Jesus prayed for unity in the Church, and our Christian unity gives evidence of God to every generation.

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