

Growing up into Christ

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Genesis to Revelation

G2R BIBLE SURVEY

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GRADES 1 2 3	2 3 4 5	4 5 6 7
<p>Classroom Teaching</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible story taught by teacher 	<p>Classroom Teaching</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A balance of Bible story teaching and interactive discovery 	<p>Classroom Teaching</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discovery through direct examination of God's Word, Q&A, discussion
<p>In-Class Papers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>At Home</i> done in class to apply and reinforce Bible story 	<p>In-Class Papers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>In Class</i> paper directs teachers and students to discover and apply Bible truths 	<p>In-Class Papers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Inquire</i> paper guides students to explore God's Word, discover and apply biblical truths
<p>Take-Home Papers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>At Home</i> a family link to the lesson; includes <i>Family Focus</i> section with lesson highlights 	<p>Take-Home Papers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>At Home</i> includes interesting and fun activities to reinforce Bible truths Sized to fit in Bible 	<p>Take-Home Papers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>G2R</i> is designed for use at home to reinforce Bible truths
<p>Bible Devotions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Bible readings in <i>At Home</i> paper 	<p>Bible Devotions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Daily Soul Food</i> in <i>At Home</i> paper promotes personal Bible study and prayer Incentives to complete and return to class 	<p>Bible Devotions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Devo</i> is a Bible-sized insert for regular Scripture reading and prayer time Incentives to complete and return to class
<p>Memory Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6–8 verses per quarter <i>First Catechism</i> Q&A when relevant to lesson 	<p>Memory Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>MVP</i> cards (<i>Memory Verse Partners</i>): students to keep one for review and give the other away to a friend or family member 	<p>Memory Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meditating section develops memorization and application skills Memorize whole passage relating to study theme
<p>Visual Aids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Larger teaching visual aids for each lesson Quarterly posters 	<p>Visual Aids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Larger teaching visual aids Quarterly posters 	<p>Visual Aids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual aids connect stories and emphasize biblical, chronological order
<p>Student Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional hands-on student activities and coloring sheets 	<p>Student Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A variety of activities and group projects to apply Bible truths 	<p>Student Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible study skills emphasized on deeper level

Master Plan • Younger Elementary • Fall Year 2 • Obeying God

UNIT 1: God Protects and Forgives

UNIT 2: God Is Trustworthy

UNIT 3: God Is Merciful

UNIT 4: God Is Sovereign

Lesson Number and Title	Bible Truth	Lesson Aim	Memory Verse
1 Obey God Even When It Is Hard	Saul disobeyed the Lord's command and it cost Saul his kingdom. (1 Samuel 13)	To know that when we are disobedient we can turn to Jesus for forgiveness and help.	"If you love me, you will obey what I command." John 14:15
2 God Protects His Children	David chose to obey God, and when he was in extreme danger, God protected him. (1 Samuel 26)	To thank God that he is able to protect us.	The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. Psalm 23:1
3 God Forgives His Children	When David confessed his sin, God forgave him and restored the joy of his salvation. (2 Samuel 11-12; Psalm 51)	To know that God forgives us when we confess the wrong things we have done, and he gives us joy.	He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. Psalm 23:2-3a
4 Obey God and Do What Is Right	God gave Solomon wisdom, and he also will give us wisdom to know and do what is right. (1 Kings 3, 10; James 1)	To ask God what he wants us to do and for strength to do what is right.	He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Psalm 23:3b
5 Obey God Always	Joash obeyed God for a while, then turned away from God. (2 Chronicles 22-24)	To choose to obey God every day, trusting in his love and goodness.	REVIEW: Psalm 23:1-3
6 Trust God and Obey Him	Elijah obeyed God even when it was hard because God could be trusted to take care of him. (1 Kings 17)	To ask God's help in difficult circumstances and choose to obey him, knowing he will take care of us.	Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4
7 Trust God and Say What Is Right	Elijah obeyed God and spoke out boldly for him because he knew God was trustworthy. (1 Kings 18)	To trust God and know when to speak out boldly for him.	You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Psalm 23:5
8 God Is Merciful to Sinners	Jonah's experiences show that God is kind: He forgives his disobedient children and his salvation is for all nations. (Jonah 1-3)	To praise and thank God because he is kind and forgiving; to follow him willingly.	REVIEW: John 14:15 Psalm 23:1-5
9 Obey God and Be Strong	God gave Jeremiah strength to obey even when it cost him everything to do so. (Jeremiah 37-39)	To learn to ask God for courage to obey him when it is hard.	Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23:6
10 Obey a Loving God	God was with Daniel and his friends when they lived in Babylon, and he showed his love by giving them the strength and wisdom they needed. (Daniel 1)	To ask our heavenly Father for strength and wisdom to continue to obey him.	"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11
11 Obey a Powerful God	Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to bow before the king's image because they trusted their powerful God to deliver them. (Daniel 3)	To know that God is powerful enough to take care of us when we face difficulty, and to obey him.	REVIEW: John 10:11
12 Obey a Sovereign God	King Belshazzar of Babylon learned that God is sovereign over all things. (Daniel 5)	To understand that we obey a God who is in complete control of our lives and everything else.	REVIEW: John 10:11 John 14:15
13 Obey a Faithful God	God was faithful to his promise to let his people return to Jerusalem. (Ezra 1, 3)	To thank God that he is loving, powerful, sovereign and faithful, and to ask him for wisdom and strength to obey him.	REVIEW: Psalm 23

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Master Plan • Younger Elementary • Winter Year 2 • *Knowing Jesus*

UNIT 1: The Coming of the Promised Savior

UNIT 2: Growing in Trusting Jesus

UNIT 3: Believing in the Power of God's Son

Lesson Number and Title	Bible Truth	Lesson Aim	Memory Verse
1 Getting Ready for the Son of God	The coming of John the Baptist prepared the way for the promised Messiah. (Luke 1; Mark 1)	To know that God keeps his promises and to prepare our hearts to trust him.	"See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me." Malachi 3:1a
2 The Coming of Jesus	Mary believed the angel's message about Jesus, the Son of the Most High, and she praised God. (Luke 1)	To believe that God sent his Son to be the Savior and to thank him in the name of Jesus.	The Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 1 John 4:14b
3 A Savior Is Born	When the shepherds learned that the promised Savior had been born, they praised God for all they had heard and seen, and told others of the Savior's birth. (Luke 2)	To praise God for the birth of Jesus and to share the good news about him with others.	REVIEW: Malachi 3:1a 1 John 4:14b
4 Gifts for the King	The wise men worshiped Jesus, the Savior and promised King, and presented him with special gifts. (Matthew 2)	To praise and thank God for sending Jesus, and to offer him our heart gifts.	"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16
5 The Early Years of Jesus	Jesus grew, as any young child grows (yet without sin), and God was with him in a special way. (Luke 2)	To continue to grow in the special favor and knowledge of our Lord and Savior.	REVIEW: Malachi 3:1a 1 John 4:14b John 3:16
6 Jesus Faced Temptation	When Jesus was tempted by Satan, he quoted the Word of God to defeat the devil and triumph over temptation. (Matthew 4)	To learn from the example of Jesus, asking him to help us say no to temptation and obey God's Word.	"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation." Mark 14:38a
7 Having Faith in Christ	Jesus' miracle at the wedding revealed his glory and caused his followers to believe in him. (John 2)	To understand that Jesus is the Son of God and to have faith in him, knowing that he cares about his children.	REVIEW: John 3:16 Mark 14:38a
8 "Let the Little Children Come to Me"	Jesus welcomed children and taught that the kingdom of God belonged to them and that adults must receive it as a child receives it (by grace alone). (Mark 10)	To freely come to Jesus, knowing that he will love us and bless us.	But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Luke 18:16
9 Believe and Have Life	The resurrection of Lazarus demonstrated the glory of God, and many who saw what Jesus did put their trust in him. (John 11)	To believe in Jesus, knowing that he has power over life and death.	But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31
10 "Do You Want to Get Well?"	Jesus revealed himself as the powerful Savior by healing the invalid at the pool of Bethesda and commanding him to stop sinning. (John 5)	To believe that Jesus is the promised Savior and to turn away from sin by his power.	REVIEW: John 20:31
11 Jesus Forgives and Heals	Jesus took care of the paralyzed man's great spiritual needs before turning his attention to the man's physical problems. (Luke 5)	To know that Jesus is God's Son, that he is able to take care of our physical needs and, more important, that he has power to forgive our sins.	The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. Psalm 28:7a
12 New Life in Christ	Jesus healed a woman who had been ill for a long time and gave life to a girl who had died, showing his divine power and great love. (Luke 8)	To know that Jesus has power over sickness and death, and to believe that he is our Savior and has given us eternal life.	REVIEW: Psalm 28:7a
13 Jesus Has Power over Everything	Jesus demonstrated his power over the forces of nature and his concern for the spiritual and physical well-being of his followers. (Mark 4)	To express our faith in a powerful Savior and to trust him during life's difficulties.	REVIEW: All memory work

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Master Plan • Younger Elementary • Spring Year 2 • *Serving God*

UNIT 1: Trusting God for the Power to Serve Him

UNIT 2: Being Faithful in Service

UNIT 3: Serving Others in Love

Lesson Number and Title	Bible Truth	Lesson Aim	Memory Verse
1 David Relies on God	David was ready and willing to be God's servant because he trusted the faithfulness of God. (1 Samuel 17)	To know that God is faithful and that we should learn to trust and serve him.	"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16
2 Samson Prays for Strength	Even though Samson was sinful and weak, God used him to accomplish his purposes. (Judges 13–16)	To know that God gives us the ability and desire to serve him, not ourselves.	For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. Philippians 2:13
3 Joshua Is Strong and Courageous	Joshua was strong and courageous because he trusted in the faithfulness of God. (Joshua 1, 10)	To identify ways to be strong and courageous workers for God.	REVIEW: Matthew 5:16 Philippians 2:13
4 A Servant Girl Trusts God	Naaman's young servant girl served God when she told her master about Elisha. (2 Kings 5)	To know that our faith is a gift from God and to be ready to show our faith to others.	For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8–9
5 God Works through Esther	God saved his people through Esther's trust and courage. (Esther)	To learn that God gives protection and courage to his people.	REVIEW: Ephesians 2:8–9
6 Ruth Is a Loyal Servant	Ruth the Moabite chose to leave her land to serve God with his covenant people. God blessed her and made her an ancestor of Jesus the Redeemer. (Ruth)	To choose to be loyal servants of God in the church, which is his covenant community.	For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10
7 John the Baptist Prepares the Way	John the Baptist boldly, yet humbly, prepared people to meet the promised Savior. (Luke 1; Matthew 3; John 3)	To love Jesus best and to tell others that he is greatest of all.	"He must become greater; I must become less." John 3:30
8 The Forgiven Woman Believes	The sinful woman came to Jesus in faith, and when the Savior forgave all her sin, her heart was filled with love and gratitude. (Luke 7)	To thank and love Jesus for forgiving us for our sin.	REVIEW: Matthew 5:16 Ephesians 2:8–10 Philippians 2:13 John 3:30
9 A Dying Criminal Turns to Jesus	The dying criminal asked Jesus for mercy and received the gift of salvation. (Luke 23)	To ask God for mercy, to trust Jesus as our Savior, and to tell others about his kindness and love.	But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. Titus 3:4–5a
10 Joseph of Arimathea Acts Boldly	By faith, Joseph of Arimathea became bold in service when he buried the body of Jesus in the tomb; on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. (Matthew 27–28)	To trust Jesus for the courage to become bold workers for him, and to thank him that he is our living Savior.	REVIEW: Titus 3:4–5a
11 Peter Obeys God's Call	When God called Peter to share the good news of Jesus with Cornelius and other Gentiles, Peter obeyed. (Acts 10)	To find ways to love those who are different from ourselves and tell them about Jesus.	REVIEW: Matthew 5:16 Philippians 2:13 Ephesians 2:8–9
12 Paul's Nephew Is Helpful	God used Paul's nephew to help and encourage Paul. (Acts 23)	To help and encourage God's workers.	REVIEW: Ephesians 2:10
13 Dorcas Is a Faithful Worker	Dorcas was known for her good works, and when she died, God raised her from the dead, giving her back to the church. (Acts 9)	To love and serve our powerful Lord as Dorcas did.	REVIEW: Matthew 5:16 John 3:30 Philippians 2:13 Titus 3:4–5a Ephesians 2:8–10

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Master Plan • Younger Elementary • Summer Year 2 • *Pleasing God*

Lesson Number and Title		Bible Truth	Lesson Aim	Memory Work
UNIT 1: God Tells Us How to Love Him	1 God Gives His Law	At Sinai, God entered into covenant with Israel as a nation, giving Moses the Ten Commandments. (Exodus 19–20)	To understand that God is our loving, covenant God and that we should trust him and obey all his commands.	Jesus replied: "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
	2 Worship God Alone	The first commandment teaches us to worship God alone. <i>Bible Story:</i> A rich man loves his possessions more than he loves God. (Matthew 19)	To worship God alone and put him above everything else.	"You shall have no other gods before Me." Exodus 20:3, NKJV <i>First Catechism Q/A 85</i>
	3 Worship God in His Way	The second commandment speaks out against idol worship. <i>Bible Story:</i> The people of Israel disobey God and worship the golden calf. (Exodus 32, 34)	To worship God in God's way.	Review: Matthew 22:37–39; Exodus 20:3; <i>First Catechism Q/A 85</i> "You shall not make for yourself a carved image." Exodus 20:4a, NKJV <i>First Catechism Q/A 87</i>
	4 Honor God's Name	The third commandment teaches us to reverence God's name. <i>Bible Story:</i> God identifies himself by his holy name to Moses at the burning bush. (Exodus 3)	To know what it means to love and honor God's name.	Review: memory work in Lessons 1–3. "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain." Exodus 20:7a, NKJV <i>First Catechism Q/A 89</i>
	5 Keep the Lord's Day Holy	The fourth commandment teaches that God gave the Sabbath as a day set apart for rest and worship. <i>Bible Story:</i> Jesus heals and teaches on the Sabbath. (Matthew 12)	To set aside the Lord's Day as a special day to honor God by resting from work and by worshipping God.	Review: memory work in Lessons 1–4. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Exodus 20:8, NKJV <i>First Catechism Q/A 91</i>
UNIT 2: God Tells Us How to Love Others	6 Respect and Obey Parents	The fifth commandment teaches children to honor parents. <i>Bible Story:</i> Samuel obeys the Lord and Eli while Hophni and Phinehas turn away from their father's discipline and God's law. (1 Samuel 1–3)	To choose to love and obey our parents.	Review: memory work in Lessons 1–5. "Honor your father and your mother." Exodus 20:12a, NKJV <i>First Catechism Q/A 96</i>
	7 Love and Protect Human Life	The sixth commandment teaches us to value and protect human life. <i>Bible Story:</i> Cain murders Abel, and God punishes him for his sin. (Genesis 4)	To thank God for the precious gift of life and to show concern for our lives and for the lives of others.	Review: memory work in Lessons 2–6. "You shall not murder." Exodus 20:13, NKJV <i>First Catechism Q/A 98</i>
	8 Be Pure in Mind and Heart	The seventh commandment teaches that a husband and wife are to be faithful to each other. <i>Bible Story:</i> Joseph turns away from Potiphar's wife, and the Lord is with Joseph. (Philippians 4; Genesis 39)	To learn to choose to be pure in our thoughts, words and actions.	Review: Matthew 22:37–39 "You shall not commit adultery." Exodus 20:14, NKJV <i>First Catechism Q/A 100</i>
	9 Don't Take What Belongs to Others	The eighth commandment teaches us that we must not take what belongs to others. <i>Bible Story:</i> Zacchaeus the tax collector is sorry for his sin and pays back what he owes. (Luke 19)	To understand that we should not take anything that belongs to someone else, and that we should care about others and their property.	Review: Commandments 1–7 "You shall not steal." Exodus 20:15, NKJV <i>First Catechism Q/A 102</i>
	10 Tell the Truth	The ninth commandment teaches that we should tell the truth at all times. <i>Bible Story:</i> False charges are brought against Naboth and he is stoned to death. (1 Kings 21)	To learn to choose to tell the truth and protect others from false rumors.	"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." Exodus 20:16, NKJV <i>First Catechism Q/A 104</i>
	11 Be Content!	The tenth commandment teaches us not to covet but to be content with what God has given us. <i>Bible Story:</i> Saul grows jealous of David. (1 Samuel 18)	To become more thankful and not be envious of others.	Review: Commandments 1–9 "You shall not covet." Exodus 20:17a, NKJV <i>First Catechism Q/A 106</i>
	12 We Need a Savior	Only Jesus perfectly obeyed the law of God; only he could die on the cross to pay for the sins of his people. (Galatians 3; John 3; 2 Corinthians 5)	To confess that we cannot obey God's law perfectly and admit we need a Savior.	Review: Matthew 22:37–39 <i>Optional:</i> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21
	13 Jesus Shows Us How to Love	Jesus kept the law for us, and we respond in faith by loving God and loving others. (Exodus 20; Matthew 22; John 13)	To show our faith in Jesus by doing kind deeds for others.	Review: All memory work

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Master Plan • Younger Elementary • Fall Year 1 • *Living Together*

	Lesson Number and Title	Bible Truth	Lesson Aim	Memory Verse	
UNIT 1: God Creates Families	1	God Made a Wonderful Home	God made a home perfectly suited for each of his creatures. (Genesis 1)	To praise God for the world he made for us and all his creatures, and to thank him for our homes.	How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Psalm 104:24
	2	God Created People	God made people in his image to love and serve him, live in families and take care of his world. (Genesis 1–2)	To thank God for making us in his image, giving us families and making us responsible to him.	Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his. Psalm 100:3a
	3	Sin Spoiled God’s Creation	When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, their sin spoiled God’s perfect creation, but God in his goodness promised to send the Savior. (Genesis 3)	To understand why sin spoiled <i>all</i> people and to learn what God promised to do about sin.	But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8
	4	We Need God’s Forgiveness	As sinners, people hate, harm and destroy, but God kept his promise to send the Savior who would take away their sin. (Genesis 4)	To know what it means to be a sinner, and to thank God for sending Jesus to take away our sin.	REVIEW: Romans 5:8
UNIT 2: God Calls Families	5	God Saved Noah and His Family	God was merciful to Noah and his family by saving them from the flood. God made a covenant with Noah, and Noah responded by thanking God. (Genesis 6–9)	To recognize that our heavenly Father will always be merciful to us, and to thank him for loving and saving us.	REVIEW: Psalm 104:24 Psalm 100:3a Romans 5:8
	6	God Called Abraham	God made a covenant with Abraham and blessed him. Abraham trusted and obeyed God. (Genesis 11–12, 15)	To learn what Abraham did to show he trusted God, and to name ways we can show we trust God.	“Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.” John 14:21
UNIT 3: God Blesses Families	7	God Protected Abraham’s Family	Abraham trusted God to provide for and protect his family and Lot’s. God did so because of his mercy and his covenant with Abraham. (Genesis 13, 14, 18–19)	To learn to trust God to provide for and protect our families, as Abraham did.	REVIEW: John 14:21
	8	God Kept His Promise to Abraham	God kept his promise to Abraham and Sarah by giving them a son, Isaac. Abraham showed his faith by trusting God and obeying even when it was hard. (Genesis 16, 17–18, 21, 22)	To understand that God kept his promise to us as he did to Abraham, and sent Jesus to be the sacrifice for our sins.	This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:10
	9	God Chose Jacob to Be in His Family	The members of Isaac’s family schemed and lied to get what they wanted, but God worked his purposes in their family in spite of their sin. (Genesis 24, 25, 27)	To recognize that God works out his purposes in our lives as he did in Isaac’s, and to ask God to forgive our sins and bless our families.	For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. Ephesians 1:4
UNIT 4: God Is Faithful to Families	10	God Changed Jacob	God kept his promise to be with Jacob by protecting him, prospering him, giving him faith and changing his character. (Genesis 28–33)	To understand that God works in our lives as he did in Jacob’s, giving us faith, changing us and taking care of us because he chooses us to be in his family.	REVIEW: 1 John 4:10 Ephesians 1:4
	11	God Planned Joseph’s Life	God planned happy and unhappy events in Joseph’s life to accomplish his will. Joseph trusted and obeyed God in good and bad times. (Genesis 37, 39–41)	To recognize that God is in control of our lives and to thank him for taking care of us.	And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28
	12	God Used Joseph	God used Joseph to save many people from famine, including his own family. (Genesis 41–47, 50)	To understand that God takes care of his family and uses people, including us, to carry out his purposes.	REVIEW: Romans 8:28
	13	God Still Takes Care of His Family	God calls people to be members of his family, gives them faith so they can trust and obey him, and uses them to carry out his purposes. (Hebrews 11; Acts 7)	To remember God’s forgiveness, grace and guidance to members of his Old Testament family, and their faith in and obedience to him; to ask God to help us believe and obey him.	REVIEW: Psalm 104:24 Psalm 100:3a Romans 5:8 John 14:21 1 John 4:10 Ephesians 1:4 Romans 8:28

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Master Plan • Younger Elementary • Winter Year 1 • *Loving Jesus*

	Lesson Number and Title	Bible Truth	Lesson Aim	Memory Work
UNIT 1: Believing in the Promised Savior	1 God Promised to Send the Savior	Long before Jesus was born, God promised to send the Savior to save his people from their sins. (Genesis 3, 12; Isaiah 9; Micah 5)	a) To thank God for loving us first and for sending the Savior to forgive our sins. b) To explain what the name <i>Wonderful Counselor</i> means.	We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19
	2 Mary Believed God's Message	Mary believed God's message about the promised Savior and submitted to God as the Lord who deserves obedience. (Luke 1)	a) To trust and obey the Lord. b) To explain what the name <i>Lord</i> means.	This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 1 John 4:9
	3 Joseph Listened and Obeyed	Joseph paid attention to the angel's message and obeyed God's commands. (Matthew 1)	a) To show our trust in Jesus by listening to his Word and obeying him. b) To explain what the name <i>Jesus</i> means.	"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21
	4 The Shepherds Saw Christ the Lord	The shepherds believed the angel's message and went to see Christ the Lord for themselves, praising God for the coming of the Savior. (Luke 2)	a) To praise God that Jesus is the promised Christ. b) To explain what the name <i>Christ</i> means.	REVIEW: 1 John 4:19 1 John 4:9 Matthew 1:21
UNIT 2: Trusting in Christ for Salvation	5 God Gives Us Power to Repent	John identified Jesus as the Lamb of God and commanded people to prepare for his coming by repenting. (Luke 3; John 1)	a) To ask God to teach us to repent: to be so sorry for our sin that we turn away from it. b) To explain what the name <i>Lamb of God</i> means.	<i>First Catechism:</i> 59 Q. How do you repent of your sin? A. I must be sorry for my sin, and hate and forsake it. 62 Q. Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power? A. No. I cannot repent and believe unless the Holy Spirit changes my heart.
	6 God Gives Us Faith in Christ Alone	God gives faith so that sinners such as Zacchaeus can trust in Christ alone for salvation. (Luke 19)	To trust in Christ alone for salvation and to share the love of Christ with someone.	<i>First Catechism:</i> 60 Q. Why must you hate and forsake your sin? A. Because sin displeases God. 61 Q. What does it mean to believe in Christ? A. To trust in Christ alone for my salvation.
	7 The Holy Spirit Gives New Life	Nicodemus learned that the Holy Spirit had to give him a new heart so that he could repent and believe. (John 3, 19)	To know and be thankful that the Holy Spirit gives us the power to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus.	REVIEW: <i>First Catechism</i> Q/A 59–62
UNIT 3: Showing Love for the Lord Jesus	8 God Saves Sinners	Jesus saved the Samaritan woman and changed her life. (John 4)	To understand that we need to be saved from our sins.	REVIEW: 1 John 4:19 <i>First Catechism</i> 1 John 4:9 Q/A 59–62 Matthew 1:21
	9 Thanking the Lord Jesus	Jesus healed 10 lepers, but only one thanked him. (Luke 17)	To thank God for things he does for us and to thank others whom God uses to meet our needs.	Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18
UNIT 4: Knowing God Loves Us	10 Giving What We Have to Jesus	Mary of Bethany listened to Jesus and gave him her most special possession. (Luke 10; John 11–12)	To show our love for God by naming things we will give to Jesus and the ways we will give them.	REVIEW: 1 John 4:19 1 John 3:18 1 John 4:9 <i>First Catechism</i> Matthew 1:21 Q/A 59–62
	11 Telling Others about the Savior	Jesus called the disciples to follow him, to learn from him and to tell others about him. (John 1; Matthew 4; Luke 5)	To show our love for God by telling others about Jesus.	"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19
UNIT 4: Knowing God Loves Us	12 Jesus, God's Son, Gave His Life	Jesus showed his love by allowing himself to die to pay for the sins of his people. (Matthew 26–27)	To thank Jesus for dying on the cross to pay for our sins.	<i>First Catechism:</i> 56. Q. How does God justify you? A. God forgives all my sins and accepts me as righteous through Christ.
	13 Loving the Risen Savior	Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday, he appeared to his disciples and he taught them what the Scriptures said about himself. (Luke 23–24)	a) To thank God that Jesus rose from the dead. b) To name ways we can show our love for Jesus.	REVIEW: 1 John 4:19 1 John 3:18 1 John 4:9 <i>First Catechism</i> Matthew 1:21 Q/A 56, 59–62

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Master Plan • Younger Elementary • Spring Year 1 • *Studying God's Word*

	Lesson Number and Title	Bible Truth	Lesson Aim	Memory Verse
UNIT 1: Understanding the Importance of God's Word	1 God Reveals Himself to Us	God reveals himself to us through his Word and the world he made. (Genesis 1–2)	To know that our wonderful God shows himself to us through his Word and the world he made.	Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law. Psalm 119:18
	2 God's Word Is for His Children	In his Word, God shows his plan of mercy and grace for sinners: God sent his Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins. (Genesis 3; Ephesians 2)	To thank God for his Word, which tells us his plan to save his people.	Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight. Psalm 119:35
UNIT 2: Learning from God's Word	3 Eli Failed to Follow God's Word	Eli failed to put God first and obey his Word, and it brought him great sorrow. (1 Samuel 2–4)	To ask God to help us put him first by listening to his Word and doing what it says.	REVIEW: Psalm 119:18, 35
	4 King Asa Obeyed God's Word	King Asa obeyed God's Word, and God gave him victory over his enemies. (2 Chronicles 14)	To know that God is glorified when we obey his Word, and to trust him for the help we need to stand up to the enemy Satan.	How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. Psalm 119:9–10
UNIT 3: Studying God's Word	5 Ezra Taught God's Word	Ezra studied God's Word and taught the people to worship and serve God the way the Bible says. (Ezra 7; Nehemiah 8–10)	To listen to and learn God's Word and tell others what it says.	I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11
	6 God's Word Is about His Son	The Old Testament tells us about getting ready for the coming of the promised Savior; the New Testament tells about his coming. (Isaiah 40; Micah 5, 7; Hebrews 1; John 1)	To know that God always keeps his Word and that his Word is true.	REVIEW: Psalm 119:9–11
UNIT 4: Living by God's Word	7 Jesus Loved God's Word	Even as a young boy, Jesus loved and understood God's Word and obeyed it. (Luke 2)	To ask God to help us love, understand and obey his Word.	The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14
	8 Jesus Used God's Word	Jesus used God's Word to stand up against Satan's temptations. (Matthew 4; Ephesians 6)	To memorize God's Word and learn to rely on it as a shield against Satan.	REVIEW: John 1:14
UNIT 4: Living by God's Word	9 Jesus Made God's Word Clear	Jesus preached and taught God's Word, and he commands his church to continue this task. (Matthew 4; Luke 24; Mark 16)	To listen attentively to those in the church who preach and teach God's Word, and to remember to pray for them.	REVIEW: Psalm 119:9–11, John 1:14
	10 We Listen to God's Word	When people heard Philip preach God's Word, God changed their lives and filled them with joy. (Acts 8)	To listen to God as he speaks to us through his Word, and to ask God for hearts that trust him and want to tell others about him.	"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." John 6:68b
UNIT 4: Living by God's Word	11 We Learn and Follow God's Word	God uses his Word to supply his people with what they need to trust and serve him. (2 Timothy 3)	To name ways that God uses his Word to prepare us to trust, love and obey him.	REVIEW: John 6:68b
	12 God's Word Produces Fruit	God's Word produces fruit in the lives of those who hear, understand and obey it. (Matthew 13; Galatians 5; Psalm 1)	To ask God to cause the fruit of the Spirit to grow in our lives.	REVIEW: Psalm 119:18, 35, 9–11; John 1:14, 6:68b
	13 God's Word Lasts Forever	God's Word lasts forever; God's people have to depend on the Holy Spirit not only to listen to his Word but also to do what it says. (1 Peter 1; James 1)	To treasure God's Word in our lives and realize how valuable and lasting it is.	REVIEW: Psalm 119:18, 35, 9–11; John 1:14, 6:68b

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Master Plan • Younger Elementary • Summer Year 1 • *Growing in God*

UNIT 1: Learning about Our Heavenly Father

UNIT 2: Trusting God for Power to Live for Him

UNIT 3: Listening to God's Word

Lesson Number and Title		Bible Truth	Lesson Aim	Memory Verse
1	Knowing God's Plan for His People	God took care of Moses in a special way because God had an important work for him to do. (Exodus 1–2)	To understand God's plan for Moses and name some things that are part of God's plan for us right now.	I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1–2
2	Believing God Loves Us	God sent Moses to the people of Israel to tell them of his love and care, and to lead them out of Egypt. (Exodus 2–4)	To believe that God loves us and guides us, and to be ready to do what he says.	REVIEW: Psalm 121:1–2
3	Trusting God's Mercy	God sent judgment on those who did not believe him, showed mercy to those who trusted him and led his people out of slavery. (Exodus 5–12)	To believe that God shows mercy to those who trust in Christ alone for salvation.	He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. Psalm 121:3–4
4	Thanking God for His Power	At the Red Sea, God showed his great power by saving his people and destroying their enemies. (Exodus 13–15)	To thank God in song and in prayer for his great power and mercy.	REVIEW: Psalm 121:3–4
5	Depending on God for What We Need	God's way of providing food and water for the Israelites helped teach them to obey him and depend on him. (Exodus 15–16)	To know that we can depend on God to supply all our needs, and to ask him to help us trust and obey him.	The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. Psalm 121:5–6
6	Learning God's Ways	At Sinai, God entered into covenant with Israel as a nation, giving his people the Ten Commandments so they would know how he wanted them to live. (Exodus 19–20, 32)	To learn that our loving covenant God forgives our sin and gives us the help we need to trust in him and obey his commands.	REVIEW: Psalm 121:1–6
7	Meeting with God	God gave his people plans for building the tabernacle, where he would meet with them and live among them. (Exodus 25, 35–38, 40)	To know that God has provided the only way we can come to him: through faith in the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ.	REVIEW: Psalm 121:1–6 <i>Optional:</i> John 14:6
8	Learning to Trust and Obey God	The Israelites lost the joy of going into the Promised Land because they did not trust God enough to obey him. (Numbers 13–14)	To understand that we can trust God enough to obey him.	The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:7–8
9	Honoring God's Chosen Leaders	God punished the people who rebelled against Moses and Aaron, the leaders he had appointed. (Numbers 16–17)	To know that God puts people in positions of authority and expects us to show respect to them.	REVIEW: Psalm 121:7–8 <i>Optional:</i> 1 Peter 2:13a
10	Thanking God for His Goodness	When God disciplined the Israelites by sending poisonous snakes into their camp, he graciously provided a means of healing for those who believed and obeyed him. (Numbers 21; John 3)	To thank God for providing everything we need, especially our Savior, Jesus Christ.	REVIEW: Psalm 121 <i>Optional:</i> John 3:14–15
11	Believing God's Promises	God chose Joshua to lead the Israelites safely into Canaan after Moses died. (Numbers 27; Deuteronomy 3, 34; Joshua 1, 3–4)	To know that God always keeps his promises to us and that he will take us safely to the final Promised Land.	REVIEW: Psalm 121 <i>Optional:</i> Joshua 1:9
12	Doing What God Says	God gave the Israelites victory when they obeyed him, but when one man disobeyed God, the whole nation suffered. (Joshua 5–8)	To understand that obedience to God brings us joy but disobedience brings sorrow, and to ask God to help us obey him.	REVIEW: Psalm 121 <i>Optional:</i> James 1:22
13	Depending on God Alone	God used Gideon to deliver his people from the Midianites and to teach them again to depend totally upon the Lord. (Judges 6–7)	To know that we must depend totally on God to take care of us and give us all that we need.	REVIEW: Psalm 121 <i>Optional:</i> Psalm 107:8

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