

Scope and Sequence

INTRODUCTORY CHAPTER

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*We listen to stories from the Bible.
Stories in the Bible tell us about God's love.*

Welcome Chapter

Major Concept: The Bible is a special holy book from God. God tells us about himself in the Bible. God tells us how much he loves us.

Key Word: Bible

Story: "Stories from the Special Big Book"

UNIT ONE

God Knows Me and Loves Me

UNIT ONE FOCUS

God is the Creator. All God creates is good.

Chapter 1: God Created the World

Major Concept: God is the Creator. He created the world and everything in it. All God created is good.

Key Word: creation

Bible Story: "God Created All Things Good"
Based on Genesis 1:1–31

Chapter 2: We Care for Creation

Major Concept: God said, "Let people take care of all the creatures I made" (based on Genesis 1:26).

Key Word: care (for creation)

Story: "Music in the Park"

Chapter 3: God's Promise to Noah

Major Concept: God made a special promise to Noah and through him to all humankind. God promised to care for all people and animals. The rainbow is a sign that God loves and cares for us.

Key Word: promise

Bible Story: "God's Promise" Based on Genesis 6–9

Chapter 4: We Share God's Love

Major Concept: God shares his love with us. We show our love for God when we show our love for other people.

Key Word: share

Story: "A Sandwich and a Note"

UNIT TWO

God Knows and Loves Us

UNIT TWO FOCUS

Jesus tells us that each person is special to God. God loves and cares for us.

Chapter 5: Jesus Welcomes the Children

Major Concept: Jesus taught that everyone is to live as a child of God. Things we do and say are to show that we are children of God and followers of Jesus.

Key Word: Jesus

Bible Story: "Jesus Blesses the Children" Based on Matthew 19:13–15, Mark 10:13–16 and Luke 18:15–17

Chapter 6: We Are Children of God

Major Concept: God loves us. We are children of God.

Key Word: gifts

Story: "Chen's Gift"

Chapter 7: Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

Major Concept: Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He loves and cares for us.

Key Word: trust

Bible Story: "Jesus Is the Good Shepherd" Based on John 10:14–15 and Luke 15:3–7

Chapter 8: We Care for Others

Major Concept: God loves us and cares for us. We share God's love when we care for other people.

Key Word: care (for other people)

Story: "Not Enough Toys"

UNIT THREE

Jesus Is God's Own Son

UNIT THREE FOCUS

God the Father sent us Jesus. Jesus is the Son of God. Mary and Joseph loved and cared for Jesus. Our families love and care for us.

Chapter 9: Jesus Lived in a Family

Major Concept: God chose Mary to be the Mother of Jesus. Joseph cared for Mary and Jesus. Jesus, Mary and Joseph are called the Holy Family.

Key Word: family

Bible Story: "The Birth of Jesus" Based on Luke 1:26–35, 2:1–7, 15–17

Chapter 10: My Family Is a Sign of God's Love

Major Concept: My family is a gift from God. My family loves me and takes care of me. My family helps me to show my love for God.

Key Word: belong

Story: "Family Fun on Friday"

Chapter 11: Jesus Teaches Us to Pray

Major Concept: Jesus prayed to God the Father. Jesus taught us to pray to God the Father. We tell God the Father that we love him.

Key Word: pray

Bible Story: "Jesus Teaches Us the Our Father" Based on Luke 11:1–4

Chapter 12: We Pray Every Day

Major Concept: We pray every day. The Holy Spirit helps us to pray. We thank God for his blessings when we pray.

Key Word: Holy Trinity

Story: "Teaching Lucy the Words"

UNIT FOUR

God Gave Us Our Church Family

UNIT FOUR FOCUS

*We are members of our Church family.
We celebrate God's love with our Church family.*

Chapter 13: Jesus Has Many Friends

Major Concept: Many people became friends of Jesus. The friends of Jesus are called the Church.

Key Word: Church

Bible Story: "New Friends of Jesus" Based on Acts of the Apostles 2:14–47

Chapter 14: We Belong to the Catholic Church

Major Concept: The Church is made up of friends of Jesus. Baptism makes us members of the Church.

Key Word: Baptism

Story: "A Special Family Sunday"

Chapter 15: Jesus Feeds Many People

Major Concept: Jesus shows the people God's love. Jesus feeds the crowd with five loaves of bread and two fish.

Key Word: thank

Bible Story: "Bread and Fish for Everyone" Based on Luke 9:10–17 and John 6:1–13

Chapter 16: We Thank God at Mass

Major Concept: The Church family gathers to celebrate Mass. We come together to thank God for his love for us.

Key Word: Mass

Story: "We Thank God at Mass"

UNIT FIVE

We Live as Friends of Jesus

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We live as Jesus taught us to live. We are kind, fair and helpful.

Chapter 17: Zacchaeus Listens to Jesus

Major Concept: Zacchaeus listened to Jesus. Jesus teaches us to be kind and fair.

Key Word: listen

Bible Story: "Zacchaeus Listens to Jesus" Based on Luke 19:1–8

Chapter 18: We Listen to Jesus

Major Concept: Jesus taught us about God's love for us. We show our love to other people.

Key Word: kind

Story: "Waiting for Lucy"

Chapter 19: The Good Neighbor

Major Concept: Jesus told stories to teach people. Jesus taught us to love one another.

Key Word: neighbor

Bible Story: "The Good Neighbor" Luke 10:29–37

Chapter 20: The Holy Spirit Is Our Helper

Major Concept: The Holy Spirit is always with us. The Holy Spirit helps us live as children of God.

Key Word: Holy Spirit

Story: "Jada Shows Emma the Way"

UNIT SIX

Celebrating Holy Days and Holidays

Chapter 21: Mary's Birthday

Major Concept: God chose Mary to be the Mother of Jesus. We celebrate and honor Mary and her parents on her birthday.

Key Word: Mary

Story: "God Chose Mary"

Chapter 22: All Saints Day

Major Concept: Saints show us ways to live as followers of Jesus.

Key Word: saint

Story: "A Party for Jesus' Friends"

Chapter 23: Thanksgiving

Major Concept: We thank God for all our blessings.

Key Word: blessings

Story: "How Many Chairs?"

Chapter 24: Advent

Major Concept: Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth.

Key Word: Advent

Bible Story: "An Angel Brings Wonderful News to Mary" Based on Luke 1:26–40, 46

Chapter 25: Christmas

Major Concept: The Magi honored Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of Mary.

Key Word: Magi

Bible Story: "The Magi Honor Baby Jesus" Based on Matthew 2:1–2, 9–11

Chapter 26: The Holy Family

Major Concept: Jesus, Mary and Joseph were a family; we call them the Holy Family.

Key Word: Holy Family

Bible Story: "The Boy Jesus in the Temple" Based on Luke 2:41–52

Chapter 27: Valentine's Day

Major Concept: Jesus teaches us the Great Commandment. The Great Commandment teaches us how to love.

Key Word: Great Commandment

Bible Story: "The Greatest Commandment" Based on Matthew 22:34–40

Chapter 28: Lent

Major Concept: Jesus invites us to grow in love during Lent. We grow in love when we share, help and pray.

Key Word: Lent

Bible Story: "The Farmer and the Seed" Based on Mark 4:2–8

Chapter 29: Easter

Major Concept: Easter is a time of new life. The signs of new life remind us that Jesus is always with us.

Key Word: Alleluia

Bible Story: "Alleluia! Jesus Is Alive!" Based on Matthew 28:1, 5–8; Mark 16:2, 7; Luke 24: 4–6, 9–12; and John 20:1–10

Chapter 30: Mary Our Mother

Major Concept: Mary is the Mother of Jesus and our mother too. Mary loves us. We honor and show our love to Mary.

Key Word: honor

Story: "Handprints and Flowers"