



## Overview

In the preschool years a child will form their first impression of God's love.

First Look preschool ministry curriculum provides you with the strategy and tools you need to create an engaging, inspiring, and excellent environment to give preschoolers an **everyday** faith that will last a lifetime.

### FIRST LOOK BASIC TRUTHS—

1. God made me.
2. God loves me.
3. Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

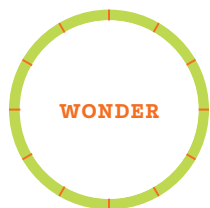
## THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS

### 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 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.

## 2023-2024 THEMES

\* Monthly Story for Toddler Curriculum

### AUGUST



**BOTTOM LINE:** God made everything.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "God saw everything he had made. And it was very good." Genesis 1:31, NIV

**WEEK ONE:** Light and Dark;\* Sky Above Water (Genesis 1:3-8)

**WEEK TWO:** Land, Plants, and Seas; Sun, Moon, and Stars\* (Genesis 1:9-19)

**WEEK THREE:** Sea Animals and Birds\* (Genesis 1:20-23)

**WEEK FOUR:** Land Animals and People\* (Genesis 1:24-2:3)

#### SERIES DESCRIPTION:

There was a time when there was nothing. Then God said, "Let there be . . ." And it was—the whole world and everything in it. God took a look at everything He had made and saw that it was good. Let's follow God's lead and start seeing everything God made the way He does . . . good.

**CORE INSIGHT:** Design

### SEPTEMBER



**BOTTOM LINE:** God knows what's best for me.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "God...knows everything." 1 John 3:20, NIV

**WEEK ONE:** In the Garden (Genesis 1:31, 2:8-3:24)

**WEEK TWO:** Moses and the Sea (Exodus 13:17-18, 14)

**WEEK THREE:** Jonah\* (Jonah 1:1-3:10)

**WEEK FOUR:** Naaman (2 Kings 5:1-14)

#### SERIES DESCRIPTION:

God knows everything. God knows how things work. God knows how we feel. God knows how it's going to turn out. God knows what will happen if we go this way . . . or that way. Add to it that God loves us and we truly can trust that God knows what's best for us.

**CORE INSIGHT:** Connection

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### OCTOBER



**BOTTOM LINE:** God can help me be brave.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid . . . for the Lord your God goes with you." Deuteronomy 31:6, NIV

**WEEK ONE:** Rahab and the Spies (Joshua 2:1-24, 6:24-25)

**WEEK TWO:** David and Goliath\* (1 Samuel 17:1-50)

**WEEK THREE:** Daniel and the Lions (Daniel 6:1-23)

**WEEK FOUR:** Esther (Esther 2:21-8:17)

**WEEK FIVE:** Miriam (Exodus 2:4-10, 15:20-21; Micah 6:4)

#### SERIES DESCRIPTION:

There's a form of bravery that people can muster to get through dentist appointments or go skydiving. But then there's God-brave—a bravery that can only come from knowing the one, true God. God-brave helps us go beyond what we can do and experience God working through us to do what only God can do.

**CORE INSIGHT:** Faith

## 2023-2024 THEMES

### NOVEMBER



**BOTTOM LINE:** I can thank God for everything.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Always give thanks to God." Ephesians 5:20, NIV

**WEEK ONE:** Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz (Ruth 1-2)

**WEEK TWO:** David and Jonathan (1 Samuel 18:1-4)

**WEEK THREE:** Manna and Quail (Exodus 16)

**WEEK FOUR:** David Praises God\* (2 Samuel 6:12-15, Psalm 149:1-5)

#### SERIES DESCRIPTION:

When we remember that God made everything—and all that God made is good—it should move us to thank God for everything. Thank God for who He is and what He's done. For family, friends, and food—we have a lot to be thankful for!

**CORE INSIGHT:** Design

### DECEMBER



**BOTTOM LINE:** God gave us Jesus.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son." John 3:16, GNT

**WEEK ONE:** The Angel and Mary (Luke 1:26-33, 38, 46-49)

**WEEK TWO:** Jesus Is Born\* (Luke 2:1-7)

**WEEK THREE:** The Shepherds (Luke 2:8-23)

**WEEK FOUR:** Happy Birthday, Jesus! (Luke 1:26-2:23)

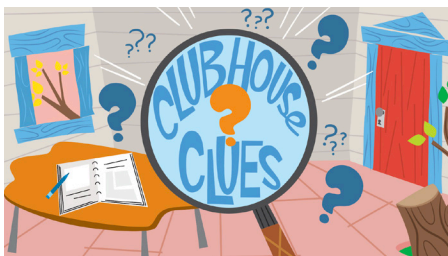
**WEEK FIVE:** The Wise Men (Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11)

#### SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Have you ever loved someone so much that you gave all you had to give them the best gift? And when the time came to give your gift, your heart felt like it would explode with love, joy, and excitement? That is a tiny glimpse of the heart of God the night Jesus was born.

**CORE INSIGHT:** Connection

### JANUARY



**BOTTOM LINE:** Jesus teaches me important things.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "The people were amazed at his teaching." Matthew 7:28, NCV

**WEEK ONE:** Jesus Teaches a Crowd (Mark 6:30-34)

**WEEK TWO:** Birds and Flowers\* (Matthew 6:25-34)

**WEEK THREE:** Bigger Barns (Acts 2:45; Luke 12:16-23)

**WEEK FOUR:** Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-24)

#### SERIES DESCRIPTION:

While Jesus was on earth, huge crowds flocked to hear Him teach. Why? Yes, there was the chance of seeing a miracle, but it was also because they believed Jesus taught important things. And they were right! Jesus taught important things then, and He still teaches us important things now.

**CORE INSIGHT:** Truth

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## 2023-2024 THEMES

### FEBRUARY



**BOTTOM LINE:** Jesus loves everyone.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Be kind and loving to each other."  
Ephesians 4:32, NCV

**WEEK ONE:** Jesus and the Leper  
(Mark 1:40-50)

**WEEK TWO:** The Unloved Woman  
(John 8:2-11)

**WEEK THREE:** Zacchaeus\*  
(Luke 19:1-10)

**WEEK FOUR:** Jesus and the Children  
(Luke 18:15-16)

#### SERIES DESCRIPTION:

The love Jesus gives the world is hard for us to comprehend because it's bigger and more gracious than the love the world offers. The love of Jesus is for everyone—everyone. Nothing can make Jesus stop loving us—nothing. It's a God-sized love that has to be received before it's understood. It's that good.

**CORE INSIGHT:** Compassion

### MARCH



**BOTTOM LINE:** Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "I have called you friends." John 15:15, NIV

**WEEK ONE:** Woman at the Well  
(John 4:1-30)

**WEEK TWO:** Follow Me  
(Matthew 9:9-12; Luke 5:1-11)

**WEEK THREE:** Washing Feet  
(John 13:3-17)

**WEEK FOUR:** Palm Sunday  
(Matthew 23:1-11, 15-16)

**WEEK FIVE:** Easter\*  
(Matthew 26:23-30, 27:1-2, 28:1; John 23:1-14)

#### SERIES DESCRIPTION:

The immoral woman who had been kicked out of the friend group. The greedy man who stole from his family. The uneducated. The poor. The sick. The outcast. Jesus called them all friends while He was on Earth. And Jesus still calls everyone who follows Him "friends," today and forever.

**CORE INSIGHT:** Connection

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### APRIL



**BOTTOM LINE:** I can do what Jesus says.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Let your light shine."  
Matthew 5:16, NIV

**WEEK ONE:** Light of the World\*  
(Matthew 5:1-2, 14-16)

**WEEK TWO:** Great Commission  
(Matthew 28:19-20)

**WEEK THREE:** Early Church  
(Acts 2:42-47; John 15:12; Hebrews 10:24)

**WEEK FOUR:** Shine Like the Stars  
(Philippians 2:14-16)

#### SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Something special happens in a person when they choose to follow Jesus and do what He says. A light begins to shine. The closer they follow Jesus, the brighter the light becomes. They can't hide it, nor would they want to. It's the light of Jesus shining through them for the world to see.

**CORE INSIGHT:** Restoration

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### MAY



**BOTTOM LINE:** God loves me.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "I will always love you."  
Jeremiah 31:3, CEV

**WEEK ONE:** King Josiah  
(2 Chronicles 34)

**WEEK TWO:** Hannah\*  
(1 Samuel 1-2)

**WEEK THREE:** Jeremiah  
(Jeremiah 31:3, 29:11)

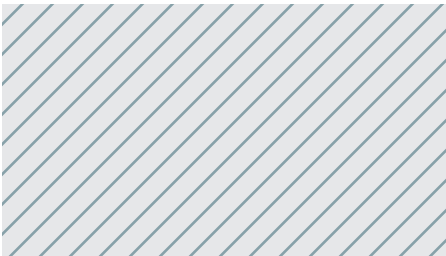
**WEEK FOUR:** Shadrach, Meshach,  
and Abednego  
(Daniel 3:10-28)

### SERIES DESCRIPTION:

God shows us daily how much He loves us in how He speaks to us through the Bible and listens to us when we pray. God's never-ending love for us is so amazing that we should be moved to talk about God to others and live for God in all we say and do.

**CORE INSIGHT:** Transformation

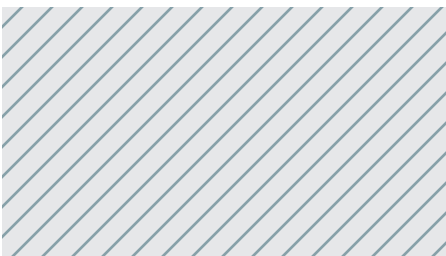
### JUNE



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### JULY



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