

Curriculum Plan

<i>SALVATION</i>		2020-2021
<i>Music CD—Sing About the King 3</i>		MISSIONARY STORY
LESSONS		(in Resource Packs)
Fall Party— Blast Off! The Story of Johannes Kepler		
Foundational Series— God's Love: Hope for the Outcast	Joni Eareckson Tada	
God's Power: Escape from Egypt	The Pinedas: Faith in the Storm	
Christmas Party— The Backwards Birthday Bash		
God's Faithfulness: Return to Canaan	Isobel Kuhn	
Jesus: God Who Saves	The Burnhams	
Easter Party— The King's Crown		
5-Day Club— Discovering Jesus	Mary Slessor	

<i>BEGINNINGS</i>		2021-2022
<i>Music CD—Sing About the King 1 (2021)</i>		MISSIONARY STORY
LESSONS		(in Resource Packs)
Fall Party— The Thank You Spy		
Foundational Series— God: The Creator King		
The Patriarchs: God's Plan Unfolds	Adhiambo (Martha Olango)	
Christmas Party— The Light of Life		
Jesus: God Who Came to Earth	Cameron Townsend	
God's Plan in Action: The Early Church	John Cook	
Easter Party— Always True Treasure Hunt		
5-Day Club— Turned Around	Ringu of India's Forest	

<i>REIGNING</i>		2022-2023
<i>Music CD—Sing About the King 4 (2022)</i>		MISSIONARY STORY
LESSONS		(in Resource Packs)
Fall Party— Dinosaur Tracks!		
Foundational Series— Jesus: God Who Cares for People	All that She Had (Gladys Aylward)	
God: The One Who Knows My Heart	Lottie Moon	
Christmas Party— Joy to the World		
God Rules: Be Strong	Jacob DeShazer	
God: The One to Follow	Pete Menjares	
Easter Party— Because God Loves You		
5-Day Club— Jesus My Savior and Friend	Operation Auca	

<i>SOVEREIGNTY</i>		2023-2024
<i>Music CD—Sing About the King 2</i>		MISSIONARY STORY
LESSONS		(in Resource Packs)
Fall Party— Ice Cream MESSage		
Foundational Series— The Wordless Book Visualized	What Is Missions?	
God's Sovereignty: The Life of Joseph	The Girl in the Goathouse	
God Protects His People: The Life of Esther	Robert Foster	
Christmas Party— God Keeps His Promises!		
Jesus: God of Power and Glory	Angie Goes West	
God's Church Expands: The Ministry of Paul	A Special Job for an Ordinary Boy	
Easter Party— Jesus Gives Life and Hope		
5-Day Club— One Way	I Dare: The Amy Carmichael Story	

No changes have been made in the listed curriculum since it was last used in Good News Club.

2021 Version 1.0

There is one change in the order of the series. Because all of the lessons are evangelistic, *Jesus: God Who Cares for People*, has been identified as a foundational series for 2022-2023. In its place for the 2021-2022 year is the series, *Jesus: God Who Came to Earth*. *Sing About the King* music CDs will be updated to reflect the suggested songs in the current GNC year.

Jesus: God Who Cares for People

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LESSON 1—Jesus Shows He Is the Almighty God (Evangelistic Doctrinal)

Scripture: John 2:1-11

Memory Verse: John 3:16

KJV “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

ESV “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Teaching Objective: The child will recognize that Jesus is the almighty God who came to redeem lives.

Main Teaching: Believe Jesus is the almighty God, your Redeemer!

Emphasis for Saved: Believe Jesus is the almighty God. Praise Him.

Word Up!: Jesus is the almighty God!

LESSON 2—Nicodemus Can’t Save Himself (TCE 1 Evangelistic)

Scripture: John 3:1-16

Memory Verse: John 3:16

KJV “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

ESV “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Teaching Objective: Children will recognize they are dead in sin and only Jesus can make them alive again.

Main Teaching: Only Jesus can give me new life.

Emphasis for Saved: The Holy Spirit will change your heart and help you do good.

Word Up!: Jesus gives new life!

LESSON 3—Jesus Loves Everyone (TCE 1 Evangelistic)

Scripture: John 4:1-30, 39-42

Memory Verse: John 3:17

KJV “For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”

ESV “For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Teaching Objective: The unsaved child will believe on Jesus, who knows and loves him.

Main Teaching: Jesus knows you and loves you.

Emphasis for Saved: Ask the Holy Spirit to help you love people who are hard to love.

Word Up!: Jesus loves everyone!

LESSON 4—Jesus Heals the Nobleman’s Son (TCE 1 Evangelistic)

Scripture: John 4:46-54

Memory Verse: John 3:36

KJV “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”

ESV “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”

Teaching Objective: The unsaved child will believe on Jesus as the only Savior from sin.

Main Teaching: Believe on Jesus, God the Son, to save you from sin.

Emphasis for Saved: Believe what God has promised you in His Word.

Word Up!: Believe God’s promises!

LESSON 5—Jesus Cares for Bartimaeus (TCE 1 Evangelistic)

Scripture: Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43

Memory Verse: John 3:36

KJV “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”

ESV “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”

Teaching Objective: The unsaved child will trust Jesus to forgive his sin.

Main Teaching: Jesus is the only one who can save you from the darkness of your sin.

Emphasis for Saved: Praise God for the good things He does for others.

Word Up!: Praise God for His mercy!

LESSON 6—Creation Celebration (Review Lesson)

Children will enjoy this “Guess Who?” party as they review what they’ve learned in the *Jesus: God Who Cares for People* series. Since this series has covered specific people Jesus cared for, children can play several games to “guess who” the characters were. This is also a great time to teach the children God is a personal God who knows their every thought and need. God doesn’t play “guess who?” with people!

God: The One Who Knows My Heart

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LESSON 1—The Heart That Follows God (Growth Narrative)

Scripture: 1 Samuel 8:1-22; 9:1-27; 10:1, 17-26; 13:5-15

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:9

KJV “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.”

ESV “How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.”

Teaching Objective: The saved child will follow God as King of his heart when he is tempted to follow others, remembering who God is.

Main Teaching: You can follow God as the King of your heart.

Emphasis for Unsaved: You can follow God when you believe in Jesus as your Savior.

Word Up! Follow God!

LESSON 2—A Heart after God (Growth Narrative)

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:10

KJV “With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.”

ESV “With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!”

Teaching Objective: The saved child will show by attitude and actions that he cares more about what God thinks than what he thinks or wants to do.

Main Teaching: God sees and cares about what is in your heart.

Emphasis for Unsaved: You can believe in Jesus as your Savior.

Word Up!: God sees my heart!

LESSON 3—The Heart Bold for God’s Glory (Growth Narrative)

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:13-23; 17:1-52

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:10

KJV “With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.”

ESV “With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!”

Teaching Objective: The saved child will be bold for God’s glory when opportunities arise this week.

Main Teaching: Be bold for the glory of God.

Emphasis for Unsaved: God is the champion who sent His Son Jesus to defeat sin so you can believe in Him as your Savior.

Word Up! God is the champion!

LESSON 4—The Heart that Trusts God’s Plan (Growth Narrative)

Scripture: 1 Samuel 18:1-9; 24:1-22; 31:6; 2 Samuel 1:11-12; 2:1-4

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:11

KJV “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”

ESV “I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”

Teaching Objective: The saved child will trust God’s plan even when things are hard, knowing that God is working in his life.

Main Teaching: You can trust God’s plan.

Emphasis for Unsaved: God’s plan is for you to believe on Jesus as your Savior from sin.

Word Up! Trust God’s plan!

LESSON 5—God’s Heart of Kindness (Evangelistic Narrative)

Scripture: 2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-13

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:9-11

KJV “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”

ESV “How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”

Teaching Objective: The unsaved child will respond to God’s kindness and join God’s family by receiving the Savior.

Main Teaching: You can become a child of God by believing on Jesus as your Savior.

Emphasis for Saved: God wants you to show His kindness to others.

Word Up! God is kind!

LESSON 6— Remote Control Review Party! (Topical Evangelistic)

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-17, 12:1-15; 1 Chronicles 22:1-5; 1 Kings 2:1-10; Luke 1:26-33; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 11:15

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:9-11

KJV “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”

ESV “How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”

Teaching Objective: The unsaved child will believe Jesus can change his sinful heart and will trust Jesus as Savior.

Main Teaching: You can believe on Jesus, the King.

Emphasis for Saved: You can look forward to when Jesus makes all things new.

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LESSON 1—God Is Honored by Four Young Men (Growth Narrative)

Scripture: Daniel 1

Memory Verse: Ephesians 6:10

KJV “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.”

ESV “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.”

Teaching Objective: The saved child will choose to honor God by doing what is right, using the “power words” and memory verse.

Main Teaching: God will give you strength to honor Him by doing what is right.

Emphasis for Unsaved: You can be freed from sin by believing on Jesus.

Word Up! Honor God!

LESSON 2—God Gives Wisdom to Daniel (Growth Narrative)

Scripture: Daniel 2

Memory Verse: James 1:5

KJV “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally... and it shall be given him.”

ESV “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously... and it will be given him.”

Teaching Objective: The saved child will ask God to give him wisdom, being confident that God will answer.

Main Teaching: Ask God for wisdom.

Emphasis for Saved: Believe in the Lord Jesus for everlasting life.

Word Up!: God gives wisdom!

LESSON 3—God Delivers in the Fiery Furnace (Growth Narrative)

Scripture: Daniel 3

Memory Verse: Ephesians 6:10

KJV “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.”

ESV “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.”

Teaching Objective: The saved child will stand strong in the Lord his Deliverer even when persecuted.

Main Teaching: Trust God your Deliverer to help you stand strong.

Emphasis for Unsaved: Believe on Jesus to save you.

Word Up! God is the Deliverer!

LESSON 4—God Confronts the Sin of King Belshazzar (Growth Narrative)

Scripture: Daniel 5

Memory Verse: 1 John 1:9

KJV “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

ESV “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Teaching Objective: The saved child will seek God’s help to avoid sin, knowing that God holds him responsible for his conduct.

Main Teaching: Your sin is serious to God.

Emphasis for Unsaved: You can have everlasting life because of what Jesus did for you.

Word Up! God is just!

LESSON 5—God Rescues Daniel in the Loins’ Den (Growth Narrative)

Scripture: Daniel 6

Memory Verse: Ephesians 6:10

KJV “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.”

ESV “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.”

Teaching Objective: The saved child will remain strong and faithful to God even when he must stand alone, depending on God’s strength as expressed in Ephesians 6:10.

Main Teaching: God will help you be strong and faithful to Him.

Emphasis for Unsaved: Receive Jesus and become a child of God.

Word Up! God is faithful!

LESSON 6— BIG Review Party

Our God is a big God! This amazing truth is emphasized in the BIG review party. Have fun with the children as you share these facts about super-sized things and as you teach them about our big, powerful God.



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LESSON 1—Peter Meets Jesus (Growth Narrative)

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11; John 1:35-42, Mark 1:16-20; John 1:44

Memory Verse: 2 Peter 3:18

KJV “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.”

ESV “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”

Teaching Objective: The unsaved child will believe that Jesus came to be his Savior from sin and accept His forgiveness. The saved child will choose to follow Jesus with his whole life, starting today.

Main Teaching: Follow Jesus with your whole life.

Emphasis for Unsaved: The first step in following Jesus is to believe on Him as Savior.

Word Up! Follow Jesus!

LESSON 2—Peter Walks on Water with Jesus (Growth Narrative)

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

Memory Verse: 2 Peter 3:18

KJV “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.”

ESV “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”

Teaching Objective: The saved child will have faith in Jesus, the all-powerful God, to help him in situations that seem impossible.

Main Teaching: Jesus is the all-powerful God. You can trust Him.

Emphasis for Unsaved: Trust Jesus for forgiveness of your sins.

Word Up!: Jesus has awesome power!

LESSON 3—Peter’s Denial and Restoration (Growth Narrative)

Scripture: Luke 22:31-34, 54-62; 24:1-10; John 21:1-19; Luke 23—24

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17

KJV “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

ESV “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.[a] The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

Teaching Objective: The saved child will follow God by confessing his sin in response to the Holy Spirit’s work in his life.

Main Teaching: Jesus forgives sin.

Emphasis for Unsav-ed: Trust Jesus for eternal life.

Word Up! Jesus forgives sin!

LESSON 4—Peter Learns the Gospel Is for Everyone (Evangelistic Narrative)

Scripture: Acts 10:1- 48

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17

KJV “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

ESV “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.[a] The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

Teaching Objective: The unsaved child will believe God’s message of salvation, trusting Jesus as his Savior from sin.

Main Teaching: God wants all people to hear the Gospel and be saved.

Emphasis for Saved: Share the Gospel with others.

Word Up! The Gospel is for everyone!

LESSON 5—Peter and Rhoda (Growth Narrative)

Scripture: Acts 12:1-19

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 5:7

KJV “Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.”

ESV “Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.”

Teaching Objective: The saved child will pray about everything that concerns him, believing God will hear and answer.

Main Teaching: God will hear and answer when you pray in faith to Him.

Emphasis for Unsav-ed: Put your faith in Jesus as the only one who can save you from your sin.

Word Up! God hears! God answers!

LESSON 6—Under the Sea (Review Lesson)

What could be more fun than a trip “under the sea” to discover God’s amazing Creation?! In this party lesson, children will not only review what they have learned about Peter’s life, but they will also learn fascinating facts about life under the sea. In the Gospel Spotlight they will learn about Matthew Maury, the “Pathfinder of the Seas.” Matthew took God at His word, believing that if God said there are paths in the seas, then there are! His discoveries paved the way for modern maritime knowledge and practices.

There are a number of fun game ideas, behavior incentives, and decoration suggestions included. As you prepare for this lesson, keep in mind the dynamics of your group. Have fun with the children as you review and teach about Peter’s big God!

Dinosaur Tracks (Fall)



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Scripture: Genesis 1:1, 24-31; 6:11-22; 7:15-22;
8:15-19; Isaiah 65:25

Memory Verse: Genesis 1:1

KJV “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”

ESV “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

Main Teaching: You can trust the Bible because God knows everything—even how to save you from sin!

Emphasis for Saved: Listen to God every day—He knows everything!

Word Up!: God knows everything!



Bigger than buildings and taller than trees—dinosaurs ignite the imagination! Kids love dinosaurs! Sadly, dinosaurs are used extensively as evidence or even “proof” that God’s Word is unreliable and outdated. But dinosaurs are remarkable evidence that God knows everything, and we can trust His Word. You can use this themed Bible lesson to help children understand that they can fully trust God’s Word and respond to His love by believing in His Son as their Savior.

Joy to the World (Christmas)



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Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-9; Matthew 1:18-25; 27:57-60

Memory Verse: Isaiah 45:22

KJV “Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.”

ESV “Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.”



Teaching Objective: The unsaved child will marvel at God’s plan of redemption, believing that Jesus, God the Son, is the only source of salvation and true joy.

Main Teaching: Jesus can give you real joy by saving you from your sin.

Emphasis for Saved: You can share the joy of Jesus with others!

Word Up!: Jesus gives joy to the world!

Christmas cards are used around the world to show love and appreciation for others at Christmas time. This lesson uses giant Christmas cards to teach children about God’s love for people from every tribe, tongue, and nation. Children will look at the world before Christmas through the eyes of the prophet Isaiah and discover how the prophecies about the Savior of the world are fulfilled in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Because God Loves You (Easter)



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Scripture: Mark 10:13-16; Luke 15:1-2;
Matthew 27:30—28:6; Luke 24:1-12, 36-53

Memory Verse: Romans 5:8

KJV “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

ESV “But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Teaching Objective: The unsaved child will understand that Jesus died for his sin because God loves him and respond by trusting Jesus as his Savior.

Main Teaching: Jesus died for your sin because God loves you.

Emphasis for Saved: Never forget God loves you!

Word Up!: God loves me!

This Bible Lesson is a simple Gospel illusion that helps children understand how Jesus revealed God's love for them. Unfold a cross shaped visual to reveal scenes from the life of Jesus as you teach the children how God demonstrated His perfect love through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son. Then surprise the children when you refold the cross visual, place it in the tomb and later retrieve it to unfold a new scene that reveals the climax of the story—Jesus is alive!

