



Overview

In the elementary years, a child will grow in wisdom, faith, and friendship.

252 Kids and Preteen ministry curriculum weaves together music, communicator scripts, small group discussions, video presentations, and creative activities based on a clear and simple bottom line each week so kids can remember **everyday** what matters most.

252 BASIC TRUTHS—

1. I need to make the wise choice.
2. I can trust God no matter what.
3. I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS

One Priority

“**Love 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



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



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



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

In the Elementary Phase, the **DISCOVERY** 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.

2023-2024 THEMES

AUGUST: CREATIVITY



MEMORY VERSE: "We are God's creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do." Ephesians 2:10, NIV

WEEK ONE: Creation (Genesis 1-2:3)

Key Question: How are you creative?

WEEK TWO: We Are God's Creation (Ephesians 2:10)

Key Question: What are you good at?

WEEK THREE: Joseph and the Plan to Save Egypt (Genesis 40-41)

Key Question: How have you seen someone solve a problem?

WEEK FOUR: The Tabernacle (Exodus 25-39, selected passages)

Key Question: What are creative ways to honor God?

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Right from the start, we see God's immense creativity. Everything around us gives us a glimpse of our creative God. Jesus was creative with the way He taught and the miracles He performed. We reflect God's creativity to the world around us.

CORE INSIGHTS: Design, Identity

SEPTEMBER: FRIENDSHIP



MEMORY VERSE: "A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes." Proverbs 17:17, NIV

WEEK ONE: Two People Are Better Than One (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

Key Question: What makes someone a good friend?

WEEK TWO: David and Mephibosheth (1 Samuel 19-20; 2 Samuel 9)

Key Question: Who is a friend you can trust?

WEEK THREE: Barnabas and Saul (Acts 9:26-30)

Key Question: When have you seen someone stand up for someone else?

WEEK FOUR: Forgive One Another (Colossians 3:13)

Key Question: Why is forgiveness important?

SERIES DESCRIPTION

God created us for community. Jesus showed us the greatest example of this. With His words, actions, and love, Jesus made people feel like they belonged. We reflect Jesus' love best when we treat one another with friendship.

CORE INSIGHTS: Community, Compassion

OCTOBER: INTEGRITY



MEMORY VERSE: "Anyone who lives without blame walks safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught." Proverbs 10:9, NIV

WEEK ONE: A Tree and Its Fruit (Luke 6:43-45)

Key Question: How do you want people to describe you?

WEEK TWO: Naaman and Elisha's Servant (2 Kings 5)

Key Question: Why is it important for people to trust you?

WEEK THREE: Daniel's Integrity with Food (Daniel 1)

Key Question: When is it hard to do what's right?

WEEK FOUR: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Daniel 3)

Key Question: When has someone helped you see God?

WEEK FIVE: Think About These Things (Philippians 4:8)

Key Question: What do you spend the most time thinking about?

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Because we know that God is good, we can live life with integrity. Who we are in private should match who we are in public. When we trust in God, we can be truthful in whatever we say and do.

CORE INSIGHTS: Transformation, Community

2023-2024 THEMES

NOVEMBER: GRATITUDE



MEMORY VERSE: "Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever."
Psalm 136:1, NIRV

WEEK ONE: Give Thanks No Matter What Happens (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
Key Question: What are you grateful for?

WEEK TWO: David Dances (2 Samuel 6:12b-22a)
Key Question: How can you show God you're grateful?

WEEK THREE: Jesus Heals 10 Men (Luke 17:11-19)
Key Question: What helps you remember to be grateful?

WEEK FOUR: The Lord's Supper/Passover (1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Exodus 12)
Key Question: What are some good habits you have?

SERIES DESCRIPTION:
God made a way to rescue you through Jesus' death and resurrection. When you remember what God has done for you, you can always find a way to be thankful—no matter what is happening around you.

CORE INSIGHTS: Connection, Truth

DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS



MEMORY VERSE: "A child will be born to us. A son will be given to us. He will rule over us. And he will be called Wonderful Adviser and Mighty God. He will also be called Father Who Lives Forever and Prince Who Brings Peace."
Isaiah 9:6, NIRV

WEEK ONE: Jesus Is Promised (Micah 5:2, Isaiah 9:6-7, Isaiah 7:14-15)
Key Question: What are you hoping for?

WEEK TWO: Gabriel Appears to Mary (Luke 1:26-56)
Key Question: What are your plans this Christmas?

WEEK THREE: Jesus Is Born (Luke 2:1-7)
Key Question: What makes your Christmas joyful?

WEEK FOUR: Shepherds and Angels (Luke 2:8-20)
Key Question: How can you share God's love this Christmas?

WEEK FIVE: Wise Men (Matthew 2:1-12)
Key Question: What are you looking forward to in the new year?

SERIES DESCRIPTION:
The best gift God ever gave was Jesus. Because of Jesus, it's possible for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever. As we remember the Christmas story, we take time to celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever known.

CORE INSIGHTS: Restoration, Connection

JANUARY: RESPONSIBILITY



MEMORY VERSE: "Suppose you can be trusted with something very little. Then you can also be trusted with something very large."
Luke 16:10a, NIRV

WEEK ONE: Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40)
Key Question: What are things you're expected to do?

WEEK TWO: Bigger Barns (Luke 12:13-21)
Key Question: What do you have that you can share?

WEEK THREE: Ant and Sluggard (Proverbs 6:6-8)
Key Question: When have you had to work hard?

WEEK FOUR: Use Words Wisely (Ephesians 4:29)
Key Question: Why do your words matter?

SERIES DESCRIPTION:
The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. That's why we should show responsibility. We should use our stuff the way God wants us to, follow through with what we need to do, and show others that we can be trusted with anything.

CORE INSIGHTS: Transformation, Truth

2023-2024 THEMES

FEBRUARY: KINDNESS



MEMORY VERSE: "You are God's chosen people. You are holy and dearly loved. So put on tender mercy and kindness as if they were your clothes. Don't be proud. Be gentle and patient." Colossians 3:12, NIV

WEEK ONE: The Kindness of Jesus (Matthew 8:1-4, Matthew 19:13-15, Matthew 9:10-13)
Key Question: What does kindness look like?

WEEK TWO: Ruth and Naomi (Ruth 1-2)
Key Question: When is it hard to be kind?

WEEK THREE: Go the Extra Mile (Matthew 5:41)
Key Question: When have you been surprised by kindness?

WEEK FOUR: Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)
Key Question: How can you care for people who are different from you?

SERIES DESCRIPTION:
God was kind to us even when we didn't deserve it. Because of God's love for us, we can be kind to everyone. Jesus modeled kindness, but He also commanded it. He taught us to treat others the way we want to be treated.

CORE INSIGHTS: Compassion, Community

MARCH: PEACE



MEMORY VERSE: "If possible, live in peace with everyone. Do that as much as you can." Romans 12:18, NIV

WEEK ONE: Live in Peace with Everyone (Romans 12:18)
Key Question: Why is it important to make peace?

WEEK TWO: Abram and Lot (Gen. 13:5-18)
Key Question: Why is it hard to give up what you think is fair?

WEEK THREE: Abigail Intervenes (1 Sam. 25:1-35)
Key Question: How can you be a peacemaker?

EASTER: CELEBRATING THAT JESUS IS ALIVE

WEEK FOUR: Palm Sunday (Matt. 21:1-11)
Key Question: Why are promises important?

WEEK FIVE: Easter (Luke 24:1-12, 36-49)
Key Question: Why does Easter matter?

SERIES DESCRIPTION:
When Jesus died on the cross, He made peace between God and us. We can have peace—and we can share the peace of God with others. We can reflect the character of Jesus by caring enough to make peace.

CORE INSIGHTS: Transformation, Community

APRIL: PATIENCE



MEMORY VERSE: "Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the Lord." Psalm 27:14, NIV

WEEK ONE: A Patience Proverb (Proverbs 14:29)
Key Question: When is it hard to have patience?

WEEK TWO: Esau's Impatience (Gen. 25:24-34)
Key Question: What could you miss out on by not waiting?

WEEK THREE: Golden Calf (Exodus 32:1-35)
Key Question: What can you think about when it's hard to wait?

WEEK FOUR: Simeon Waits for the Messiah (Luke 2:25-35)
Key Question: What are you waiting for right now?

SERIES DESCRIPTION:
God is in control and knows the entire story of our lives. Because of Jesus, we also know how the story ends. We can be patient when we remember what God has done. God is also patient with us. When we wait well, we reflect God's patience to others.

CORE INSIGHTS: Faith, Transformation

2023-2024 THEMES

MAY: COMMITMENT



MEMORY VERSE: “Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come.”
1 Timothy 4:8, NIV

WEEK ONE: God’s Word Is a Light (Psalm 119:105)
Key Question: How can you hear from God?

WEEK TWO: The Lord’s Prayer (Luke 11:1-4)
Key Question: How do you pray to God?

WEEK THREE: Peter Says That Jesus Is the Messiah (Matthew 16:13-20)
Key Question: Who do you talk to about God?

WEEK FOUR: The Widow’s Offering (Mark 12:41-44)
Key Question: How can you live for God?

SERIES DESCRIPTION
God makes plans and follows through with them—including the plan to send Jesus to rescue us! We can show commitment too. We can work on growing our relationship with Jesus by practicing our faith.

CORE INSIGHTS: Faith, Connection

JUNE



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JULY



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