

Milestones for Christian growth

Year One

1. List some of the characteristics of God
2. Explain from a Bible story , personal experience or report of a trusted acquaintance that God is good and loving
3. Choose from a set of photographs things relating to Christianity e.g. Bible, cross, candle
4. Name the parents of Jesus, and retell the Christmas story in its basic form
5. Tell an adult the story of creation as recorded in Genesis with most days of creation in order
6. Explain why the rainbow is a reminder of the Noah's Ark Bible account
7. Tell the story of Jesus to a classmate in basic terms
8. Make up a story to illustrate a Bible theme e.g. "Love your neighbour"
9. Recite parts of The Lord's Prayer
10. Retell without much prompting, parts of Psalm 23
11. Retell one of Jesus' parables
12. Speak out loud a prayer I make by myself
13. Sing by heart several Christian songs with my classmates confidently
14. Suggest reasons why Christians are concerned to help the poor and needy
15. Recognise that some ways of behaving please God and others are sinful by providing examples
16. Name some things which are precious, but cannot be bought by money
17. Retell a story from the Bible which features an angel in the account
18. Begin to explain why Christians will choose to forgive someone who causes offence
19. Show some understanding of what happens to a person when they die through drawings
20. Tell you why I am special in terms of God being my Father
21. Name some of the stories found in the Bible
22. State why the Bible stories and content is so important compared with what is in other books
23. Share a personal account of when God answered one of my specific prayers

24. Give some examples of how God “talks” with me
25. Be heard pray for other people in my class
26. Be seen choosing kindness and be seen serving others
27. Be seen demonstrating good manners that bless and respect others
28. Tell you that God loves all people with no regard for their race, age, health, wealth, personality
29. Tell about things that God has made and contrast this with what God enables people to make
30. Tell you things about God’s character, including that He has emotions
31. List people who I should obey e.g. God , my parents, the police
32. Tell you how I manage strong feelings so that I make good choices
33. Name some miracles from the Bible or my own lifetime.
34. Draw pictures of other things or people who have been worshiped in place of God
35. Tell you some things about The Trinity
36. Use puppets to explain how Jesus was a friend to people
37. Point to a traditional church building in a photograph of buildings
38. Tell others that Jesus is alive today and His Spirit is active doing things to help people be more like Jesus
39. List behaviours that please God
40. Choose from a set of photographs things relating to Christianity e.g. Bible, cross, candle

Year Two

1. Describe God’s character
2. Speak about how I need others to help me become the Christian that God intends
3. Tell about parts of creation which speak of God’s beauty, power and order
4. Name some Old Testament characters and at least two of the disciples of Jesus
5. Put a series of illustrated cards on the table in the correct order as I explain from the cards the Creation story.
6. Retell the story of Adam and Eve’s disobedience and what happened after they chose to sin

7. Tell the Easter story to a classmate recalling the key points accurately
8. Retell The Good Samaritan parable and explain what it teaches me and you about our attitude and actions
9. Recite The Lord's Prayer fully
10. Tell you some of the 10 Commandments
11. Pray for you now, out loud
12. Sing Christian songs in a group and tell you what my favourite Christian song is
13. Tell you how I have prayed for needy people and done things to help
14. Show you some things to do to care for God's planet
15. Explain the right response to a dilemma like: Should I tell a lie to protect and help my friend?
16. Retell a Bible story about a boat, and one about healing and also one about a child
17. Explain what causes arguments and fights and even wars. Then tell you God's answer for these things
18. Draw pictures of heaven and name some people who are there waiting to meet me
19. Tell you some things about The Trinity
20. Use puppets to explain how Jesus was a friend to people
21. Explain how God still loves a person in prison for doing the wrong thing, and what people can do when they make mistakes and sin
22. Show you that the Bible is in two sections, one about stories before Jesus was born and the second about the life of Jesus and his disciples
23. Tell you about an answered prayer from our class prayer times
24. Explain how prayers are answered but not always exactly as we ask,(God is not a dispensing machine)
25. Be heard praying for people in need and also for communities and countries in need, in my class
26. Tell you ways I help and serve others besides my friends and family
27. Be seen using good manners and putting other people's wants ahead of mine
28. Tell you how Jesus was a refugee and what that means for how Christians think about refugees
29. Draw a picture of Jesus to show that he was not an Anglo Caucasian and that God loves all races equally

30. Tell you stories about women in the Bible
31. Explain how God still loves a person in prison for doing the wrong thing, and what people can do when they make mistakes and sin.
32. Tell you a Bible story about how God/Jesus forgives someone
33. Draw a picture to show that Jesus lived in a place and time different to today
34. Talk about and show you prayer positions and say what works best for me and why
35. Discuss how people who love me show this and how God shows His love for me
36. Say positive things about other students in my class
37. Role play a part in a Bible story
38. Join in a service activity that blesses others
39. Draw a poster showing that we must care for God's world
40. Tell you about the beliefs of some other religions contrasting them with Christianity
41. Recall what I tell myself when I am feeling sad, about God my Father
42. Recognise the symbols for some of the celebration events of the church year e.g. Christmas tree, nativity set
43. Look at a photograph of a traditional church and explain some of its features e.g. baptism area, pulpit, communion cups
44. Choose a person wearing a cross/ or carrying a Bible, from a photograph of a group of people and explain why that person is likely to be a Christian

Year Three

1. Apply simple ideas from the Bible to my everyday living
2. Recognise that other people have different beliefs and even be hostile towards Jesus and Christians
3. Express concern towards others and show respect to people who might not be easy to like
4. Appreciate the caring actions and efforts of others
5. Understand and talk about how life in Bible times was different to now, but that in matters of character and responding to God, people are the same.
6. Show that I understand fairness in interactions and tell about situations that are fair and unfair

7. Show that I make choices that protect and conserve God's creation and my local environment
8. Demonstrate that I understand that God is in control of the universe as well as my life
9. Recite John 3:16 and talk about what it means
10. Retell in my own words at least six of the parables which Jesus taught and give some explanation of their meaning and guidance for living
11. Use puppets to recreate the Easter story so it can be shared with others
12. Tell you about the persecution of the early Christians

Year Four

1. Tell others about the character and actions of God including make comments on The Trinity
2. Tell you different ways that I pray and worship
3. Speak about answered prayers and miracles
4. Retell the Christmas, Easter, Genesis accounts in correct sequence
5. Correctly name stories and characters found in the Old and New Testaments
6. Describe ways that Christians have taken the gospel in creative and brave ways to cultures and people groups foreign to them
7. Find information in the Bible using the chapter contents
8. Locate some of the key books in the Bible
9. Tell you about Psalm 1 and 139
10. Recall five proverbs, and explain what they mean to me
11. Tell you in simple terms the story of Jesus
12. Explain how God rescues us and deals with the problem of sin
13. Share about Mother Teresa , David Livingstone and Corrie Ten Boon
14. Tell you why a particular movie is good for promoting Christian values
15. Rewrite a parable into modern times with modern characters and contemporary setting
16. Talk about different Christian customs around the world and outside my culture

17. Draw a person with the “armour of God”(Eph 6:10-18) and tell you what the different features mean

Year Five

1. Sequence and retell the major events of the life of Jesus
2. Retell the Pentecost story and birth of the church
3. Talk about some famous missionaries of the past and show computer homepages of modern active mission organisations
4. Correctly recite Psalm 23
5. Recall most of the 10 commandments
6. Recall and explain the fruit of the Spirit
7. Tell you about salvation
8. Explain about entry requirements for heaven and what it is like there
9. Use Bible references with chapter and verse notation.
10. Tell why Christians are partial towards the sick, poor, oppressed, young, old, mentally and physically handicapped and refugees.
11. Name and show you on line or in paper copy, a children’s daily devotional booklet
12. Find and talk to you about three of my favourite psalms
13. Recall 10 proverbs
14. Tell you about what happens at a regular church service
15. Show you on the computer images of famous Christian artists
16. Talk about why some advertisements promote products and services which displease God
17. Write about what I do to protect my body and care for it as God wants
18. Describe what causes fights and wars and suggest ways that conflict can be resolved
19. Make a poster to show why I know that forgiveness is a central attribute of Christian living
20. Describe ways in which I have shown my thankfulness to others and God recently
21. Tell you about how Christians help in crisis and disaster situations locally and around the world

22. Share ideas about how to have a daily Quiet Time of prayer, Bible reading, reflection and examination of conscience as well as listening to God.
23. Locate Israel , Egypt and Italy on a world map or globe

Year Six

1. Sequence the Major milestones of the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Moses and Joshua, 10 commandments, story of David, Esther, Daniel, and Jonah.
2. Explain that in the Old Testament there are hundreds of references/prophesies about the coming of Jesus
3. Tell you about sacrifices that the Jews made as well as other cultures e.g. Aztec and Egyptian
4. Talk about the Jewish Passover and its connection to the sacrament of communion
5. Give a very basic explanation about how Christianity is different to Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism
6. Talk about grace, and how God loves and accepts all people whether they respect Him or not
7. Tell you about how my life as a disciple of Jesus means I respect, love and care for all people
8. Share stories about famous Christians and how they have helped the poor and oppressed
9. Name some martyrs starting with Stephen
10. Tell you about how people have exploited creation/the environment in selfish ways and explain God's standard regarding care of the planet and fair use of the resources He placed in differing nations
11. Tell you about Hebrew scrolls, the Torah and in basic terms retell how the modern Bible came to us in our contemporary language
12. Explain that modern cults modify the Bible and distort the revelation of God for their own selfish purposes
13. Initiate actions to care for others
14. Tell you about sustainability and Fair Trade products and philosophy
15. Explain that there are differing denominations due to historical reasons but that all agree on the basics of The Apostles Creed and centrality of the Bible
16. Show you how I use a computer to read my favourite Bible verses and use an on line concordance, Bible encyclopaedia and other reference tools

17. Tell you my favourite hymn and modern contemporary Christian song, sharing some of the lyrics and explain why they are special to me
18. Talk about what happens at a Christian baptism, wedding, funeral, communion and prayer meeting
19. Tell you about people who have overcome physical limitations to live productive and inspiring Christian lives e.g. Joni Eareckson Tada, Bethany Hamilton, Tomihero Hoshino
20. Share my testimony briefly
21. Show you Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Lake Galilee on a map of the Middle East